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I would like to thank everyone who came out to our last cutting/challenger show of the year. It was a very nice relaxed show to end our year on and have some new cutters try their luck in the pen. We are in process of planning for next year and welcome all of our members input. Please feel free to contact myself or any of the board members with your thoughts.

I would like to thank and congratulate our four new board members: Carl Shoemaker, Karlene Minnich-Schlegel, Jon Munley, and Joey Costa.

On behalf of the club I extend best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope all of you have time to spend with family and friends and take a moment to appreciate all you/we have to be thankful for.

*Happy riding,
Andy*

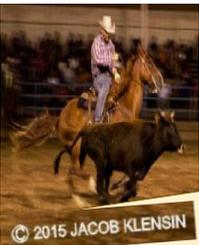
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33 Top Tips to Help You Survive the Winter

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Horse & Hound, December 7, 2016

THE YARD

19. "Check your water pipes are sufficiently lagged to avoid them bursting after a freeze." **Karen Bush**, instructor and author

20. "Put hardcore or used shavings down round the field gates to prevent poaching." **Helen Finn**, horse owner

21. "A heater for your tack room will prevent tack getting damp and mouldy." *The team from Redwings*

22. "Invest in an industrial tumble drier and washing machine to keep numnahs, boots and rugs clean and dry." **Lucy Thompson**, eventing trainer

23. "Plan ahead to make winter easier. Minimize mud by improving drainage in gateways or putting down road chippings. Ensure the stable lights are working and that you have enough forage and bedding to last the winter. Lag pipes to avoid freezing." **Karen Coumbe**, H&H veterinary advisor

24. "If your water pipes tend to freeze overnight, invest in a couple of large water containers that you can fill in the evening and keep indoors ready for the morning." *The team from Redwings*

25. "Use only one of your paddocks in the winter and turn each horse out in rotation for a few hours a day. This prevents all your fields being ruined. This one paddock, that will inevitably get poached, can then be rested and allowed to recover before the following

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Equine Medical Notes INJECTABLE ULCER DRUG MAY BE AVAILABLE SOON

A long-acting injectable form of omeprazole shows promise.

excerpted from article by CHRISTINE BARAKAT WITH MICK MCCLUSKEY, BVSC, MACVSC, OCT 6, 2017

A long-acting, injectable form of omeprazole may be available for horses soon, according to an Australian researcher who recently completed an efficacy study of the drug.

First developed as a human medicine, omeprazole is used to treat and prevent gastric ulcers in horses. The medication is currently available only in an oral paste formulation that must be administered daily. The new omeprazole formulation is injected intramuscularly every seven days. In addition to less frequent administration, the injectable form of the drug offers other benefits, says Ben Sykes, BVMS, PhD, of the University of Queensland.

"The use of an intramuscular formulation bypasses the problems observed in some horses with very low absorption of omeprazole, especially in horses consuming free-choice hay diets---this would be a key advantage," says Sykes (see "Effects of Diet on Ulcer Treatment Studied," Medical Front, EQUUS 472). "But we also saw higher healing rates in a shorter period of time than previously reported with the oral formulations." ...

In fact, the ulcers were completely healed in all of the horses who had squamous lesions (found in the top portion of the stomach) and in 9 of 12 horses with glandular lesions (found at the bottom portion). By comparison, healing rates among horses given only oral omeprazole range from approximately 25 percent for glandular lesions and 70 to 85 percent for squamous lesions, after 28 to 35 days of daily treatment.

"The results of this study are particularly promising as, to date, the reported response rates for equine glandular gastric disease (EGGD) have been frustratingly poor," says Sykes. "The idea of being able to reliably induce acid suppression, regardless of diet, and to potentially treat horses more effectively and in a shorter time is very exciting." He adds that "the formulation is currently in the process of commercialization and it is anticipated that it will be available in several key markets mid- to late 2017."

Reference: "Preliminary investigations into a novel, long-acting, injectable, intra-muscular formulation of omeprazole in the horse," Equine Veterinary Journal, April 2017

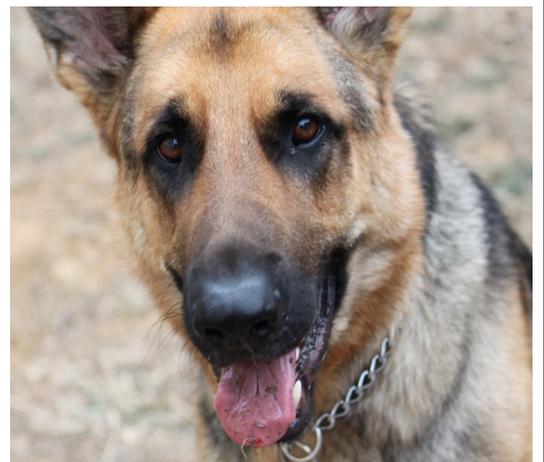
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11 BEST WINTER RANCHES IN THE US

Here are the 1st 6 ranches from the article by top50ranches.com

Bar W Guest Ranch; Whitefish, Montana This dude ranch offers year-round adventure, however it is a true winter wonderland come the latter part of the year. Offering B&B stays in a stunning location, Bar W offers a generous arsenal of winter activities, or the chance for some serious downtime; you can soak in the hot tub, play pool or simply take time out to read.

C Lazy U Ranch; Granby, Colorado This all-inclusive ranch offers something for everyone. A simple and secluded retreat destination, it has been awarded many prestigious accolades, such as Conde Nast's #1 Colorado Resort award. With picturesque mountains and inviting décor, get the family together at C Lazy U for Thanksgiving, or celebrate in style at Christmas and New Year.

High Lonesome Ranch; De Beque, Colorado Breathtaking surroundings and Western elegance are the order of the day at this Colorado dude ranch. Open year-round, the ranch is dedicated to working with a model of sustainability that maintains biodiversity and ecological connectivity, enhances the lives of wildlife and fish, and preserves and restores degraded habitat while promoting a mix of uses.

Latigo Ranch, Kremmling, Colorado A member of the Colorado Cross Country Ski Association and the Cross Country Ski Areas Association, Latigo is based among stunning trail systems and offers day skiing experiences in some of Colorado's best snow conditions, as well as festive winter ranch vacations.

Lone Mountain Guest Ranch, Big Sky, Montana Disconnect from the world while connecting with others on the number one 'Nordic' trail system in North America – tackle 85km of 'Nordic' ski trails and 30km of snowshoe trails, or have a go on the world class downhill skiing slopes just six miles from LMR. Enjoy cozy, peaceful cabin evenings, too after energetic days in the snow.

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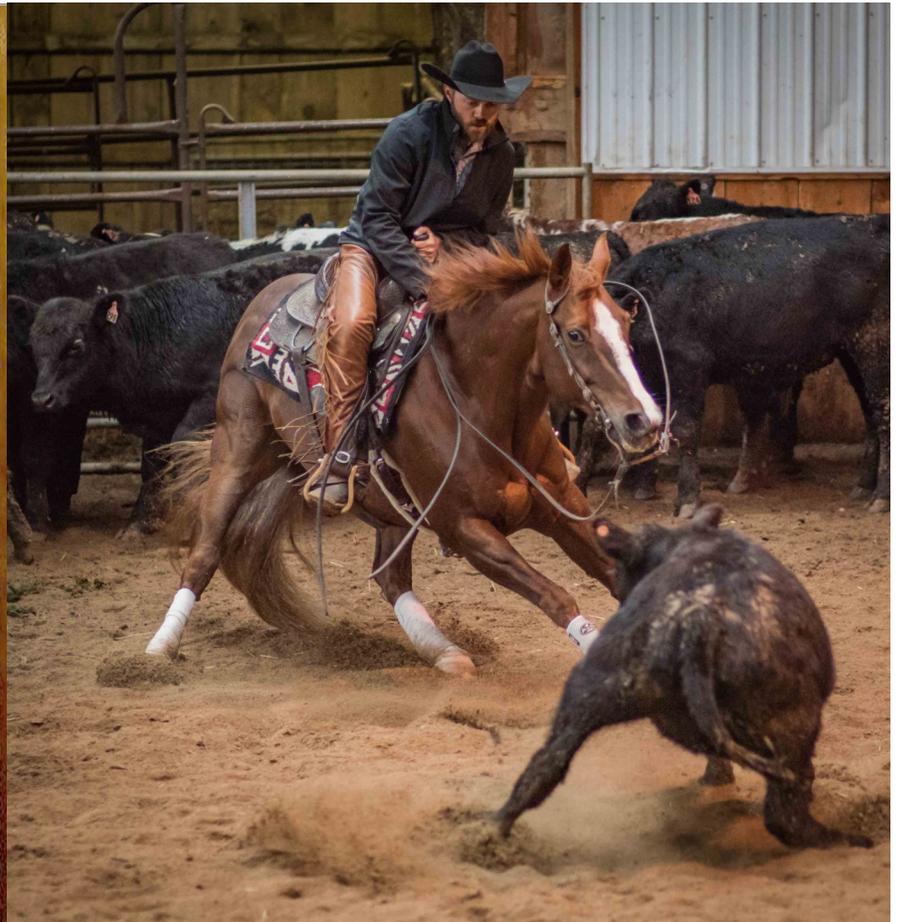
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