

Hot on the Trail

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Mustang Trainers Establish Assistance Fund

After competing in the 2008 Western States Mustang Challenge, trainer Sandy Anderson realized how hard it was to give up a horse that she had gentled and grown to love in the 90 days that he'd been hers. Now, she and her husband want to help other challenge trainers keep their horses, as well. With the help of the Mustang Heritage Foundation, they've established a fund for trainers who wish to adopt the mustangs they gentle for Extreme Mustang Makeover and Mustang Challenge events.

The fund is named for the protégé of the famed Wild Horse Annie, who championed the Wild Horse Act. The Dawn Lapin Trainer's Assistance Fund will provide a limited stipend to assist in paying the adoption fee for trainers who wish to adopt their mustangs. Funding will be awarded by the foundation based on a trainer's financial needs and ownership plans. For more information on the Extreme Mustang Makeover, visit www.extrememustangmakeover.com; for more information on Mustang Challenges, visit www.mustangheritagefoundation.org.



After falling in love with Outback Jack, Sandy and Rick Anderson established a fund to help other trainers keep their mustangs.

T-Shirts Promote Awareness

Lucky Bucky Clothing has partnered with the American Quarter Horse Association with the release of its latest Back on the Trail series T-shirt, "My Horse is a Tree Hugger — Leave Only Kneecaps Behind," to help support the association's Stewards for Trails, Education and Partnership Program. The STEP program is designed to help the United States Forest Service recruit volunteers for trail preservation and maintenance. By educating equestrians to be advocates for trails, it hopes to improve stewardship of land owned by horsemen that is adjacent to, or critical to, USFS land.



To purchase the shirt, call (877) 675-2256, or visit www.luckybuckyclothing.com.

Lucky Bucky's newest T-shirt will help raise awareness about issues affecting trails.

ELCR Celebrates 100th Partner

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource welcomes The Goethe Trail, Inc. to fill the slot of Equestrian Partner No. 100. The Goethe Trail, a nonprofit organization formed in 1996, assists the Florida Division of Forestry in maintaining the extensive trail system at Goethe State Forest in Levy County, Fla. For more information on The Goethe Trail, visit www.geocities.com/goetheforest/volunteer.html. For more on the ELCR's Equestrian Partner program, call (859) 455-8383, or visit www.elcr.org.



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The ELCR welcomes The Goethe Trail of Florida as its 100th Equestrian Partner.

Public-Land Restrictions Possible

The Backcountry Horsemen of America is alerting trail users that wilderness-management agencies are trying to restrict the use of horses on public lands, while the United States Forest Service is planning new trail classifications that might limit trail riders' activities. Also, a new bill could eliminate the current fees for accessing undeveloped federal land. Through its Wilderness Committee, the BCHA advises state organizations in their efforts with public-lands managers to keep the backcountry open to stock use. To get involved, contact the BCHA chapter in your area. For more information, call (888) 893-5161, or visit www.backcountryhorse.org.

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Tellington-Jones Receives Honorary Degree

Last June, Linda Tellington-Jones, founder of Tellington TTouch Training, received an honorary doctorate degree from the Wisdom University and was granted the position of Director of the Institute for Interspecies Communication. The university is licensed by the State of California, and accredited by the World Association of Universities and Colleges and the Accreditation Commission International.

The university attributes much of what it knows about animal and human healing behavior to Tellington-Jones's teachings. TTouch is a gentle hands-on technique that deepens the bond between humans and animals. It also accelerates learning and enhances behavior, performance, and the well-being of all species. Tellington-Jones has influenced hundreds of thousands of people and animals around the world with the effectiveness of TTouch. In addition to writing 16 books, she has developed TTouch curriculum for the University of Minnesota's Center for Spirituality and Healing. For more information, call (800) 854-8326, or visit www.ttouch.com.



Wisdom University has awarded Linda Tellington-Jones with an honorary doctorate degree for her TTouch method.

BCHA Volunteer Hours Soar

The Back Country Horsemen of America performed 244,840 hours of volunteer service for the year 2007 to benefit trail users in the back country. The hours were spent on trail work and leave-no-trace educational training. Trail work included building trailhead facilities, building and repairing bridges, and manual trail work, plus packing equipment, provisions and mail for trail crews, such as the Youth Conservation Corps. All of the time was volunteered on national, state, and local public lands, including state parks, the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service. Over the past 13 years, the BCHA has volunteered a total of 1,646,519 hours. For more information, call (888) 893-5161, or visit www.backcountryhorse.org.



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Boots for Charity

Angelea Walkup, host of the *HorseGirlTV* online show, has donated her riding boots to charity via an eBay auction to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization that honors and assists severely injured men and women of the armed forces.



Walkup wore the black-leather Dehner boots through miles of equestrian achievement. She also hosted all of *HorseGirlTV*'s episodes in them. For more information on the Wounded Warrior Project, call (877) TEAM-WWP [832-6997], or visit www.woundedwarriorproject.com. To watch episodes of *HorseGirlTV*, visit www.horsegirltv.com.

Angelea Walkup, host of *HorseGirlTV*, raised funds for the Wounded Warriors Project by selling her riding boots on eBay.

USRider Partners with Hotels

USRider, the equestrian roadside-assistance plan, is offering its Winner's Circle Advantage members discounts and benefits with nearly 30 hotel partners. The Winner's Circle Advantage is a members-only program that offers competitive discounts from nationally recognized equine retailers. It also provides member-only deals on equine-related items, such as equestrian gifts, jewelry, art, tack, apparel, and veterinary supplies and services.

Hotel partners include Choice Hotels International, Wyndham Hotel Group, Drury Hotels, La Quinta Inns & Suites, Red Roof Inn, Shilo Inn, Vagabond Inn, and most recently, Hyatt Hotels. USRider members also receive discounts on rental cars through the benefits program. For more information on Winner's Circle Advantage, call (800) 844-1409, or visit www.usrider.org.



Hyatt Hotels is the newest partner in USRider's Winner's Circle Advantage.

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