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Clubs and teams updates

The Dressage and Eventing team competed at the IDA show Nov. 9 - 10 at Otterbein. Day one of the show, the UK team finished in first place with Kimmy Cecere placing fourth in First Level, Jessica Lyons placing second in Upper Training, Taylor Pence placing fourth in Upper Training (scramble team), Aileen O'Brien with first in Lower Training and Sophie Ward placing second in Intro and being named Reserve High Point Rider.

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Is graduate school the next step for you?

Each year at this time, I start to receive emails from undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing a graduate degree in equine nutrition or a related discipline. Some weeks I will receive three or four inquiries! Unfortunately, admission to graduate school is competitive and fewer than half of the students who complete a full application are eventually admitted. If you are interested in graduate study, what are some steps you can take to make your resume stand out? I put that question to my current graduate students and here are some of their tips.



1. Get some research experience. Some of my students started out washing glassware or doing other menial tasks in a research lab, but over time they were able to learn valuable lab skills. All of the graduate students agreed that working in a research lab gives you a better idea about whether it is something that you like. It may also result in a great reference letter for you.
2. Find a mentor. Talk to your advisor about your interest in graduate school. They may have a space in their lab, or they might point you to a faculty member with interests that are closely aligned with yours. Graduate students often make excellent mentors...it you have a graduate TA in one of your classes, don't be afraid to ask them about their program. If they think you have potential, they might put in a good word with their major professor.
3. UK strongly promotes undergraduate research experiences. In fact, the National Conference on Undergraduate Research will be held at UK on April 3-5, 2014. Another opportunity to learn about research will be the annual graduate student poster competition that is sponsored by the Animal and Food Science Graduate Student Association in the spring semester.
4. Investigate the expectations for academic preparation. Your mentor can help you decide what kind of courses you should take to be most prepared for graduate school. If you want to pursue graduate study in a field related to biological science (for example, reproductive physiology, nutrition, immunology), then courses in biological sciences and chemistry are important. Conversely, if you see yourself heading to graduate study in economics, then a strong set of courses in economics should appear on your transcript. My graduate students all said they wished they had taken more course work in areas that relate to their research.
5. Identify universities that have graduate programs in your area of interest. Your mentor and advisor should be able to help here, but a couple of hours on the internet can provide a lot of information. Not all universities have the same selection of graduate programs. When it comes time to apply to graduate school, it is good to have more than one program on your list in case your preferred program is unable to accept you.
6. Participate in extracurricular activities. My students said that communication, time management and networking skills have helped them succeed in graduate school. Extracurricular activities that include leadership positions often help develop these skills.

Every individual has to decide what their next step will be after an undergraduate degree. To give yourself the most options, get good grades, take courses that support your area of interest and get as much experience as possible!

Laurie Lawrence PhD

Professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences

UK Maine Chance Farm-bred horses competing in the big leagues

Erin Morgan

Casiguapo, a University of Kentucky Maine Chance Farm-bred horse has reached success in another graded race. Casiguapo competed in the \$1 million Delta Jackpot at Delta Downs in Louisiana Nov. 23. In a fast-paced race, Casiguapo finished second in a field of 10. Casiguapo also finished fourth at the Grade 1 Champagne Stakes held at Belmont Park on Oct. 5, as well as second in the Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga on Sept. 2.

Honey's Ryan, a 2-year-old UK Maine Chance Farm-bred horse also entered the spotlight earlier this year when she struck the honey well at Remington Park, winning a \$50,000 race.

Congratulations to Casiguapo, Honey's Ryan and UK's Maine Chance Farm!

ESPN featured a story on Casiguapo highlighting Maine Chance and the program. To read the story, please visit http://espn.go.com/horse-racing/story/_/id/10018123/uk-athlete-hopes-hit-jackpot

Last month, we featured Casiguapo and the students who worked with him in the Wildcat Canter. To view that story, please visit pages 7-8 at <http://equine.ca.uky.edu/sites/equine.ca.uky.edu/files/October-WCCFINAL.pdf>



*Casiguapo racing at Saratoga
PHOTOS: Madison Scott*

Stop by for a study break!

We know how hectic and sometimes stressful the week before final exams can be and sometimes you need to just take a break. Therefore, please plan on stopping by the Equine Programs Office in Ag Sciences North, Room 212, for a study break during the last week of classes. We will have refreshments/treats for students from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day starting on Monday, Dec. 16 until Thursday, Dec. 19.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 21

Department of Veterinary Science Equine Diagnostic Research Seminar Series, 1:30.-5 p.m., Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Endocrine and Genetic Disorders Symposium, Teri Lear, PhD, UK Gluck Equine Research Center, Dianne McFarlane, DVM, PhD, Oklahoma State University, Donald Thompson, PhD, Louisiana State University

Nov. 27-30

Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 30

Last day to apply for a May 2013 degree online

Dec. 4-19

Add/Drop

Dec. 13

Last day of classes

Dec. 16-20

Finals week

Dec. 20

December graduation



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Equine Science and Management course announcements and updates

We have made a couple changes to our current equine courses.

ASC 310 – Equine Anatomy – Starting in Spring 2014, this course will start being offered in **both** the spring and fall semesters. The second section was added to increase seats available to accommodate our current number of students in the program. It will be your choice as to what semester you'd like to take it. Please keep in mind that the pre-requisite for this course is ASC 101 and it is typically taken sophomore year.

EQM 105 – Equine Behavior and Handling - If you are currently enrolled in EQM 101 and/or are planning on taking EQM 105 in spring 2014, please remember that you will have to earn a grade of 'C' or better in EQM 101 to take EQM 105. Students will be allowed to enroll in EQM 105 before completing EQM 101; however, they will be dis-enrolled once grades are released if they received a D or E in EQM 101. If this is the case, please be prepared to fill those credit hours with a different course.

In addition, in spring 2014 there are a number of equine-related electives that will be offered. These courses are listed in the table provided below. Please note that the GEN 300 courses will count towards the specialty support requirement.

Course	Section Number	Days/Times	Credits	Pre-Req.	Instructors
Gen 109- Equine Careers	001	Monday 4-4:50 p.m.	1	N/A	LaBonty
Gen 109- Tools and Tack in the Equine Industry*	006	Wednesday 10-10:50 a.m.	1	N/A	Coleman Wilson
Gen 300- Thoroughbred Sales	003	Thursday 12:30-1:20 p.m.	1	EQM 101	LaBonty
Gen 300- Equine Event Planning	002	Tuesday/ Thursday 3:30-4:20 p.m.	1	Sophomore Status	LaBonty
Gen 300- Equine Facility Design and Management*	009	Tuesday/ Thursday 9:30-10:45 a.m.	3	ASC 320 ECO 201	Coleman Stowe

**These courses are being offered for the first time*



Lessons in agriculture from the Land Down Under

Krista (Cotten) Lea is a graduate student in UK's Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

Photos provided by UK extension personnel

In September 2013, a group of 10 Agriculture and Natural Resources county extension agents, six Kentucky producers and four University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension personnel traveled to Australia to observe its agricultural practices, including several relevant to the horse industry.

The group began its journey on Sept. 7, flying through Sydney to Townsville, in the northern portion of Queensland. Here the group took a tour of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), similar to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Scientists at CSIRO are studying the effects of different feedstuffs on the level of methane production in cattle. They are also evaluating new herd management technologies for use on low input grassland cattle production. The group also toured the Great Barrier Reef and discussed the impacts of agriculture and other human activities on this natural wonder.

Next, the group took a four-day driving tour from Brisbane to Sydney with a series of agricultural stops that covered topics important to several species of animal agriculture. Those stops included:

- Coolmore Stud, which has several farms around the world, including its Versailles, Ky. operation, Ashford Stud. Coolmore Australia uses improved, irrigated pastures of kikuyu, a common warm-season grass similar to Bermuda grass, alfalfa, and other grasses to provide year-round grazing on irrigated pastures for their horses. Horses stay out on pasture year-round and even foal in small paddocks rather than in stalls. Cool-



Alfalfa Chaff at Manuka Chaff



Tommy Yankey, Anderson County ANR agent at CSIRO



Overlooking Coolmore Australia in NSW

more stands several stallions, including Encosta De Lago, Fastnet Rock and 2011 Kentucky Derby contender Uncle Mo. Coolmore Stud is located in the Horse Capitol of Australia, Hunter Valley, NSW. Coolmore Australia also uses Angus cattle to manage their pastures and supplement income.

- Manuka Chaff. David Wallis produces several niche products for the horse market. These include hemp bedding, chopped alfalfa (chaff) and alfalfa haylage packaged in small plastic bags for horses. Feeding horses haylage is common in Europe and growing in Australia thanks to the efforts of Wallis.
- Ross Watson Agriculture. Ross Watson is an agronomist located in NWS. Because extension is largely absent in Australia, Watson now a private consultant for several operations including Rob Cooper, Manuka Chaff, and Coolmore Stud. Watson performs a similar service as the UK Horse Pasture Evaluation Program.
- Rockvale North is a large merino sheep farm owned and operated by the McClenaghan family in Armidale, NSW. The McClenaghan family manages roughly 5,000 merino sheep on pasture year-round for fine wool production that is often used in Italian suits. The group was able to get up close with these animals to observe their fine coats as well as observe a large flock (3,500+) being moved to fresh pasture. The McClenaghans use native pastures and no irrigation to manage their flocks in the semi-arid climate; all managed with just three people. They also raise around 600 beef cattle each year.

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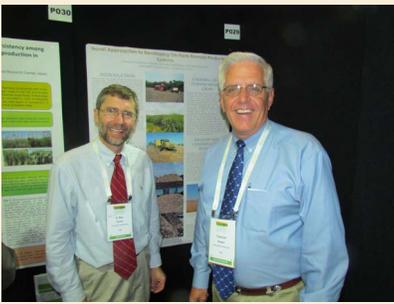
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- Sundown Pastoral is a large-scale beef cattle farm. This farm finishes 80,000+ animals per year on improved pastures. Technology is the driving force behind this operation and includes automated working pens, complete herd tracking and management software and precision pasture management.
- Rob Cooper Dairy Farm is located on a small river in Manilla, NSW. Cooper uses center pivot irrigation to maintain improved pastures and 1,000 milking Holstein cows. Common species found in his pastures include tall fescue, white clover, alfalfa (called lucerne in Australia), and kikuyu.
- Robb College Rural Focus Dinner. Just hours after visiting the large sheep farm, the group was dressed in the best they had packed and were off to Robb College to attend its Rural Focus Dinner. Here the group interacted with current students of this agricultural college as well as professors and administration before a dinner and lecture on the economics and future of coal mining in Australia.

The group finally arrived in Sydney on Sept. 15, just in time for the opening ceremonies for the 2013 International Grassland Congress (IGC). Over the next five days, the group attended the IGC and learned about agricultural research from across the world. UK extension personnel in attendance from the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences included Ray Smith, PhD, Garry Lacefield, PhD, Tom Keene, and Krista (Cotton) Lea, all of whom presented their recent research at the congress. Todd Clark, a producer from Fayette County, was also featured in a pre-recorded video discussing agriculture in Kentucky. After the conference each day, the group enjoyed sightseeing in Sydney, including the famous Sydney Opera House, the Taronga Zoon, and the Royal Botanical Gardens.

This trip was an exciting and educational trip for all involved. Each agent, producer, or UK extension professional learned about agriculture in Australia and will be able to apply this knowledge here in central Kentucky.



Left photo: Dr. Ray Smith and Tom Keene present their poster at the international Grassland Congress

Right Photo: Group of county agents, producers and UK personnel at Coolmore Australia (Statue of Encosta De Largo)

Bottom photo: Cattle grazing at Sundown Pastoral Company



Hitting the big time

Alexandra Harper



Kelly Ruhl, a 2013 graduate of University of Kentucky's Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program from Richmond, Ky. recently landed her dream job as the Kentucky sales representative for Noble Equine.

"Noble Equine is a new company with amazing values. We're growing rapidly and very successfully, and I'm thrilled to be a part of that," Ruhl said. "I'm excited that they were willing to give a younger group of sales reps with little sales experience a chance to prove themselves."

In her new position, Ruhl travels to tack shops and feeds stores in Central Kentucky, southern Ohio and Indiana presenting the company's products, which include rider apparel, socks, gloves, hoof picks, knives, clothing and boot bags. Once she determines which products will sell best in each store, she calls that store to set up an appointment to meet with its buyer. She also travels to events and often helps staff the

booths for her buyers should any of their clients have specific questions about the products she sells. Ruhl is constantly communicating with her current clients as well as making appointments with other tack shops and feed stores to open new accounts.

"It's so rewarding to watch students from the program graduate and start their careers," said Lecturer and Internship Coordinator, Elizabeth LaBonty. "Kelly always had such a positive attitude as a student, an intern and an employee, and it paid off by landing her a job perfectly matched with her strengths and ambitions. Noble Equine is lucky to have her."

According to Ruhl, her time at UK, including class presentations and the opportunity to earn an equine-specific degree prepared her well for her career.

"Believe it or not, giving numerous presentations during my undergraduate career has given me more confidence when presenting my company's product line," she said. "I also feel that having an equine degree made me more marketable to the company because they were looking for someone specifically with an equine background and an interest in sales that they could teach the necessary skills."

"I love having the opportunity to work for a company where I am able to meet and create relationships with individuals who have the same passion for horses I have, as well as independence and flexibility," she said.

"I think what best describes Kelly is enthusiasm and energy," said Noble Equine Sales Director, Donna Murray. "She came to her interview not only excited about opportunity; she came prepared. She had studied the product line and the company's roots, she came with ideas on how to tackle the territory and with ideas on how to open up some new channels. In a very short time she has proven to be a great asset. She relates to the customer base (both high end stores and small farm stores). In just a few short weeks she is among our top sellers and I don't see her slowing down any time soon."

Landing her dream job was not all fun and games. It required hard work and taking jobs that were not specifically in her field of interest. After graduation, Ruhl took a position with Denali Stud in its yearling division. While she knew it was not a permanent career move, she also knew it would be a great experience to help her relate to clients better and feel more confident in interviews.

Ruhl said she did get discouraged during her hunt for a career, but knew she had to work her way up the ladder and become more credible and well-rounded before landing her dream job.

Ruhl's advice to current students? "Network with everyone in the industry. If you don't land your dream job right after graduation, stay optimistic and persistent and it will fall into place. Once you get the job you were meant for, you'll be thankful the other jobs you applied for, and may have gotten turned down for, didn't work out. And it turns out that barely passing chemistry isn't the end of the world."

To learn more about Noble Equine visit www.nobleequine.com.



Faculty spotlight: Bob Coleman

Alexandra Harper

Bob Coleman was born and raised in Brandon Manitoba, Canada, and graduated with his PhD in animal science from the University of Alberta in 1998.

Coleman began showing Hackney ponies as a youth and later switched to Quarter Horses after college. He currently does not own any horses but still rides occasionally.

Prior to moving to Lexington in the fall of 1998 to be the equine extension specialist in UK's Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Coleman was the extension horse specialist in Alberta Canada for 18 years. As an extension specialist, Coleman answers horse owner questions ranging from nutrition and feeding to facilities and much in between. In addition to those roles, he is also involved in Horse College, a program for horse owners offered in cooperation with county agents across the state, "Pastures Please!!" and the UK Ag Equine Programs Farm and Facilities Expo.

In addition, Coleman is the director of undergraduate studies for Equine Science and Management, the assistant director of UK Ag Equine Programs and teaches EQM 490 and co-teaches ASC 410G with Kristine Urschel, associate professor within Animal and Food Sciences.

Coleman is currently researching a method to determine the digestibility of individual feed ingredients with one of his graduate students.

His industry involvement includes serving on the American Quarter Horse Association Research Committee, the board of directors for both the Kentucky Quarter Horse Association and the Certified Horseman Association and as executive secretary for the Equine Science Society. In addition, Coleman is a member of the American Society of Animal Scientists and a Professional Animal Scientist with the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists.

When he is not hard at work at UK, Coleman can be found gardening, spending time with his grandchildren and singing in his church choir.



Check out the November issue of the Bluegrass Equine Digest at www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/bed

Stories this month include:

- Controlling bush honeysuckle on horse farms
- Small strongyles might be developing Ivermectin resistance
- Fescue sample handling, storage can affect analysis
- Weed of the month: perilla mint
- Two continuing education events
- Graduate student spotlight: Laurel Mastro



For a downloadable PDF file of the November issue, please visit http://www.thehorse.com/enews/bluegrass-equine-digest/PDF/BED-Nov2013.pdf?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=bluegrass-equine-digest&utm_campaign=11-24-2013

Student professionalism series

Elizabeth LaBonty, Lecturer and Internship Coordinator

The University of Kentucky Equine Science and Management Program strives to not only educate you about equine science but also to prepare you for a career in the industry. Part of this preparation includes classroom guest lectures and hands-on labs, requiring an internship before you graduate, exposing you to numerous industry-related careers and, most recently, we have added an all-new resource called the Student Professionalism Series to the Wildcat Canter. The Student Professionalism Series will offer insight and tips to help you effectively prepare for, find, apply to and obtain the career of your choice.

Bad Bosses:

The Theory Behind Grin and Bear It

PART I

Are there such things as bad bosses? Of course. But are there also things that we can only learn from working for people with different personality types and management styles? Absolutely!

It has been my experience that students on internships almost always rate their supervisors highly, but students in part-time and full-time work positions have a lot of complaints about their bosses. Why is that? As I spent time this last week pondering bosses - good bosses, bad bosses, big bosses, small bosses and everything in between - I came to the conclusion that someone's perspective on his or her boss may have more to do with that person than the boss. This month, we are going to look at what we perceive our bosses' jobs to be versus what they actually are. This will be the first of a three-part series exploring the wonderful world of working for someone else.

Walk a mile in their shoes

First things first. What is a bad boss, really? Complaining about bosses is easy but more often than not complaints center around personality differences rather than true ineptness. It is easy to look at a supervisor and think what you would do differently if you were in their shoes or how you would handle their job differently if given their position. But I have learned from experience that often you are only seeing one side of the story. How you handle things might not be all that different given the opportunity. Sometimes the old adage is true - be careful what you wish for.

When I was a student I hated exams. Truthfully. They stressed me out. I would spend all this time studying (i.e. cramming) and then forget everything the moment I walked out the door. I didn't understand why professors

didn't just give open notes exams or, even better, why they didn't just do away with exams all together and give us extra credit assignments or A's and call it good. Then I graduated. Once I entered the world of work, I found out that employers actually expected me to know things from my degree. And not just things I liked learning, like the parts of the horse or genetics, but things like how to evaluate different feeds, how to speak Spanish with my coworkers, how to calculate treatment dosages based on body weight or how to write cohesive sentences that had seemed irrelevant back in school. Not only did they expect me to know it, they wanted me to know it on the spot, not look it up and come back to them later with the answer.

Surprisingly, the things I had learned came back to me more than they would have if I had never spent extra time studying for exams or had just been given an A. It turns out my professors knew what they were doing after all; I just didn't realize that until after I graduated. Then I became a teacher and found out firsthand that it's actually quite difficult to try to determine what students needed to know when they graduate, how best to teach it and how to evaluate whether or not they learned it.

My experience with teaching is no different than working for managers in the industry. Take farm managers for example. Often students complain to me that all their managers do is sit in the office or in a truck somewhere and talk on the phone while everyone else is mucking stalls, grooming horses and doing the real work. In fact, most people who have never been managers think that management jobs are easy. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Farm managers spend their days answering to farm owners, communicating with clients, coordinating breeding shed runs, managing employees, ordering feed, supplies, bedding and equipment and scheduling visits with veterinarians, farriers, acupuncturists, nutritionists, etc. They keep daily records and write weekly reports of how horses are progressing, take pictures, follow racing and sales progeny, treat sick and injured horses, monitor health, growth and conformation, track weight gain and loss, bill owners, answer emails, return phone calls and train new employees. Above all, that they are responsible for everything that happens on the farm.

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Student professionalism series

If a horse gets sick or injured, farm managers are the ones notifying owners, answering questions and listening to concerns. If someone makes a mistake and feeds the wrong supplement or lets a horse loose or gives the wrong medicine or forgets a treatment or doesn't notice a runny nose or doesn't clean a stall or groom a horse up to standard, it's the farm manager who is held responsible. They are the ones who take the colicing horse to the clinic afterhours, stay up late foaling out problem mares, check on the horse with a fever in the middle of the night and handle the horse no one can touch.

It is easy to look at supervisors and see their job as easy

or think how much better you could do it if you were in their shoes. But until you have been on the other side and have carried the burden of responsibility that comes with management and supervision, perhaps work might be more enjoyable and you could learn more by focusing less on how you could do it better and more on how you can help .

Next month we will explore different personality styles and how sometimes you can learn the most from supervisors you like the least.

Smith Family Fund for Academic Enhancement

After 35 years of service to the University of Kentucky and the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Dean Scott Smith will soon step aside and begin his path toward retirement.

Since his appointment in January 2001, Dean Smith has seen tremendous growth in the College. The undergraduate population has nearly doubled in size with just over 2,600 students enrolled in the College this fall. Though he faced many challenges during his tenure, including multiple budget cuts, his commitment to students has never wavered.

In an effort to thank the Dean for his leadership and service, the College is seeking to establish an endowment that will assist student participation in co-curricular activities such as conferences, competitions and study abroad programs. The College has long been known for offering students opportunities through more than 30 clubs and organizations, as well as academic and leadership conferences. Such programs can be costly for students and they are not usually covered by any scholar-

ship awards.

The Smith Family Fund for Academic Enhancement will assist students who participate in these activities for generations to come. We ask that you join us in thanking the Dean for his service to the College through a contribution to this endowment.

Together we are creating a resource that enables students to participate in our college's notable co-curricular activities, which distinguishes our graduates as they pursue careers and continued education.

Our initial goal is to reach \$250,000 in gifts and pledges. To make a contribution to the Fund, please mail your check to College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Office for Advancement, E. S. Good Barn, 1451 University Drive, Lexington, KY 40546-0097. (Please include Smith Family Fund in the memo line.)

If you should have further questions about the fund or how to make a gift, please call the Development Office at 859-257-7200.

UK Ag Equine Programs to host equine showcase, breeders' short course

University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs will host the UK Equine Showcase Feb. 7 and the 5th Annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course Feb. 8-9, both at the Four Points Sheraton, 1938 Stanton Way, in Lexington.

The UK Equine Showcase, now in its third year, will highlight the university's current equine programs and relevant industry findings. It will run from 1-5 p.m. Feb. 7, with a light reception following.

The 5th Annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course is an in-depth program on equine reproduction and horse management issues from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 8, with lunch provided. New this year, an in-depth reproductive "wet lab" will also be offered on Feb. 9 to a limited number of participants who want a hands-on educational opportunity led by some of the equine industry's foremost experts.

"We are pleased to again offer these educational events, which have grown in popularity over the past several years," said Jill Stowe, event co-chair and director of UK's Ag Equine Programs, part of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "The showcase and short course really highlight the breadth and depth of expertise found at UK."

"The UK Equine Showcase is a great opportunity for those in the industry to learn about the latest equine research and education efforts at the University of Kentucky. The annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course will focus on equine reproductive efficiency and horse management issues," said Ed Squires, executive director of the Gluck Equine Research Foundation and event co-chair. "UK is fortunate to have many experts in equine science who can serve as speakers."

Topics for the UK Equine Showcase include:

- Equine Cushing's disease in the aged horse
- Is your horse fat? There's an app for that!
- The Kentucky Horse Racing Necropsy Program: for the health and welfare of horses, humans and the racing industry
- The economic impact of Kentucky's equine industry
- Stem cells for equine tissue regeneration
- Age-related susceptibility of foals to Rhodococcus equi
- Genetics, health and performance
- Why did my performance horse test positive for prohibited substances?

Topics for the Kentucky Breeders' Short Course include:

- Reproductive anatomy and physiology of the mare
- Starting and stopping a mare's cycle
- Methods for evaluating stallion sperm
- Methods to predict foaling
- Diagnosing cryptorchids and ovarian tumors
- Problems in newborn foals
- Managing your stallion for a natural mating or artificial insemination program
- Diagnosing placentitis (placental problems)
- Problem mare panel

Both programs are open to veterinarians, owners and managers of all horse breeds or anyone with an interest in learning more about equine reproduction and topics concerning horse management. Continuing education credit for veterinarians and veterinary technicians is pending approval by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners.

For the first time, UK is also accepting sponsor participation in the event. Display opportunities are available to participating organizations. Please email equine@uky.edu for details.

To register for the event, visit

<http://2014ukequineshowcase.eventbrite.com>. Early bird registration rates last until Jan. 15. UK Equine Showcase early bird rates are \$50 per person, or \$40 each when two or more people from the same organization register at the same time. Early registration rates for the Kentucky Breeders' Short Course are \$100 per person, or \$90 each when two or more people register at the same time. Attendees can attend both the showcase and the short course for \$125 per person, or \$115 each when two or more people from the same organization register. Early registration for the separate wet lab is \$200 and increases to \$225 after the Jan. 15 deadline. Participation in the wet lab also requires attendance to either the showcase or short course on the previous two days. Wet lab space is extremely limited and will fill quickly. College students are eligible for a reduced rate to the showcase and short course, but student designated space is limited and on a first-requested, first-served basis. Students or UK faculty interested in attending either or both days should email jenny.evans@uky.edu. More about this event and other information about UK Ag Equine Programs can be found at <http://www.ca.uky.edu/equine>.

Women of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment:

The University of Kentucky Police Department is offering a series of four self-defense classes for women during the daytime, during the week of Jan. 6, 2014. To participate, you must attend all four classes.

The Self Defense Tactics and Risk Reduction (STARR) course is designed for women over the age of 13 with no maximum age limit. The program begins with a three-hour discussion on ways to reduce your risk of being targeted and general safety tips. The remainder of the course is all active learning so get ready to break a sweat!

The course is designed to empower women with the knowledge of how to defend against larger and often stronger attackers. Punching, kicking and ground

defense techniques are all taught in a non-threatening atmosphere by instructors who have been trained and certified. The class is taught in the basement of Blazer Hall on North Campus.

There is no fee for the class but women under the age of 18 will be required to get parent or guardian approval.

Space is limited. To reserve your place in the classes, you must register no later than Friday, Dec. 13, 2013. Register online at: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3sWvjSTiY41nzA9. The final dates and times of the classes will be determined in mid-December. Registered participants will be notified of the schedule when it is finalized.

Calling all ESMA alumni!

Calling all ESMA alumni! We have some exciting news to share with you in the near future. We have contact information for you, but want to make sure it's correct. Please email Kristen Wilson at kristen.wilson1@uky.edu or call (859) 257-2226 with your mailing address, email and phone number at your earliest convenience. Even if you think the information we have is up to date, please send it anyway, just to make sure. We wouldn't want you to miss out on future announcements.

In addition, we'd love to know what you've been doing since graduation from the University of Kentucky.

What are you doing for work within the equine industry? Have you switched jobs? Where are you currently living?

Finally, don't forget to "like" our Facebook page UK Ag Equine Programs and visit our website at <http://equine.ca.uky.edu/> to get program and event updates.

AG EQUINE PROGRAMS EQUINE STORE PRESENTS....

Student Sale November 1-30

Need a UK equine-affiliated jacket or vest? Looking for UK equine apparel for upcoming holiday gifts?

UK Ag Equine Programs has worked with the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's online merchandising store to make available a special, limited-time jacket and/or vest for equine students.

Visit www.ukagequinstore.com



Clubs and teams updates

Dressage and Eventing Team

The Dressage and Eventing team competed at the IDA show Nov. 9 - 10 at Otterbein. Day one of the show, the UK team finished in first place with Kimmy Cecere placing fourth in First Level, Jessica Lyons placing second in Upper Training, Taylor Pence placing fourth in Upper Training (scramble team), Aileen O'Brien with first in Lower Training and Sophie Ward placing second in Intro and being named Reserve High Point Rider. On day two of the Otterbein show, the UK team finished in second place. Kimmy Cecere placed sixth in First Level (scramble team), Erin Johnson with fourth in Intro, Taylor Pence with first in Upper Training and Reserve High Point Rider, Maxine Preston with fourth in First Level and Emily Mercier placing fourth in Intro.



The teams' next IDA show will be Nov. 23 at Midway College.

The Dressage and Eventing team is also very excited to attend the Allie Knowles clinic on Dec. 8 at her farm.

Equestrian Team

Hunt Seat Team

Over the weekend of Nov. 9-10, the UK Hunt Seat Equestrian team competed at Midway College. Entries for the show were limited, but every team member got to compete at least one day in either jumping or flat.

UKET came out on top on both Saturday and Sunday, taking the title of high point team for both days. These wins allow us to keep our spot as the leading team in the regional standings for team points, a good place to be in the middle of the IHSA season.

The high point riders for each day were from our team again. Congratulations to Haley Dowty and Lucy Hart for tying for high point rider on Saturday, and Lucy Hart for also winning high point rider on Sunday!

More of our team members have qualified for this year's regionals and have pointed out of their divisions.

Congratulations to:

- Autumn Allaire in novice flat (now intermediate flat)
- Jordan Bressler in walk trot canter (now novice flat)
- Kelsey Davey in novice flat (now intermediate flat)
- Hannah Hollinger in novice flat (now intermediate flat)
- Michele Koppental in novice fences (now intermediate fences)
- Jackson Wells in walk trot canter (now novice flat)

Regionals will be filled with UKET riders.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to the parents who were able to come out and support us, and bring food – thank you for keeping us so well fed. The team really appreciates all the support from everyone who was able to come and those who supported from afar by sending money for food.

Congratulations to UKET for another great show.

Horse Racing Club

Thank you to all who came to our Breeders Cup party and congratulations to Carolyn Drover for winning our Breeders Cup contest. Our upcoming trips are Lanes End (Nov. 16) and we have the honor to visit Rachel Alexandra on Dec. 7 at Stonestreet Farm. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 20. For up to date club information 'Like' us on Facebook.

Clubs and teams updates

Polo Team

After a very busy schedule in October, the Polo team is looking forward to a fun-filled November. Starting November off with a bang, the women's varsity team played Garrison Forest in a game on Nov. 1 and won 10-6. During the weekend of Nov. 8, Michigan State traveled to Kentucky to play the women's varsity and JV and the boys team traveled to New York to play Cornell. The big event of the month is Nov. 18-22, both the men and women's varsity teams were invited to compete in the "William Field Invitational Tournament and Arena Umpire Clinic." It is a selective tournament held each year at Cornell and it is a huge honor that both teams were invited to participate.



The team is also very excited to welcome several new ponies to the Team! Maracca, Lotti and Tortuga are our three new donations and we are excited to get them settled in and start playing them!

Practices are at 6p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday as long as there is not a game scheduled. Lessons will be available to newcomers on Sunday's. Contact Emily Meyer at emeyer93@gmail.com with any questions.

READ Club

In November, the READ Club took a field trip to tour the Kentucky Equine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center (KESMARC) in Versailles, Ky. We will not hold a December meeting but will start the spring semester with a meeting in January. Check the Facebook page "READ Club" for postings of dates and times.

Rodeo Team

The UK Rodeo Team's next meeting will be Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. in Ag North.

UK's Rodeo Team was featured in the Nov. 25 issue of the Lexington Herald-Leader: <http://www.kentucky.com/2013/11/24/2952012/uncommonwealth-university-of-kentuckys.html> and hosted a successful fundraiser at Austin City Saloon Nov. 22.



Saddle Seat Team

The UK Saddle Seat Team held a very successful ISSRA horse show on Sunday, Oct. 27. The show, held at Wingswept farm in Nicholasville, Ky., brought out more than 100 exhibitors and spectators to support the ISSRA and the UK team. The show was judged by Nicole Reason of Showtime Saddlebreds in Louisville.

Competing in the 17 classes held that day were teams from Eastern Kentucky University, Marshall University, Morehead State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Illinois, UK and University of Louisville.

All the hard work from the riders and team members from UK paid off as they took home the title of High Point Team, with UofL taking the reserve honors. Senior and team president Nicole Laroussa was successful in taking reserve honors in both the Open rail and Open Pattern classes for UK. Senior Mary Ruth Callaway took home the reserve honors in the Open Limit Rail class and sophomore Ashton Veno also took home a reserve honor in the Advanced Rail division. The Novice Rail class had Junior Jessica Durham taking home the reserve title. Freshman Anna Claire Schilling was shining star for UK taking Champion honors in the Walk and Trot Pattern Class at her first ever horse show and with only four lessons under her belt.



Saddle Seat Team

Individual Show Results:

- Mary Ruth Callaway - 2nd Open Limit Rail & 4th Open Limit Pattern
- Christina Collis - 5th Open Rail & 5th Open Pattern
- Kelsey Drew - 3rd Novice Rail B
- Jessica Durham - 2nd Novice Rail B & 4th Novice Pattern
- Madeleine Kissinger - 3rd Novice Rail A & 6th Novice Pattern
- Nicole Laroussa - 2nd Open Rail & 2nd Open Pattern
- Anna Claire Schilling - 5th Walk Trot Rail & 1st Walk Trot Pattern
- Audrey Schneider - 4th Open Rail & 4th Open Pattern
- Alyssa Schuster - 5th Beginner Walk Trot Canter Rail & 3rd Beginner Walk Trot Canter Pattern
- Ashton Veno - 2nd Advanced Rail & 4th Advanced Pattern



Members of the Saddle Seat Team also attended the Wednesday night session of the Alltech National Horse Show held on Oct. 30 to cheer on the team's coach Stephanie Sedlacko, who was competing in the American Saddlebred Five-Gaited Swap, where a prominent Saddlebred trainer was paired up with a champion Grand Prix Show Jumper or professional hunter rider and they swapped disciplines. Competing that night over a hunter course were world champion title holding Saddlebred trainers Clark Clouse, Melinda Moore, Melissa Moore and Stephanie Sedlacko. Competing on champion five-gaited horses were Grand Prix Show Jumpers Laura Kraut and McLain Ward, along with professional hunter riders Jennifer Alfano and Hunt Tosh.

The UK Saddle Seat Team is incredibly lucky to have had Stephanie Sedlacko as our coach for the last five years and we made sure that we were there representing as a team in support of our coach. The crowd and the judges knew who had the team's support as we hooped, hollered and cheered as loudly as possible. After both competitions were through Sedlacko and her partner Jennifer Alfano rode away as victors.

Next up for the Saddle Seat Team is competing at the Eastern Kentuck- hosted ISSRA Horse Show on Saturday, Nov. 23 at Lakeside Arena in Versailles, Ky. There will be seven riders competing for the team with hopes of again bringing home the High Point Team title. Go UK!

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