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Congratulations to Willow Glenn Stables on the birth of their Azteca A filly 'La Reina Gitana'!

Spring is finally in the air!

Spring is my favorite season because there's always something new to look forward to...new foals, a new show season, a new start for those youngsters in training, exploring new trails, setting new goals and reaching new accomplishments.

It's also a great time to bring forth new ideas. Do you have any creative ideas for breed promotion? Suggestions for improving our website & services? Topics of interest for our newsletter? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Send your ideas and suggestions to the AAHIA office at office@americanazteca.com or call (651) 462-1949

Membership in the American Azteca Horse Int'l Assoc. is growing. With this growth comes new challenges and a growing need for additional manpower to facilitate the operations of the AAHIA.

We'd like to thank our several new volunteers for offering their dedication, ingenuity and hard work to the AAHIA. It's volunteer support like theirs that allows this association grow.

Until next time,

- Tamara Neufeld -
AAHIA Newsletter Editor

*Stay tuned for the Summer/Fall issue of
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President's Message

Hi everyone,

Well, winter is over and spring is upon us. I hope everyone had a great year and is anxiously awaiting all the new foals! As these foals are born be sure to get them registered. It means an awful lot for them to have a pedigree and a secure future.

My second order of business is to announce that we have several new volunteers! This is VERY exciting and good for us. We are now developing a great team to work on American Azteca issues.

Our new volunteers are Sandra Laroque, Maygan Dikes and Socrates Garcia. It is great to be a part of a team!

Registrar's Corner

I am very pleased to introduce you to our new Registry Secretary, Socrates Garcia. He has graciously volunteered his time to help me with the processing of registration applications.

Socrates brings with him knowledge of computers and horses and he is fluent in speaking and writing Spanish. We are now in the midst of getting him set up in California. He will need some time to learn our registry programs and how to process registration certificates.

My roll as registrar will remain the same as it has for 6 years. However,

We enjoy the variety of personalities and gifts that each member brings and are looking forward to achieving so much more with our new help! When we work together toward a common goal, we can accomplish far more than any of us can do alone.

We all need people who encourage us, bring new ideas and get things done! We share what is going well and the challenges we face. We listen, learn, encourage and help one another. It's great to be a part of a team.

Are you a part of our team? If not, I invite you to join with us too!

Rita Greslin-Ricard

Socrates will now be gathering the information needed for registration and will print out the certificates. The certificates will then be mailed to me for review, signature and our AAHIA emboss seal before it is forwarded back to the owner.

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Registration Woes:**Legal Ownership & Breeding**

By Joyce Firkus

In the last newsletter we talked about how too much Thoroughbred blood in the pedigree is the #1 reason for a horse being ineligible for registration with the AAHIA. The #2 most common issue preventing and/or delaying registration has do with correctly identifying original ownership of the horse being registered.

In reviewing numerous registration applications, I've realized that many applicants do not understand the difference between 'original ownership' and 'current ownership' of the horse being registered. **The registered owner of a mare at the time of foaling is legally the owner of the foal** and therefore is considered the 'original' owner of the foal. This means that the owners listed on the mare's registration papers are also legally the 'original owners' of the foal when it is born.

Some folks, for whatever reason, have a tendency not to transfer

ownership of a mare, at her respected registry (AQHA, APHA, AAHIA, IALHA etc), at the time of her purchase. Please understand that completing the ownership transfer is extremely important. This is your proof that you legally own the mare and in turn, are the legal owner of the foal at time of its birth.

If you purchased a mare already bred then this is even more important since you are not the breeder of the foal. If you leased the mare to be bred, then we would require a copy of the written, dated & signed lease agreement to confirm legal ownership of the foal at birth.

In most cases we will recognize an IALHA registration certificate as proof of current ownership for a horse applying for registration with the AAHIA ...as long as the person submitting the application is listed as the current owner on the IALHA papers. However a few years back the IALHA was not as diligent in checking over the non-

Andalusian side of ownership as they are today. The AAHIA reserves the right to go back and double check if we have any questions of ownership, so please keep this in mind.

It is very important to have all of your legal ownership and documentation in place if you are purchasing, breeding or registering horses. It'll save you, your buyers and the subsequent associations involved from the frustrations and delays caused by a winding, complex & unkept paper trail.

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Alternative Competition Program (ACP)

Due to administrative delays, the Alternative Competition Program (ACP) discussed in previous issues of **American Azteca News** has been put on hold.

The AAHIA is in need of volunteers to assist with the development of this program. Assistance is needed in the areas of database development/record keeping, form design, and an administrator to run & manage the program.

The ACP, which is modeled after the

A.P.H.A. PAC program, will enable AAHIA registered horses to earn performance points for their placings at any show sponsored by an established record-keeping organization, association or club. These points in turn will count towards certificates of achievement and year-end awards from the AAHIA.

Interested in volunteering with this program? Contact our volunteer coordinator, Darlene Bagley at darlenebag@yahoo.com

The AAHIA is an ALL VOLUNTEER organization. Below is a list of areas currently in need of volunteer assistance. For more info, contact Darlene Bagley at darlenebag@yahoo.com

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Web Master: Update the website as needed.

Advertising Manager - A person(s) that will contact potential advertiser for the newsletter.

Show Administrator - someone to assist with and administrate the development of a competition program.

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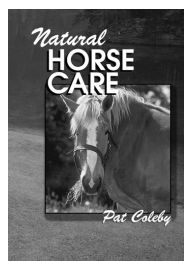


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A look at Nutrition Part 1:**Soil Deficiencies & Nutrition**

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My adopted Australia is a country, like the Texas Panhandle and parts of Wales, where there are serious, naturally inherent soil deficiencies. Calcium and magnesium are the minerals most usually lost in these areas either due to millennia of leaching or from haphazard surface mining as has happened in Wales. Iodine is another victim of leaching and all three - calcium, magnesium and iodine are often in very short supply in these regions of the world.

Nowadays, any country where modern chemical farming is practiced also suffers from induced deficiencies, due generally to the acidifying and inhibiting action of artificial manures and fertilizers. Soil erosion also plays a part in the reduction of important soil nutrients. In the horse world these deficiencies are particularly serious, and it does not seem to matter whether we are discussing the United States, the United Kingdom or Europe.

In Australia, as in many places in the United States, soil analyses from widely differing areas all show deficiencies in calcium and/or magnesium and sulfur to a greater or lesser extent. On the other hand, the average soil analysis in New Zealand shows adequate levels in most of these minerals. This probably explains the excellence of many of the race horses that are reared in that country. Lack of calcium and/or magnesium are the major causes of leg and bone troubles as will be seen in later chapters. Shin Soreness for example, was not a problem in the racing industry 30 years ago. In fact, it was unheard of, at least in the United Kingdom where I worked.

On the other hand, sulfur is a casualty of modern farming. Normally this mineral would be adequately supplied in a horse's diet by bran or rolled wheat, of which it should be a natural component. Again, our technology has overrun itself; the use of triple-super-phosphate fertilizer and other toxic chemicals, which was done in wheat growing areas in an attempt to revitalize the soil, has, according to the CSIRO(Commonwealth Scientific and Industry Research

Organization), made sulfur totally unavailable. Sulfur-deficient horses are inclined to suffer from exterior parasites and, according to the CSIRO Rural Research Bulletins and Dr. Richard A. Passwaters, without it they cannot assimilate their food fully. The latter emphasizes that the amino acids of sulfur are necessary for synthesizing selenium.

In the 1950s, tests were done over a 15 year period in the United Kingdom at the Haughley Experimental Centre by a soil scientist named Schuphan. He established that 28% of minerals and vitamins were missing from the finished farm product grown with the use of chemical farming.

For these reasons, much of the feed that we buy for our horses is deficient in many, if not all, the necessary nutrients and some of it is possibly actively harmful as well. For example, feed too high in iron means that all the vitamin E in a horse's system may be destroyed. Feed too high in salt means that potassium may suffer the same

fate. Both vitamin E and potassium are absolutely essential for sound, healthy horses, particularly horses intended to be used for sustained activity like racing or even eventing.

Another effect of an imbalance in soil nutrients is that an excess of one will lock up others, making them unavailable to the user. For example, excessively high phosphorus will lock up calcium and magnesium; the effects of too much iron

and salt are explained above. Therefore, if the fodder is grown on soil that out of mineral balance, it can, and often does lead to ill health in the animal that eats it.

There are many books on this subject for those who wish to learn more, but much of the information on this subject is only just beginning to be fully understood. For example, many so-called infectious diseases appear to be quite easily controlled by balancing the minerals in a horse's diet. When the animal is correctly supplemented, these infections just do not occur, even when there are predisposing factors.

Unfortunately, soil deficiencies appear to be increasing. Selenium deficiencies were fairly rare fifteen years ago, now many new areas lacking in the mineral are being discovered. Again, the cause seems to lie in the overuse of acidifying chemical or artificial fertilizers that have locked up sulfur so the stock cannot use the available selenium anyway.

In a very well-researched review on horse nutrition relating especially to racehorses, the important line is on the last page -- it states that if the ingredients of the ration are of high quality and grown on ground containing the required nutrients, no supplementation of minerals or vitamins should be necessary.

Sadly, nowadays there are few if any places in the world that can lay claim to a perfectly balanced soil. So to keep our horses healthy, whatever their job, supplementation will be necessary.

Few places in the world can lay claim to perfectly balanced soil.

28% of minerals & vitamins were missing from farm product grown with chemical farming

Stay tuned for
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