



eQuiNEWS

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What's on?

Colic

Colic is one of the most dangerous and costly equine medical problems, estimated to occur in one of every ten horses each year.

There seems to be countless reasons why horses get colic. Things which are difficult for horse owners to control include breed and age of horse along with geographic region of the country where the horse is kept. Other factors include:

- Change in diet
- Grain intake
- Eating sand
- Spoiled Feed
- Restricted water access
- Change in activity
- Transport
- Parasites
- Administration of wormer
- Previous history of colic.

As colic is the term given to any horse showing abdominal pain, the signs of colic are quite variable. Signs could depend on the cause of the colic and could be:

- Rolling and restlessness
- Lying down
- Getting up and down
- Flank watching
- Lip curling
- Backing into corner
- Kicking at belly

Colic is a veterinary emergency. It is very difficult to tell from the outside whether it is just a bit of gas or something as traumatic as twisted bowel (for which the only treatment is surgery). As horses are often in serious pain, early treatment gives better outcomes and the horse can hurt itself when reacting to the pain of the colic. So you need to call your veterinarian, take away feed and water and prevent the horse from hurting itself.

For further information visit the Qld Horse Council website at www.qldhorsecouncil.com and browse to the Horse Health pages for a downloadable and printable fact sheet. <http://www.qldhorsecouncil.com/QHC%20Documents/Horse%20Health/Colic.pdf>



IMPORTANT

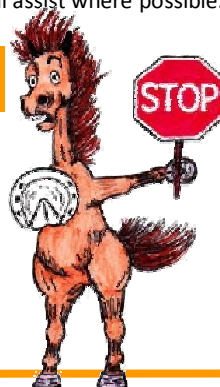
We must not forget about HeV!

If you are arranging an event and would like the Qld Horse Council to come and speak about Hendra virus (HeV) please contact Debbie on mailto:president@qldhorsecouncil.com and we will assist where possible.

HOSS (Horse Owners Signal System)

HOSS, or **Horse Owners Signal System** is a FREE emergency contact system to alert Queensland horse owners/carers of disease outbreak, fire, flood, or any other emergency and provide information about what's happening in the Horse Industry in Queensland.

For further information on HOSS, the Queensland Horse Council Inc. and how to join, visit our website at www.qldhorsecouncil.com or email treasurer@qldhorsecouncil.com



This weekend **check for cancellations**

- 15/04/2010 **TOOWOOMBA ROYAL SHOW - to 17/4/2010**
- 16/04/2010 **THE CAVES SHOW**
- 17/04/2010 **MT PERRY SHOW**
- 17/04/2010 **MARLBOROUGH SHOW**
- 17/04/2010 **SUNSHINE COAST AREA TRAIL AND ENDURANCE RIDERS (SCATER)**
Weekend CTR, Belli Park. See www.scater.com.au
- 17/04/2010 **QUEENSLAND POLO ASSOCIATION to 18/4**
- GMVPC Induction Weekend. Gympie
- SEQPC Tournament. Elysian Anzac Cup. Elysian
- 18/04/2010 **WANGARATTA ZONE 22 PONY CLUB**
Official Dressage & combined training. Prosperpine PC Grounds. Ph 042 775 7118
- 18/04/2010 **MOUNT ISA & DISTRICT PONY CLUB**
Jump training day
- 18/04/2010 **RIDGEWOOD HEIGHTS PONY CLUB**
JF McGill Formal Day, Rocklea Showgrounds
- 18/04/2010 **BURRUM DISTRICT ACTIVE RIDERS**
Hack Day.
Contact hugmedusty@hotmail.com

Next Week **check for cancellations**

- 23/04/2010 **DALBY SHOW - to 24/4/2010**
- 23/04/2010 **KILCOY SHOW - to 24/4/2010**
- 23/04/2010 **MONTO SHOW - to 24/4/2010**
- 24/04/2010 **NERANG & DISTRICT EQUESTRIAN CLUB**
Associate Dressage Prep to Advanced
- 24/04/2010 **TAMBO SHOW**
- 24/04/2010 **CABOOLTURE DRESSAGE GROUP**
Arian Nijhuis Dressage Clinic.
- 24/04/2010 **QUEENSLAND POLO ASSOCIATION to 25/4**
SEQPC Tournament. Elysian Anzac Cup. Elysian
- 24/04/2010 **MT GRAVATT PONY CLUB to 25/4**
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- 24/04/2010 **TOWNSVILLE ENDURANCE RIDERS AND ARABIAN HORSE ASSOC. to 25/4**
Mossvale Station Endurance Ride.
Contact Louise 0405 075 201
- 25/04/2010 **GOLD COAST & HINTERLAND EQUESTRIAN GROUP**
- Jump Club.
- Unofficial Dressage & Combined Training. Ned Twohill Equestrian Centre
- 25/04/2010 **FNEG**
Associate Dressage, Cairns
- 26/04/2010 **WANDOAN SHOW - to 27/4/2010**
- 26/04/2010 **CEDAR GROVE & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB**
Dressage Clinic with Paula Price.
See www.cgdr.org.au