



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 29 - October 1

### Cowboy Days

Empty Saddle Club - Varies

October 6

### PEC 2017 Awards Banquet

Crown Plaza Redondo Bch - 6:30PM

October 14

### Martin Chevrolet Presents: Battle for the Saddle

Empty Saddle Club - 12PM

### South Bay Gymkhana Series End of Season Party

Empty Saddle Club - 5PM

October 19

### PVPHA General Meeting

Empty Saddle Club - 7PM

October 21

### ERT Volunteer Training

Antelope Valley - Email for Info

October 21

### Portuguese Bend Pony Club

### 50th Annual Halloween Party

PBPC - 11AM-1PM

October 22

### Portuguese Bend Riding Club

### Costume Contest & Potluck

PBRC - 3:30PM-6PM

October 29

### Peter Weber Equestrian Center

### Halloween Parade & Hay Ride

Peter Weber Center - 5PM-8PM

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**Hillary Graham competing in the hourglass event for the South Bay Gymkhana Series at the Empty Saddle Club on September 9th.**

NEXT PVPHA GENERAL MEETING: OCTOBER 19

## October General Meeting: Judging Equestrian Events

by Lisa Correa

VP OF EDUCATION

Do you ever wonder what the judges are thinking at equestrian competition events? What kind of education and training does it take to be a judge? Find out at our next General Meeting on October 19th at 7pm in the Empty Saddle Club Clubhouse.

Get a horse's eye view from three different horse event judges specializing in English Dressage, Hunter Jumper, and Western show events. Learn what the judges look for during events, what they love about being a judge, and how they got into their particular events and why they chose that equestrian style. What advice do they give to those who want to start riding in horse shows? What breed of horses are seen in the different competitions? Questions and answers to follow from the audience.

As a reminder, the Empty Saddle Club requests that meeting attendees leave their dogs at home. 🐾

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## NEWS BRIEFS (CONTINUED)

important safety rules. He reminded us that lungeing is a good activity for all horses but that it should not be overdone. More than three 20 minute sessions per week could cause injury to some horses. He provided a useful outline to those of us lucky enough to attend which includes the USDF (United States Dressage Federation) Lunging Guidelines, helpful books, and stores where equipment can be obtained. You can get a copy of the outline on our website at [www.pvpha.org](http://www.pvpha.org).



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**Ken and Cassie during their lunging demonstration.**

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### September Meeting

Last month we enjoyed an educational lunging demonstration by local Dressage rider, instructor, and horse show judge, Ken Anderson. While lunging a mare belonging to one of our members, he spoke about the reasons for and benefits of lungeing as well as where it can be done, the equipment and attire necessary, and

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# Horse Halloween Fun

by **Eden Fizulich**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

## **Portuguese Bend Pony Club** *50th Annual Halloween Party* *October 21: 11:00 - 1:00*

Come hear horses whinnying and laughter in the air as Pony Club riders and horses participate in Halloween games and a costume parade at this beautiful arena overlooking the ocean! This year marks the 50th anniversary of offering weekly lessons in jumping and dressage (usually held Saturday mornings), as well as clinics, camps, and opportunities to compete at local shows and regional Pony Club rallies. All are welcome!

*Event Info: Kelly Delmonte - (310) 567-8026*  
*Pony Club Info: [www.portuguesebend.ponyclub.org](http://www.portuguesebend.ponyclub.org)*

## **Peter Weber Equestrian Center** *Halloween Parade & Hay Ride*

*October 29: Parade 5:00 & Dinner 6:00-8:00*

Come see boarders, students, and their furry friends compete for prizes in categories ranging from scariest to prettiest to most unique. Mini horses and donkeys from the barn's custom built old town petting zoo dress up and join the parade too! Trainers and management's wild costumes are not to be missed! Following the parade, enjoy a Taco Truck dinner and take a moonlit hayride on the neighboring landfill loop trail for a view of Los Angeles after dark.

*Event Info: Chantal Allyn - (310) 365-7343*  
*Pony Camp, Petting Zoo, Lessons, Boarding & More: [www.pweccent.com](http://www.pweccent.com)*



Last year's Halloween fun on the hill saw a fairy on her unicorn, an Arabian knight, flower princesses, and pumpkin carving. Photo Credits Circular L to R: Dr. Ruth Sobeck, Dr. Ruth Sobeck, Linda Cooper, Janna Bahny.

## **Portuguese Bend Riding Club** *Halloween Costume Contest & Potluck*

*October 22: Contest 3:30 - 4:30 & Potluck 4:30 - 6:00*

See horse and rider don elaborate costumes and parade through one of the most historic horse facilities on the peninsula. PBRC trainers and management judge students and horse-owners of all ages at the picturesque tree-lined property, then all enjoy a potluck dinner in the large and elegant Spanish-style barn courtyard. Winners take home (to their house and stall) prizes including baskets of goodies like apples, carrots, and Halloween treats of course! Families and friends, new and old, are welcome! RSVP required.

*Event RSVP & Info: Laura Feldman - (310) 377-3507*  
*Lesson Info: [www.pbrccride.com](http://www.pbrccride.com)*

## **Mystic Canyon Stables** *Welcome Fall with Bobbing for Apples*

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*Lessons, Camps, & Group Events: Tiffany Chiu or Lisa Correa - (310) 621-4247*  
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# PV Rallies to Support Texas Horse Rescue

by **Eden Fizulich**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In response to the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Harvey on horses and other animals in southeast Texas, Palos Verdes residents rallied together to gather items necessary in the rescue efforts. Karen Cutler — local horsewoman and host of the recent “Chicken Chat with Karen” at the General Store — spearheaded the effort and on August 29th, collected a large truckload of donated halters, lead ropes, supplements, fly masks, shampoos, tack items, and cases of pet food from our generous community. With her husband Jay’s help they drove the donations to Forgotten Horses Rescue in Menifee where it was incorporated the numerous trailers full of supplies.

Trish Geltner, president of Forgotten Horses Rescue, received donations brought in from cities throughout southern California and led a caravan of trailers to Texas the next morning. Trish stayed at a large animal staging area just outside the flood zone where she was able to coordinate with local rescue groups, on-site vets, and supply and feed companies. In addition to volunteering in the rescue efforts in the field, Trish helped raise awareness by posting live Facebook videos of the rescues along with the condition and updates on the animals coming out of the water.

By raising funds and networking with other horse rescues, the mission at Forgotten Horses Rescue is to prevent unwanted horses from being sold to “kill buyers” for transport to slaughterhouses outside the country. Trish and her crew attend a monthly auction in Alta Loma where they adopt horses that were not purchased. They are initially brought to a quarantine facility where they undergo a medical evaluation and begin treatment or, in some cases, must be humanely put down. After passing quarantine, the horses are moved to Forgotten Horses Rescue’s main location in Menifee where they receive the training, care, love, nutrition, and medical attention (including massages!) they need to prepare them for adoption to a forever home.

Additionally, Trish is trying to raise awareness of secret, illegal, and extremely cruel “Horse Tripping Rodeos”. The events, which are gaining popularity in the SoCal area, use horses instead of cattle for roping, causing them great bodily injury and terrible pain. Trish and her team at Forgotten Horses Rescue welcome monetary donations and volunteers to continue their efforts. You

can follow the ongoing efforts of the Forgotten Horses Rescue at [facebook.com/Forgottenhorsesrescueinc](https://facebook.com/Forgottenhorsesrescueinc) and [www.forgottenhorsesrescue.org](http://www.forgottenhorsesrescue.org).

Karen Cutler has a long history of giving back to the community. She volunteers and is a member of the Board of Trustees at both Torrance Memorial and Rainbow Services in San Pedro which helps victims of domestic violence. Karen is also involved in building homes locally with Habitat for Humanity and spent 10 years volunteering for the Las Amigas de la Lomas Horse Show at the Empty Saddle Club.

On why she chose the organization, Karen said, “I agree with the philosophy of the Forgotten Horses organization. The facility is very clean and the horses are extremely well cared for.” Karen highlights that this organization could provide a wonderful opportunity for young riders in our area to get involved in a worthy and noble cause. In addition to her philanthropic work, raising of four children and 20 chickens, Karen is a realtor at Keller Williams and can be reached for more information at [karenloveshomes@kw.com](mailto:karenloveshomes@kw.com). 🐾



FORGOTTEN HORSES RESCUE/ FACEBOOK

**The trailer full of SoCal donations at Forgotten Horses Rescue in Menifee before they departed for the Hurricane Harvey flood zone.**

# How Often Should You Deworm Your Horse?

by **Nancy Wildman**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I recently began considering worming frequency in February while talking to a vendor at the Pomona Horse Expo about parasites. Our discussion centered around the fact that most horses contract worms while grazing in pastures with other horses. I immediately asked myself, when was the last time my horse got to graze in a pasture with other horses? It was probably over 10 years ago when he was a youngster in Oklahoma!

Since I've owned my horse, Bucky, I have dewormed him at approximately eight week intervals, coinciding with when he is shod—as an easy way to remember to do it. So I wondered, have I been wasting my money and exposing my horse to unnecessary drugs and chemicals all these years? The only way to find out if he has worms is to do a Fecal Egg Count Test (FEC).

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Not too long ago these tests cost \$50 to \$100 and had to be ordered through a veterinarian. At that time I could buy a lot of generic Ivermectin for the cost of a single test.

Now, however, you can easily get an at home test kit for \$20 to \$30 from most online horse supply stores. These kits come with instructions on how to collect a good fecal sample, a mailing container, and a pre-addressed envelope to send to the lab. Once received, the lab creates a solution made from the horse's fecal sample and examines it under a microscope. By counting the number of eggs and larvae present, they can determine if your horse has worms, what type of worms your horse has, and help you determine which type of dewormer to use—especially if you already use one and it failed. If there are a lot of eggs, the horse is considered to be a “high shedder”, a.k.a. not a good pasture companion! These horses deposit large numbers of worm eggs among the grass which are inadvertently ingested by other horses, thereby continuing the worm life cycle.

I decided to skip deworming for a few months before administering the test to see if my horse was picking up worms in his environment. During that time, he ate a lot of grass growing along the side of the trails in Palos Verdes as well as at the V6 Ranch where we stayed for almost a week in April. Not surprisingly, the results of the July FEC test were negative.

I mentioned this to my veterinarian and she said that at minimum I should still deworm twice a year with Ivermectin to cover any stomach worms like *Habronema* which do not show up in these tests. Dr. Hadaway, the veterinarian who owns and operates the testing service I used, recommends that horses who have previously produced negative worm results still retake the FEC test twice a year.

You might argue that giving generic Ivermectin is still cheaper than testing twice a year, but the overuse and misuse of worming medications comes with a price as well. According to the article, “13 Guidelines to Follow When Deworming Horses” from *Veterinary Practice News*, “Deworming every couple of months, or rotating dewormers each time, or every other year, does not control internal parasites effectively. Such strategies waste time and money, and they build parasite resistance.”

You should always consult your veterinarian about how to best care for your horse, but in the meantime, consider reading the article mentioned above ([VeterinaryPracticeNews.com](http://VeterinaryPracticeNews.com)) or check out Dr. Hadaway's website ([PerfectPetProducts.com](http://PerfectPetProducts.com)) for further information. Chances are that if you keep your horse in Palos Verdes you only need to deworm twice a year! 🐾

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# PV Riders Buckle Up

by **Eden Fizulich**

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Palos Verdes riders made an impressive showing at the 2017 Equine Trail Sports Southern California Summer Buckle Series. Held over the course of three shows in Chino Hills, Norco, and Brea, the competition tested riders in obstacle challenges with events including realistic trail skills, party tricks, and mazes.



CREDIT: CHRIS WOLF

**Erin Wolf and Pumpkin expertly standing still on a platform.**

Obstacles included navigating through water, climbing bridges, dragging objects, opening and closing gates, standing still on platforms, approaching plastic tarps and flags, trotting or loping over poles, lifting unfamiliar objects from the ground, moving through mazes, and more. With challenges ranging from sensory to skill-based, riders selected to do each obstacle at a beginner, intermediate or advanced level. Points earned throughout the event were later added up to determine final standings. Lori Barnett, who competed on her 2017 World Champion Reining Mule, Jameson, described the series as “a super fun and excellent way to expose your horse to everything and build their confidence in a way you can’t recreate at home. You don’t know what to expect or how your animal will react.”

Out of 23 riders in the Advanced Division, Joe Bell earned High Point and took 1st place with Lori Barnett close behind in 3rd. The Intermediate Division was a family affair with Kathy Chessmore placing 6th out of 10 riders and her granddaughter, Erin Wolf (only 13 years old), taking home 3rd and earning High Point for the Youth group. Michelle Watts was Reserve Champion in the Novice Division, with Chris Wolf (Erin’s mom) placing 5th out of 33 riders.

Kathy, Chris, and Erin represented three generations of Peninsula riders at the event, something very special for their family and our community. Chris was thrilled to see PV finish with top marks and is looking forward to next year. She only hopes that “when I grow up I can ride as well as my daughter!” Michelle Watts came home excited that her new horse Puzzlez tackled such tricky obstacles so expertly for her first show, especially at such a highly competitive event. Needless to say, Joe Bell made us proud on his “super horse” Slinger. Bravo Team PV!



CREDIT: KIND ATTENDEE OF THE BUCKLE SERIES

**(L to R) Craig Glass, Lori Barnett, Joe Bell, Michelle Watts, Erin Wolf, Chris Wolf, and Kathy Chessmore showing off their winnings after the 2017 SoCal Summer Buckle Series.**

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Living and owning horses in Southern California has its special challenges, particularly where emergency preparedness is concerned. It is every horse owner's responsibility to have an emergency plan in place. This includes making arrangements to evacuate, or preparing an area where horses can remain safe during an emergency event.

Animal control agencies and volunteers are usually available to help evacuate horses during an emergency event, but when you consider the realities of navigating narrow roads to evacuate large number of horses in front of a fast moving fire (or other emergency event) no one can guarantee that they will be able to get into your property to evacuate your horses. **You** are the only one that can plan to keep your horses safe, either by early evacuation or ensuring they can be safely sheltered in place.

### **EVACUATE EARLY!**

**If you do plan to evacuate as part of your emergency plan, EVACUATE EARLY!** Go as soon as your hear an Evacuation Warning -- do not wait for an Evacuation Order. When the Fire Department issues an Evacuation Warning it means that area is under threat. It is vital for horses to be evacuated early from threatened areas so horse trailers do not interfere with emergency response vehicles. Being under an Evacuation Order means your horses must go NOW, sometimes before you see flames near your area. Waiting until you get the Evacuation Order is often too late, as the roads can become too crowded to safely move a horse trailer out of harm's way.



**If your horse is not trained to load into a trailer, or will not load easily or safely, you must work in advance to make your horse's area as safe as possible to shelter in place.**

It will not be useful to call someone to help evacuate your horse if it cannot be loaded into a trailer. You can check with the Fire Department on the clearance regulations for sheltering in place.

**Better yet –**

**TRAIN YOUR HORSES TO TRAILER, and have a working trailer available during fire season!**

**Where will you take your horses if an evacuation is necessary?** Make plans with a friend or facility outside of the danger area, where you can take your animals if you choose to evacuate. Emergency sheltering sites can fill up and many have restrictions on the horses they can accept. Have an alternate plan for your horse and livestock.

If your horses are being housed at a **Boarding Stable** in a danger area, talk with the Stable Manager about their Emergency Plan. Many stables have safe areas where the horses can be sheltered in place. If your stable is planning to evacuate during an emergency, find out now how this is to be done and where the horses are to be taken.

### **DO NOT TURN YOUR HORSES LOOSE!!**

Although your instinct may be to let your animals loose in the event of a wildland fire, your animals are safer in their corrals. In the 1993 Old Topanga Fire the only horse fatality was a horse that was let loose.

**Loose horses can pose a life threatening danger to themselves, the public and to emergency responders.**



### **10 things you can do NOW to prepare your horses for an emergency event.**

**1. Plan NOW for Emergency Sheltering For Your Horses.** As well as becoming overcrowded, many designated sheltering sites will not accept stallions, mares with foals, horses who will not tie or horses with other special needs or situations. Make plans **now** to house your horses with friends, at a commercial stable or other suitable sites out of the danger area. Discuss your plans with everyone in your family and keep the address and driving directions in your emergency kit.

**2. Become Involved With (or Start) Your Own Neighborhood Network.** During a disaster we will all need to help each other. Neighbors can work together to help the horse owners on their street who do not have a horse trailer.

**3. Make A List of Emergency Contacts.** Include your local emergency response sheltering site and veterinary numbers as well as family contact information. Keep this information with you, on your smart devices or tablets

**4. Take Photographs and prepare a written description of each horse. Put one set in a safe place and another set in your emergency kit.**

**5. Have a Halter and Rope Readily Available for Each Horse.** Make sure halters are marked/engraved with your contact information. Keep duct tape available. You can write the information on a piece of duct tape and stick it on the halter. Include your name, address and home phone, along with an alternate contact number. If your horse has medical issues or special needs, record this information on a luggage tag and attach it to the halter.



**6. Microchip your horses.** This is an easy, inexpensive way to help identify all of your animals.

**7. Have a minimal three Day Supply of Feed and Water (per horse).** This is particularly important if you plan to shelter in place, but you should also bring feed (and buckets!) if you evacuate. Make sure to include any medications your horse may need. Label ALL of your equipment.

**8. Teach Your Horses How to Trailer.** Spend time loading and unloading your horses so they are safe and willing to load.

**9. Keep Trucks, Trailers and Vans Well-Maintained and Ready to Move.** Keep your gas tank full, particularly during Red Flag Warning days. **Continue** working with your horses until you are confident they will load.

**10. Make a Disaster Preparedness Kit.** Store non-perishable supplies in a portable container such as a clean trash can, bucket or canvas duffle bag.

### **Your kit should include:**

- 3 Day Supply of Feed/Water/Meds
- Portable Radio with Extra Batteries
- Emergency Contact List/ID Photos
- Leads, Halters, Shanks
- Buckets for Feed/Water
- Cell Phone with Charger
- Blanket or Sheet
- First Aid Kit
- Wire Cutters
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### **Develop an Emergency Plan TODAY!**

It is a well known fact that horse owners are much more likely to evacuate early when they have:

- 1) An Emergency Plan
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