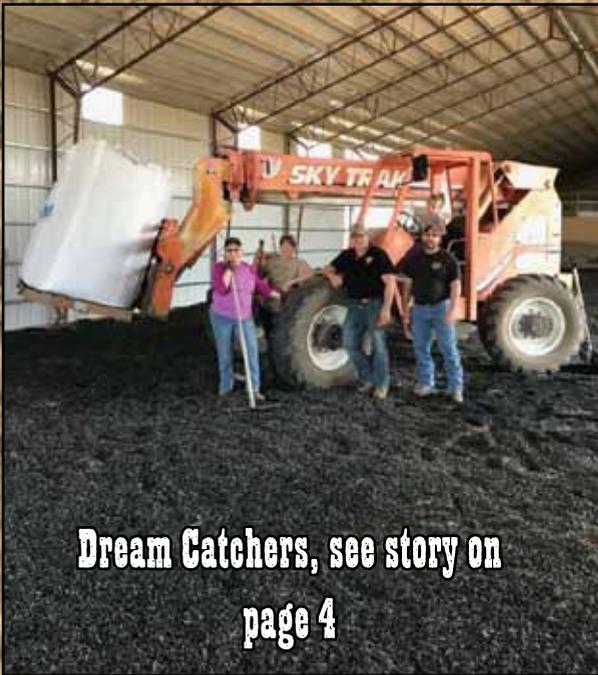


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If anything, Robert Q. “Bob” Sutherland is long overdue for induction into the Hall of Fame. But in 2018 – a century since his birth – his time has come.

“Dad was a Renaissance man,” says Pamela Gyllenborg, the fourth of Bob and Barbara Sutherland’s five children. “He was a man ahead of his time, and had a very wide range of interests. He would take risks, but they were educated and calculated risks, and when he got interested in something, he made sure he learned everything there was to know about it. He was an innovator and a visionary, very insightful, and always ahead of the game.”

Born in 1918, Bob grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, his father established the chain of Sutherland’s lumberyards still in business today. However, notes his daughter, while “lumber was his profession, horses

were his passion.” The young man spent as much time as possible on the family ranch in northeastern Oklahoma near the Arkansas line, where the rodeos and horse shows roped him into a life with Quarter Horses.

In a breeding program that would in his own name produce nine AQHA Champions, Bob bred his first registered American Quarter Horse in 1949 and his last in 1980. His father bred gaited horses, but the son preferred Quarter Horses for the sports of polo, roping and cutting, that last of which he also furthered as president of the National Cutting Horse Association.

In 1940, the year of AQHA’s founding, Bob started his RS Bar Ranch near Overland Park, Kansas, he said, “to make good horses sell for an equitable value by creating an economic incentive for breeders to breed for the very best.”

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Robert Q. Sutherland

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stallion Paul A, one of the first AQHA Champions, with 12 grand championships at halter and points in cutting. Bob also owned a number of other stallions, including AQHA Champions Power Command and King Fritz. Bob's breeding philosophy was "breeding champions to champions to get champions," the worth of which he demonstrated by breeding Paul A to his Blue Hancock mare Sutherland's Lady to get his first AQHA Champion, Miss Paulette, only three years after registering his first homebred.

One of the founders of the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame, Bob in 1953 helped found the Missouri Quarter Horse Association. He served as its first president and was on the board of directors for years. A judge for both AQHA and the American Horse Show Association, Bob, along with Dan Casement and Orville Burtis, arranged for Quarter Horses to be in the American Royal Horse Show in Kansas City, where Bob was chairman of the show for 10 years and served on the board of directors for many years.

He also assisted in the

establishment of horse programs at the University of Missouri and Kansas State University. He donated Quarter Horse stallions and mares to start their herds at both colleges. A well-rounded fan of the fastest horses on earth, he built a mile racetrack with a quarter-mile chute on his ranch, and was instrumental in the successful drive to legalize pari-mutuel racing in his home state.

In 1953, Bob wrote the book "The Quarter Horse As I See Him," in which he discussed the conformation, disposition and athletic ability of the breed. Six years later, he directed and produced the movie "The King of the String," highlighting the versatility of the Quarter Horse. The book became a guide for AQHA judges, and the success of the movie prompted AQHA to make more educational materials.

"Bob studied and memorized numerous Quarter Horse bloodlines," noted longtime RS Bar Ranch manager John Ballweg. "His ability to recall these bloodlines came in handy when he traveled coast to coast judging shows for the American Horse Show Association.

Bob gave very generously of his time and money to many organizations. I remember him donating an unheard-of sum of money to the American Royal for the NCHA."

Others also remember his dedication to breeding.

"I had the opportunity to witness, firsthand, the time and effort Bob placed into his breeding programs, always with the intent of the betterment of the American Quarter Horse," adds Dr. William R. Stuart, the practicing veterinarian at the ranch from 1952 until 1979. "Bob Sutherland raised the bar for the Quarter Horse through his operations at the RS Bar Ranch. ... Through his well-known horse sales in the Kansas City area, which took place every other year at the RS Bar Ranch, Bob created a national following, thus spreading the bloodlines of his top-bred Quarter Horses across the country."

It wasn't just horses that caught his attention. A philanthropist who served on boards of the National 4-H Foundation and Future Farmers of America, Bob worked with the March of Dimes, American Red Cross

and Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

Bob was an avid collector of Western art, with works from Charlie Russell, Frederick Remington, George Phippen, Olaf Weighorst and his good friend Orren Mixer. He also had an extensive collection of Colt firearms, and wrote the book "The Book of Colt," detailing the development and chronology of the weapons. He even wore a badge as a deputy in the Johnson County (Kansas) Sheriff Department.

In the catalog from his RS Bar Ranch dispersal sale in 1979, Bob wrote: "Quarter Horses have been good to me and I have felt strongly obligated to the breed, the American Quarter Horse Association, the breeder, the owner and the future owner to assist and give deserving credit to the finest breed of horse the equine world has ever known — the American Quarter Horse."

Robert Sutherland died in 1992.



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Dream Catchers Equine Assisted Program for youngsters and adults with developmental disabilities held a workday on Saturday, April 28. A number of volunteers arrived to assist in spreading rubber crumbles on the indoor riding surface. The small pieces of rubber, made from recycled tires, provide an improved riding surface benefitting the foot and leg health of the horses, and a smoother ride for program participants. The rubber also reduces the amount of dust stirred up, benefitting both horses and riders.

The volunteers stayed afterwards to assist in exercising and grooming the program horses. The horses are in the process of shedding their winter coats and the grooming assists this process. The horses have been idle during the winter months and need preparation for the riding season. The horses are well trained, but a little rusty after the winter layoff. However, the horses enjoy the riders and quickly return to the riding routine. The off-season also provides time to keep hooves in shape, any needed shots, and visits from a licensed veterinarian. Their off-season diet consists primarily of hay and grain-blend supplements. Keeping the horses healthy and fit is crucial to the program.

Riders in the program are eager to begin this year's season. The program provides a healthy recreational outlet for riders while at the same time working to increase muscle strength and flexibility, body coordination, balance, and communication skills. The rhythmic movement of a horse's hindquarter mimics that of a human allowing exercise for that portion of a rider's body. People with developmental disabilities often need improvement in the areas of coordination and balance, as well as muscle strength. The riders must communicate with the horses, which is a benefit to their communication skills. Riders and horses form a bond that is non-judgmental and increases rider confidence.

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Tips to SAFELY HAUL A TRAILER

By Benoit Charette

Too many people haul heavy loads without knowing the true towing strength of their vehicle. To proceed without a shadow of doubt, always refer to your owner's manual or contact the automaker directly. Don't forget that a trailer will affect all components of your car, including the tires, cooling system, brakes and transmission.

Neglecting to follow the manufacturer's recommendations can lead to major mechanical problems that aren't covered by your warranty. That said, many vehicles can be purchased with options that will allow you to tow in complete safety.

On the road

After making sure that your tires are properly inflated, it's time to take your load on the road. If a heavy vehicle passes you, air pockets might form. If this happens, don't brake; instead, accelerate slightly while holding the steering wheel with both hands, and your car will correct its trajectory. If your vehicle is front-wheel drive, avoid slopes steeper than 15%, as your front tires might lose their traction.



If you need to drive for a long period on a steep incline, turn the heat and fan motor all the way up to help cool down your engine as effectively as possible. Leave the air conditioning off and keep an eye on your engine temperature to avoid overheating. If your trailer doesn't have its own braking system, your car's brakes will be quick to heat

up if you aren't careful, so plan to leave longer stopping distances. Any trailer that's heavier than

1,000 lbs. should be equipped with its own brakes.

Maintenance

Vehicles used for towing undergo heavier wear and tear than average. It's therefore crucial that you follow a strict maintenance schedule. For effective towing, use a vehicle that was built for the task.

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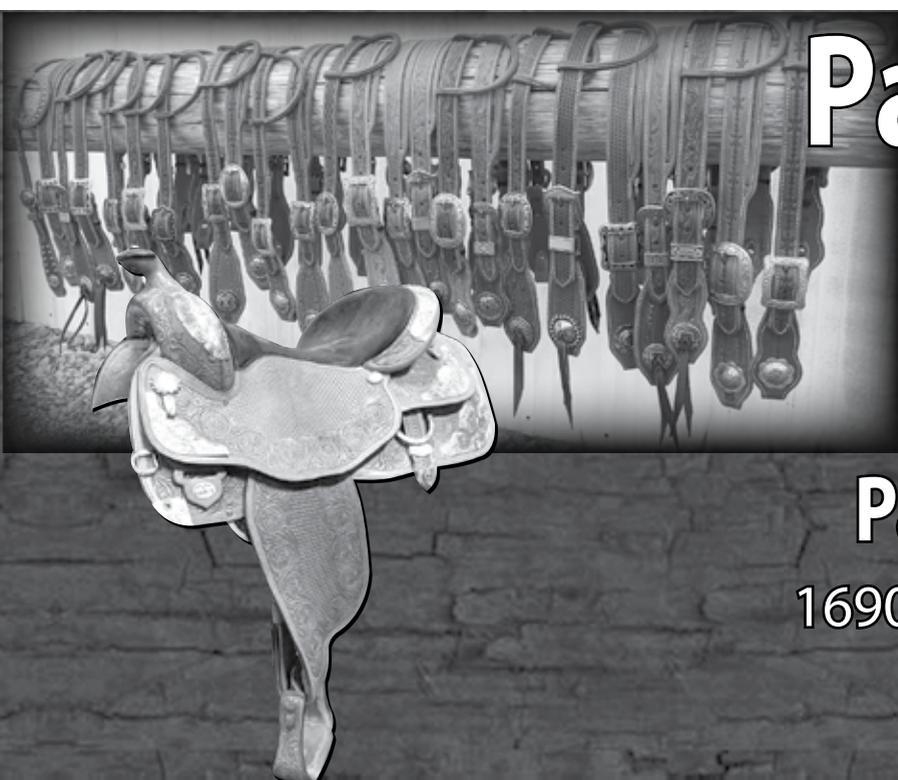
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Addressing Hoof Abscesses

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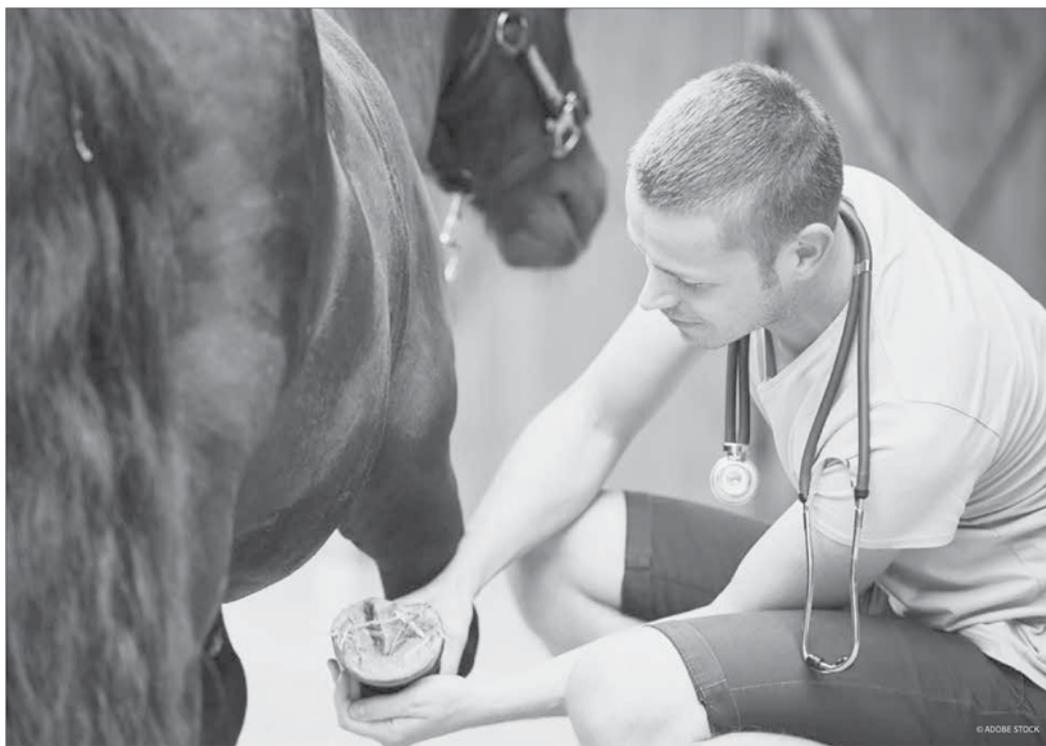
Abscesses are quite often associated with changes in the moisture content in the soil or environment. If the hoof becomes compromised by cracking or splitting, bacteria can seep into the hoof. This leads to an abscess and the pain associated with it.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS? The symptoms related to a hoof abscess usually come on suddenly. You will notice your horse experiencing severe discomfort and lameness, almost to the point of being immobilized. Some horse owners have compared the look of a horse with an abscessed hoof to having a broken leg. If you notice a puncture wound to the hoof or serious discomfort in your horse, immediate veterinary attention is suggested.

Veterinarians worry about cuts becoming infected and impacting the ligaments, tendons or joints.

SIGNS OF AN ABSCESS

Veterinarian professionals use special tools to



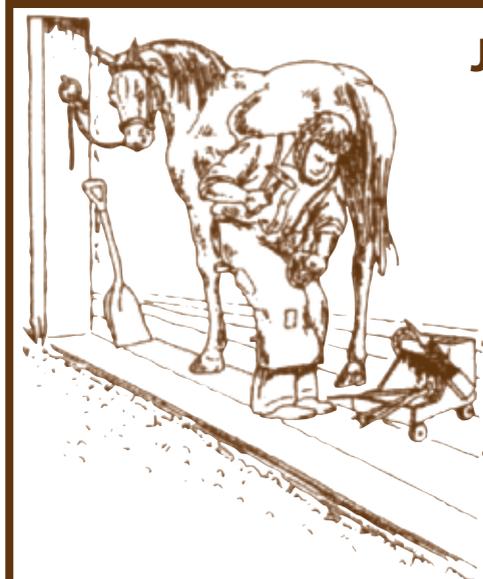
accurately identify a hoof abscess. If you don't have a hoof tester, you can feel for heat or a pulse in the hoof. This is a sign that bacteria have tracked into a sensitive region of the hoof. If you required a home visit, pay attention to how your veterinarian assesses the abscess. He can likely teach you how

hesitate to call your vet for a home visit if you feel over-whelmed with the treatment plan. The key is keeping your horse calm and relaxed.

to analyze the foot for digital pulses and increased heat in the hoof. He might be able to recommend training for using hoof testers for future use, as well. Hoof testers are relatively inexpensive and can help ease your mind when assessing these types of hoof-related issues.

HOW DO I TREAT IT?

After examining and cleaning the hoof, the next step to treating an abscess is to soak the hoof. Use a bucket of warm water and Epsom salts — as well as any other medicated solutions recommended by your veterinarian. Don't



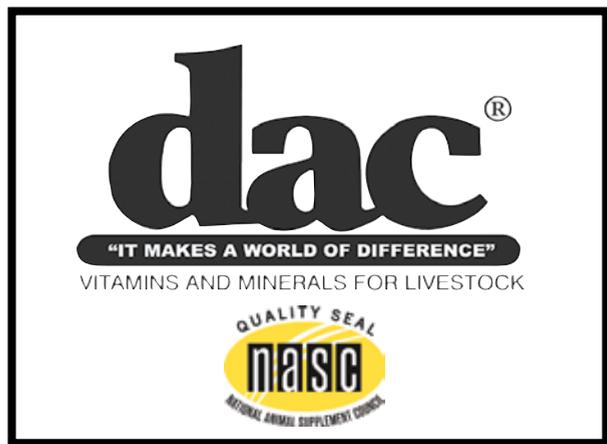
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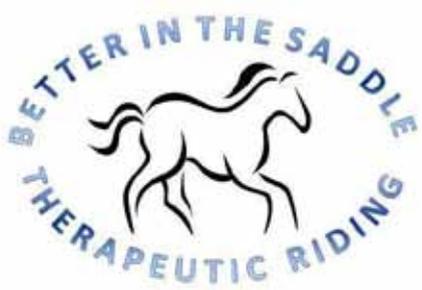


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These questions are completely normal. If you weren't asking them, you probably wouldn't be cut out for competition. The key to a strong show-day performance is overcoming these internal struggles and external pressures. Remember how much work you have put into this day and seize the opportunity to show everyone around you how far you've come. Here are some tips for over-coming the nerves and channeling your inner competitor to thrive on show day.

DON'T ASK TOO MUCH FROM YOUR HORSE

By this point, no one knows your horse like you do. That comes with the responsibility of knowing how far you are able to push your horse on competition day. Stick to the routine you've worked through during the months leading up to the show. Keeping your horse in a controlled, quiet environment on competition morning is a great start to the day. Once show time nears, keep the horse on its regular schedule in terms of exercise, diet and rest. The more you can keep the same, the more natural the horse will feel when the time comes to jump, race or show off. Keep things simple and watch your horse rise to the occasion.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Even riders atop the most experienced horses make mistakes. Allow yourself some leeway when it comes to pulling off a perfect performance.

Is this your horse's first show? Are you going against competition with many more years of experience? We all want to be part of the under-dog story, but it's important to set realistic expectations of what your horse can achieve on show day. Even riders atop the most experienced horses make mis-takes. Allow yourself some lee-

way when it comes to pulling off a perfect performance. If your goals are too lofty, you'll have no chance of enjoying a second-, third- or even fourth-place performance. Remember why you got into this game — to have fun, compete and build a strong relationship with your favorite animal.

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Dolly grew up in a horse family at riding stables

with her parents running Don Dees Riding Stable in Maysville, New York, whose operations would eventually be taken over by her brother. Her sister owns and runs Double Dab Stables in Ripley, New York and Dolly operated as a trail guide for her from the age of 12 to 22.

Dolly's first experiences with therapeutic riding lessons were as a volunteer for Center Stride, Inc., in Westerfield, New York in the 1980s.

Dolly also had riding lessons with experienced horse trainer Don James, who worked with the



Dolly Bee helping Jonni sit up while Alicia Rhys leads for a therapeutic riding class during a horse show.

Royal Lipizzan for many years.

At age 12, Dolly rode horses at Miracle Mountain Ranch in Spring Creek, PA. Dolly trained the horses giving the children in the various programs at the ranch the most trouble. Dolly would take them, train them and return them to the programs at the ranch two weeks later. Miracle Mountain Ranch was where she met her mentor Lew Sterrett, best known for Sermon on the Mount. Dolly began learning from Sterrett at the age of 12.

In 1994 Dolly received her Certified Horsemanship Association membership at Miracle Mountain Ranch.



Esther interacts with a mini pony.

Dolly has been showing in all seats since age 15, when she joined Sher-n-Stead Hoofbeats 4-H Club. Each year she traveled to different states showing horses and in 2001 she competed for P.O.N.Y. (Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York) Association Queen where she received the title second runner up. Each competitor was required to ride and compete in all disciplines.

In 2003 Dolly became a 4-H leader in Northeastern Pennsylvania and remained one until 2006. In 2008 she moved to Missouri and



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Katie and Sammi Chipperman and Alicia Rhys, members of Dolly's 4-H group from Pennsylvania.



Alicia Rhys

In 2009 she received her C.N.A. certification and began working in nursing homes. But her passion for horses never was far away.

In 2014 she began helping at a P.A.T.H. (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International) facility and she has been a member for at least three years now.

Dolly's passion led her to open Lion's Gate Ranch, which has been in operation in Pattonsburg since July of 2012.

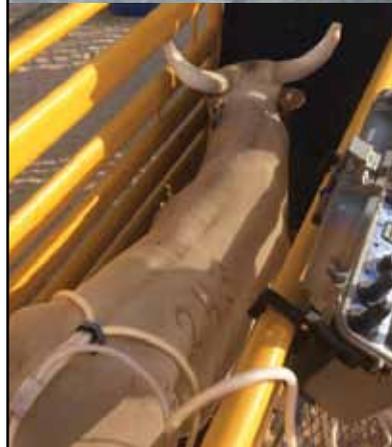
Lion's Gate offers therapeutic lessons using the standards set forth in the P.A.T.H. program, where each student is paired with a well-mannered horse, depending on their personal needs. Lessons are at least one student, but no more than three at a time and each lesson is tailored to the needs of the individual.

But Lion's Gate offers more than just therapeutic lessons. The ranch also offers group lessons for at least two students at a time, but no more than five or private lessons for one on one riding instruction. Each student is paired with a beautiful and gentle horse for the lessons. Lessons cover basic horsemanship – from how to lead a horse to riding a horse and lessons are available in several levels as each student progresses or based on the riding level of the student. Group lessons are \$25 per lesson and private lessons are \$35 per lesson – with each lesson being approximately one hour long.

Lion's Gate also offers horse training for untrained equine to refreshers. They work with any and all breeds of horses, donkeys, and mules and are able to train in any seat or driving. The ranch uses the natural horsemanship method to train.

Equine trained at Lion's Gate Ranch are exposed to far more than just arena/round pen training, the ranch has miles of woodland and creek crossings which are also used in the training process. If the opportunity, weather, and season permit, parades and horseshows are offered as part of the schooling.

Whether you are interested in lessons, therapeutic riding, horse training, or even might be looking for a horse of your own, go see Lion's Gate Ranch and Dolly Bee at 19680 180th Street, Pattonsburg, Mo or call them at 816-385-7761.



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Equine Industry: By the Numbers

According to a recent study commissioned by the American Horse Council Foundation and conducted by the Barents Group estimates there are 9.2 million horses in America — and counting.

This large number is broken down into horses serving all sorts of purposes, including recreational, commercial, showing, farm work, rodeo, polo and police work. Let's take a deeper dive into the statistics behind the growing equine industry.

Here is a breakdown of the number of new breed regis-tries, according to a 2014 report by the American Association of Equine Practitioners:

Quarter Horse: 263,528

Paint: 50,211

Arabian: 22,433

Standardbred: 17,500

Appaloosa: 12,096

Tennessee Walking: 5,912

Miniature Horse: 5,028

Morgan Horse: 6,032

Pinto: 7,200

Saddlebred: 6,562

Paso Fino: 3,264

You might guess that Texas has the largest number of horses compared with other states in America. Did you know that California and Florida



fill out the top three, respectively? Here is the top 10, according to the AAEP:

Texas: 1 million

California: 700,000

Florida: 500,000

Oklahoma: 326,000

Kentucky: 320,000

Ohio: 307,000

Missouri: 300,000

North Carolina: 256,000

Colorado: 256,000

Pennsylvania: 256,000

HORSE OWNERSHIP

Of the approximate 2 million horse owners in the United States, here is how the AAEP distinguishes them into categories:

Recreational rider: 85 per-cent

Competitive rider: 30 per-cent

Horse breeding: 11 percent

Horse facility manager: 10 percent

Grooming and exercising: 9 percent

Professional trainers: 7 per-cent

Racehorse owner: 2 percent

Starting an Equine Business

Enterprising professionals looking to make their mark in a hot industry need look no further than equine.

Horses are big business in the United States. According to the American Horse Council, there are more than 9 million horses kept for sport or recreation across the country.

The large number of horses should be seen as a big opportunity for entrepreneurs. Every horse needs grooming, medical care and general upkeep over the years.

Building your own boarding stable can be a worthwhile investment, especially if you live in a state with a large number of horses. Taking an interest in equine medicine could pay off, particularly if you have a love for horses and their health.

But what kind of experience does it take to create a stable, dependable equine business? Here are a few questions to ask yourself prior to choosing your segment of business.

Do I have the proper facility and

equipment?

If you're looking to build your own boarding operation, you'll need at least one barn with stalls, locked fields, mowing equipment, water troughs, bedding and areas to store food. If this is too big of an investment for you, it might be time to consider ancillary services such as shoe care or grooming that can fit with your inventory and experience level.

Am I legally cleared to run my business?

Legal hurdles can be another barrier to entry for prospective boarding stable owners. It is crucial that boarding stables are in proper compliance with state and local regulations. This includes maintaining updated business licensure and operating in adherence with specific zoning regulations. Check with your local equine organizations to learn



more about equine regulations and policies in your area.

Will I specialize in a specific trade?

If you're opening a boarding stable or training business, will you specialize in a certain riding style? English riding is different from

western riding and will require a completely different approach when it comes to training and grooming. Consider hiring people from different backgrounds in the industry to offer the most well-rounded line of services possible.

Buying a Horse

Shopping for a new horse can be one of the most exciting experiences for an owner. It also can be expensive, stressful and complicated if you aren't prepared.

With technology and social media platforms, there are more search methods at your disposal than ever before. How do you know where to start? What kinds of challenges will you face along the way? Here are three tried-and-true tips to the perfect horse search:

KNOW WHAT YOU WANT

Can you find what you want at the grocery store without a list? Sure, but you will likely find your cart filled with goodies you don't need and didn't plan to buy. Defining your needs, budget and goals is critical in the horse-buying experience. If you're looking to buy a show horse, you'll want to have a clear idea of the horse's skills and background. Are you looking for young and raw, or veteran and experienced? Knowing what type of horse you're seeking can help simplify the shopping process from the start.

PUT IN YOUR HOMEWORK

With technology aiding your shopping experience, there is no reason to be underprepared for your hunt for the perfect horse. Use social media and the internet to search through



photos of horses on the market. Find credible performance reports online and search through their databases. With the amount of research tools at your fingertips, you should feel like an empowered, educated shopper every step along the way.

INCLUDE OTHERS

Don't approach at the shop-ping experience alone. Especially if this is your first horse,

surround yourself with people who have been through the process before. Ask someone you trust to accompany you while you pet and ride your new potential horse. This extra pair of eyes can spot things you may be overlooking in the excitement of the moment. Enlist the help of your veterinarian to conduct a pre-purchase exam. Skipping this step can leave you holding the bag for expensive medical issues or even surgeries.

Staying Safe on the Trail

If you're like most riders, the first hint of spring weather has you — and your horse — chomping at the bit. Where there is warmer weather, there is trail riding through serene, stunning landscapes across America.

While you may be excited to dust off your saddle and riding gear, keep in mind that safety comes first when hitting the trail. Follow these tips to make sure you and your horse have a great riding experience.

KNOW YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Have you ever snaked through a windy trail only to find you can't make your way back? Keep a GPS-enabled smartphone on you at all times to keep track of your whereabouts. Remember to map out your route ahead of time and stick to the trail, especially if you're riding solo. The last thing you want to happen is to get lost and lose cell phone reception. Take your time and keep track of where you are at all times.

KNOW YOUR EXPERTISE

Trails are generally ranked and marked according to their difficulty. Are you a beginner, intermediate or advanced rider? This is important to know to make sure you don't get in over your head. Your horse's level of knowledge and your riding experience are critical components of a safe ride. If you don't take these into consideration, you might find yourself battling terrain that is too difficult for your horse to endure.

KNOW YOUR HORSE

Always stay alert during a long trail ride. If you know that certain animals, weather or terrain spook your horse, steer clear of these situations. Keep your reins in a position in which you can easily gain control when needed, especial-y if



your horse is known to be jumpy. Know your horse's favorite snacks and reward him after a long day on the trail. **KNOW YOUR GROUP** Trail riding alone is a dangerous activity. Experts recommend a buddy system, not only for your own good but for the good of your horse. Having

a buddy system can be critical in emergency situations. It also helps create a safer, more enjoyable riding experience for all riders and horses in your group.

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