

Pennsylvania Cutting Horse Association

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PCHA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ω There will be a Board of Directors/General Membership meeting on Friday evening September 10th following the Practice Session
 - ◇ Nominations for slate of officers and directors
 - ◇ Up-date on Circuit Finals
 - ◇ Any other business to be brought forth at the meeting
- Ω Appalachian Circuit Finals
 - ◇ Hosted by PCHA
 - ◇ October 22,23,24 at Dream Park New Jersey
 - ◇ 3 day event due to potential number of participants, 2 go rounds per class for finals
 - ◇ Pre entry required by October 10th
 - ◇ Questionnaire below: please complete and return a copy to Bill Stein. These will also be distributed at the September show.

APPALACIAN CIRCUIT FINALS

GLOUSTER CO. DREAM PARK, N.J.

OCTOBER 22ND-23^R-24TH

Finals will be the largest cutting event PCHA has held, 30 riders in each class are eligible to qualify, each class will run 2 go rounds, staged over the 3-day period. In order to plan for this event and have a successful show, we are asking if you are planning on attending.

PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 10th

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Sept 25th & 26th, 2021 -

Roy Bauer, Elkins, WV

Oct 2021 date TBD -

JMJ Farm, Lewisburg, WV

Oct 22nd - 24th, 2021 - PCHA/NCHA

Dream Park, Logan Township, New Jersey

Oct 22 & 24 PCHA/NCHA

Oct 23 NCHA Appalachian Circuit finals

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Nov. 4-7, 2021: Ride & Rejuvenate, Red Cliffs Lodge, Moab UT

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An advertisement for Cutting Horse Central. It features a collage of images showing riders on horses cutting cows. The text reads: 'Cutting Horse Central', 'EVERYTHING IN ONE PLACE FOR CUTTERS.', 'PROMOTE • BUY • SELL', and 'www.cuttinghorsecentral.com'. There is a large orange 'JHC' logo in the center.

Gastric Ulcers in Horses

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Disease

Aaep.org article "Equine Gastric Ulcers: Special Care and Nutrition" by Scott R. McClure, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVS, Diplomate ACVSMR

Equine gastric ulcers can affect any horse at any age. Up to 90 percent of racehorses and 60 percent of show horses, as well as non-performance horses and even foals are affected by equine gastric ulcers. These are the result of the erosion of the lining of the stomach due to a prolonged exposure to the normal acid in the stomach. Unlike ulcers in humans, bacteria do not appear to cause equine gastric ulcers. Horses are designed to be grazers with regular intake of roughage. Since the horse's stomach continually secretes acid, gastric ulcers can result when the horse is not eating regularly due to there being less feed to neutralize the acid.

The horse's stomach is divided into two parts. The bottom part is glandular and secretes acid and has a protective coating to keep it from being damaged by acid. Ulcers do occur in the glandular portion of the stomach, but this is less common. The top portion of the stomach is designed for mixing of the contents of the stomach and does not have as much protection from the acid. This is the most common place to find gastric ulcers.

Ulcers are often a man-made disease.

- ◆ Stall confinement alone can lead to the development of gastric ulcers. Horses maintained without direct contact to other horses and horses kept and trained in urban areas are more likely to develop squamous gastric ulcers. When horses are fed two times per day, the stomach is subjected to a prolonged period without feed to neutralize the acid. Furthermore, high-grain diets produce volatile fatty acids that can contribute to the development of ulcers.
- ◆ Stress (both environmental and physical) can also increase the likelihood of ulcers.

Treatment of ulcers is aimed at removing the predisposing factors and decreasing acid production.

- Ω When possible, horses should be allowed **free-choice access to grass or hay**.
- Ω **Environmental factors** also need to be addressed, which may include relationships with other horses or the horse's job description.
- Ω Horses that must be stalled should be **arranged so they can see and socialize with other horses** as well as having constant access to forage. Some horses appear to enjoy having a ball or other object in the stall to occupy their time.
- Ω **More frequent feedings** help to buffer the acid in the stomach.
- Ω Decreasing types of grain that form the volatile fatty acids may help some horses. The energy from the grain can be replaced by using a feed higher in fat.
- Ω In horses with lower caloric needs, free-choice grass hay with the appropriate vitamin and mineral supplements will help.
- Ω Medication to decrease acid production is only necessary in horses showing clinical disease or when the predisposing factors cannot be removed, such as with some horses in race training or aggressive show campaigning.

Prevention of ulcers is key. Limiting stressful situations, frequent feedings and free-choice access to grass or hay is imperative. This provides a constant supply of feed to neutralize the acid and stimulate saliva production, which is nature's best antacid.

In any case of suspected gastric ulcers, a qualified equine veterinarian should be consulted to determine the best course of action and treatment for the individual horse.

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Christina Ocharzak was in the Mid-Atlantic Horse magazine! The article, titled "Look Ma! No Reins!" is in the August 2021 issue, and includes material from time with both Dave Phillips and Bill Stein.

Dave talked with the author, "a complete newbie," during a cutting show, explaining what was happening from before the rider entered the arena, to the nuances of a two minute cutting ride, to after the time was done. It's quite an interesting read for anyone new to the sport!

Bill spoke of the careers and diversity of the people involved in cutting, and what first interested him in the sport.

He also talked about the three tiers of cutting: The horse, the rider (the bond between them) and the cow. "When you can finally put all three of these together: you, the horse, and the cow; then you have a great run."

Show management was another topic discussed, including how very many cows it takes to put one on show, and the work it takes to get it ready for all the riders.

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