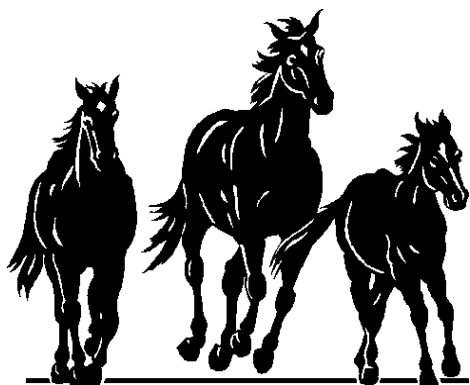


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What we have done,
What we are doing,
What is in the future.....



From Stables to Trails.....

Our Mission at ECOC

It is strictly equine advocacy!

**Providing a unified voice
concerning issues which
enhance, affect, or threaten the
equestrian lifestyles in
Orange County**

The Equine Coalition of Orange County exists to monitor, inform, respond, and support the interests of the equestrian community.

**Active members of ECOC are
active members of the equestrian
community.**

The Equestrian Coalition of Orange County is committed to maintaining our equestrian lifestyle. This includes keeping existing equestrian centers and working to get new equestrian facilities and trails.

A sincere "thank you" to those who support ECOC, whether it is your time, money, donations, membership or encouraging words...all of us appreciate the help.

It's all about the horse!

EQUESTRIAN COALITION OF ORANGE COUNTY

THINK HORSE

What a year we have had.....
What's ahead? **Think Horse!**

ECOC is dedicated to promoting the equestrian lifestyle in Orange County. Horses enrich all our lives, whether you own one or just appreciate them from a distance. Our goal is to help educate the public as to the "value" of the horse in our county and the contributions they have made in various aspects of our society.

The "Think Horse" event at the Orange County Fair reinforced this notion. Many people came to the OC Fair "just to see the Horses"! I was there; I personally experienced the emotional reaction of the little girls and boys when they kissed the nose of my six-year old mare, Princess Aurora. One woman in a wheel chair was overwhelmed with emotion as she touched Princess Aurora. She said "I have never been able to be this close to a horse". It was 'a dream come true' for her. She stayed for a long time and continued to pet her. We lost count of the many hands, young and old during those five days that enjoyed having contact with these precious horses!

I am fortunate to have a horse that understands, patient and well behaved, especially a retired Arabian racehorse (yes, I know ... who would have thought!) Princess Aurora never excelled on the racetrack, she did not care if she won or lost! But, she seems to do extremely well with her new job as a trail and pack horse. She proudly wore her pack saddle at the fair, which prompted many questions about "packing". It was for many not only the first time petting a horse (mommy, she is soooo soft!) it was also an introduction to a riding discipline that many (even horse people) didn't even consider, packing! I also volunteer as a trail rider in the parks for OC Parks and with the Forest Service in the Sierras re-supplying trail volunteers with groceries and tools. I have four horses I ride for these various activities. This is my lifestyle.

There are many facets to owning horses. It is an individual preference. All have value. ECOC places as much importance on the Dressage Rider as the Trail Rider, Western, English and everything in-between. All disciplines have their place and following. It is with each other and the bonds we share with our horses that help to make that difference. Actively promoting the equestrian lifestyle helps to enrich our community and ensure our place in Orange County.

~Sandra Esposito

Equestrian Faire and Town Hall Meeting

ECOC Thanks Guy Garrett at El Toro Tack and Feed for hosting a great Orange County event.

Thank you to our Speakers.....

Dr. Julie Ryan Johnson, County Emergency Evacuation Plan
Hon. Sam Alvarado, Open Space and Great Park
Jeff Dickman, Orange County Trail System
Omar Dandashi, "Big Sunday"

We would like to thank the vendors at the Equestrian Faire and Town Hall for their participation.

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Triple Crown and Kruse, Feed David Spaulding

Charles Owens Helmets, Diane Soto

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Rectiligne tall English boots, Chip Beck 909-860-5284

Leather works, Jose Gonzalez 949-643-9668

Thank you to all who tabled the event:

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- San Juan Equestrian Coalition, Dr. Julie Ryan
- Hanaleh Horse Rescue, Elizabeth Zarcos 949-842-7408
- ETI 357 Saddleback Canyon Riders, Jeff Kelly 949-858-7363
- Tail Spin Horsehair Bracelets, Terry 714-397-5650
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- BLM Mustangs, Kerry Schultz 949-500-0361
- ECOC, Kristine McGovern & Brenda Kalb
- Yorba Linda Country Riders, Dee Dee 714-996-6321
- Trails-4-all, Jim Meyers 310-344-9229
- Spanish Barb Breeders Association, Sandra Esposito 949-813-1107
- NATRC, Ray & Sue (Wiley) Verezin 626-335-1446
- LART Trailer, Shelia Smith 949-939-9734
Peggy Nunes ~ Pamela Bashline ~ Karen Davidson
Laurie Brumage

Thank you ETI 357 for great food!

President's Corner

Marc Hedgepeth



The Equestrian Coalition of Orange County continues to pursue the establishment of a countywide disaster equine evacuation and sheltering program for Orange County. The equestrian community has been working on this issue since 1999. Various plans have been submitted to Orange County officials over the years. To date none have gained acceptance. Hopefully that is changing. Both the 2007 Santiago Fire and the 2008 Freeway Complex Fires illustrated the deficiencies of the County to meet the needs of the equestrian community in a time of disaster. There is a huge need for a county-wide team, coordinated and controlled by a County agency, to help during a disaster. Logically, at the county level this should be OC Animal Care.

Currently, there exists two viable volunteer equine evacuation and sheltering programs in Orange County: The Saddleback Canyon Riders (ETI 357) MAU Evacuation Team and the City of San Juan Capistrano Large Animal Response Team (LART). Both teams have expressed to OC Animal Care the willingness to respond to the equine community and provide evacuation and sheltering assistance throughout Orange County during a disaster. Although use of the entire San Juan and the Saddleback Canyon Teams may not be adequate to meet all evacuation needs during a large countywide disaster, at least those groups would make a marked difference when evacuation and sheltering is needed.

On August 31, 2009 Tom Davidson, Orange Park Association President and I met with OC Supervisor Bill Campbell to discuss this critical issue. Supervisor Campbell was gracious in allowing us to fully discuss our needs. He then directed the Interim Director of OC Animal Care and the Director of OC Community Resources Agency to meet with a sub-committee of ECOC to discuss the evacuation and sheltering issue and develop a countywide volunteer plan by 2010.

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The ECOC Board of Directors has created a sub-committee that will meet with OC Animal Care. This committee generally represents all the geographical areas of Orange County. There are at least three issues that need to be developed: (1) Urgent - "Temporary Plan" to deal with a disaster (wildfire, etc.) that may occur in the immediate future; (2) "Framework" for a comprehensive equine evacuation & sheltering plan to be implemented in 2010; and (3) Plan to recruit, train, certify, and equip volunteers for a countywide equine evacuation & sheltering team.

Currently, the ECOC sub-committee is waiting for OC Animal Care to schedule the first meeting. We hope to meet in very near future. A big concern, especially after all the wildfires in surrounding counties over the last few weeks, is that Orange County will experience another major wildfire and will again be unprepared to effectively deal with equine needs. The bright spot in our continuing efforts is the recent support we have received from Supervisor Bill Campbell. If you have contact with him, please express your appreciation for his efforts to assist the equestrian community in this matter.

During an emergency the Orange County Fairgrounds is the designated evacuation site for large animals. Where will the horses go during a disaster if the OC Fairground Equestrian Center is closed?

Thank you to the elected officials that support the preservation of the Equestrian Center at the Fairgrounds

ECOC on UTube!!!!

Link to ECOC "Think Horse" UTube Video prepared by Big Brother, Big Sister on the Week of the Horse events. WOW!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_eR_E5T_rdl

"Think Horse" and a Thousand Smiles !

The experience of the OC Fair Think Horse 2009. Omar Dandashi

It was a month of fun, hundreds of volunteers, amazing performances, and thousands of smiles...

The Equestrian Coalition of Orange County in conjunction with the OC Fairgrounds Equestrian Center brought the gift of being touched by horses to so many fairgoers. For many, this was the first time they could look into the gentle eyes of a horse and the awe in the eyes of children were unmistakable, the experiences that people took away from seeing the horses at the fair during "THINK HORSE", each one unique yet each with a common thread – a love for horses.

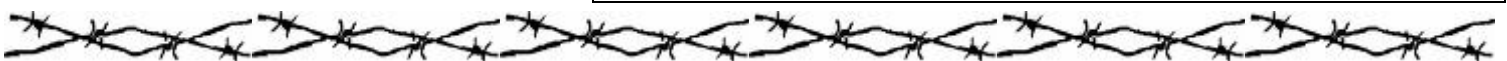
ECOC extends an enormous debt of gratitude to each and every volunteer. The volunteers had stories and experiences that were shared and new friends were made. "Think Horse" is a testament to the equestrian community coming together from the young to the experienced with a single purpose, to promote our love of horses. Each and every performance came from the hearts and souls of horses and people, representing the amazing diversity in equestrian interests.

Everyone experienced the magic of the performances! The Junior Rodeo was electric, as was the pride of the Ortega Equestrian Drill Team and the excitement of Melvin Reynolds cutting horses. The light hooves of Nico, the Dressage horse, under rider Dory Breneman kept the audience mesmerized with their performance, horse and rider, partners, "dancing" to music. The adopted mustangs of Kerry Schultz, Drew Shultz and Nicol Lear demonstrated how Natural Horsemanship is a deep understanding between human and horse. The precise form of the UCI Equestrian Team along with the amazing acrobatics of the Valley View Vaulters and the fun of Equestrian Center Jousting illustrates the versatility of the horse and riders. Movie buffs found Shadowfax from the movie "Lord of the Rings" (Blanco) in their midst and a touch of magic. The fun antics of Blanco had the crowd smiling and amused. Sandra Esposito shared her two pack horses, Spanish Barb, Rolando Azul, and her retired Arabian race horse Princess Aurora. Even Merrylegs from the movie "Black Beauty" is still a crowd pleaser even though he is getting up in years. And for those that have soft hearts, the shy smiles of little ones on their first pony ride were true picture perfect moments. Many came just to catch a glimpse of the mares and foals in the maternity barn. Just watching these amazing young spindly little foals with big hearts spring into a frolic was enough to bring the crowds to outbursts of laughter and joy!

The fairgoers from all walks of life, found a remarkable experience each day and with each performance!

Perhaps the best word is "unforgettable". The magic came in the form of hooves, people, and most of all those thousand smiles...

The most asked question – When will the horses be back??? Well – they never left and are definitely here to stay. 2010 is less than a year away.





In light of the recent fires, many stable owners found themselves wondering who was responsible for evacuating the horses on their property; the stable owner or the horse owner? The legal principal of bailment determines the stable owner's duty to the horse owner.

Under California law, a bailment is a contractual relationship and is created when one person delivers his/her personal property into the possession of another. A person becomes a bailee for hire when he/she accepts property into his/her care, custody and control for compensation. This is also referred to as a mutual benefit bailment. California legislation currently terms a bailment as a depository. A boarding facility is also categorized as a depository for animals.

When boarding horses, the bailor (horse owner) delivers possession of the horse to the bailee (boarding facility). *Remember, possession does not equal ownership.* Under California's Civil Code, upon delivery, the bailee has a duty to provide the animal with necessary and prompt veterinary care, nutrition, and shelter, and treat them kindly.¹ Where the property is damaged, lost or stolen while in the bailee's possession, the bailee may be held liable for negligence to the bailor. In other words, if a stable takes possession of a horse and does not return the horse in the same condition, the stable is presumed to be negligent and has the burden to prove they were not responsible in the loss or damage to the horse.

A boarding facility must utilize a reasonable standard of care for the animals in its care, custody and control and that standard is not removed simply because of an emergency. The duty of a boarding facility to evacuate a horse(s) in its care would be a triable issue of fact and would depend on the particular facts of a situation. An important consideration is whether it is reasonable for the horse owner to assume the horse would be evacuated. It is not difficult to imagine a scenario where the horse owner assumed the facility would handle the evacuation in the event of an emergency and the facility assumed the horse owner would evacuate the horse. All the while, the horse is left behind.

Common sense would dictate that if the fire was started due to the boarding facilities negligence then they should do all they can to evacuate the horses and minimize their responsibility for property loss. In the situation of a wildfire, (*that was not caused by the boarding facilities negligence*) the boarding facility is still under the same duty to keep the horses safe. A strong argument could be made that the boarding facility may have a reasonable duty to evacuate the horses from harms way if possible.

The best way to avoid confusion as to who will be responsible for the loss or damage of a horse in the course of a fire or natural disaster (*that was not caused by boarding facilities negligence*) is to incorporate an additional paragraph in the boarding agreement that states the boarding facility either will or will not attempt

evacuation of the horse(s) in its care and that the horse owner releases them from all liability associated with such rescue or acknowledged non-rescue.

In addition to this, the boarding facility should have the necessary insurance coverage in place including care, custody and control coverage to minimize its liability exposure.

If you would like more information on this or other topics, please feel free to visit our website at www.legalequestrian.com or contact our office at 949-264-1464 or toll free at 877-hrs-lwyr.

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FIRE! EARTHQUAKE! WHAT DO I DO?

- Prepare an evacuation kit.
- Have a personal plan.
- Know your community plan and who to contact.
- Get phone numbers!
- Contact friends, discuss your plan.

It has been shown time and again if you don't take precautions within 24 hours of reading this the chances are very good that you won't do anything at all!

EQUINE MEDICAL BOX Sandra Esposito

I recently went through my horse's medical box and was surprised at what I *didn't* have in it! I had either used it up, it has expired, I loaned it out or given it away (who has my stethoscope?) Luckily I was looking for something that was a non-emergency item but it was a BIG wake up call for me!



“It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows.”

~Epictetus

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ECOC monthly meetings

Third Thursday of the month

Check out our website for directions.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ORANGE COUNTY HORSE CLUB?

If you're not....you should be!

A few of Orange County Horse Clubs

Fullerton Recreational Riders

Yorba Linda Pony Club

Back Bay Equestrians

San Juan Capistrano Equestrian Coalition

Padre Junipero Serra Riders

Trabuco Trail Blazers

ETI 357 Saddleback Canyon Riders

Las Vaqueras

ETI Huntington Beach

Yorba Linda Country Riders

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Orange County Horse Show Association

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JOIN ONE TODAY!

And Join ECOC!



Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks would like to thank:

- Red Bucket Equine Rescue
- Fullerton Rec Riders
- Hanaeleh
- Equestrian Coalition of Orange County

for participating in the FHBP "THINK HORSE!" booth at the 2009 Orange County Fair

Santiago Oaks Regional Park Inaugural Equi-Fest

Saturday, October 17, 2009 9 a.m. To 3 p.m.

Pre-registration 714.973.6620 www.ocparks.com

7th Annual Barn Dance and Equestrian Fair

October 24 2009

Hosted by the San Juan Equestrian Coalition

sjcec.org

"Money, pardon the expression, is like manure. It's not worth a thing unless it's spread around encouraging young things to grow."

Quote from "Hello Dolly"

ECOC represents YOUR voice

in the challenges facing our

Equestrian lifestyle in Orange County!

Our goal is to unite the equestrian community in Orange County and ensure our lifestyle. The larger our numbers the stronger our voice! ECOC board members regularly attend local county and regional meetings regarding horse stables, evacuation plans, trails, backyard horses and equestrian venues. They meet with elected officials to express concerns and offer solutions to problems as they arise. These are not issues exclusive to 'english', 'western' or 'trail riders' these are HORSE issues! And your help is needed.

- **There is strength in numbers and it's important to know who you are.**
- **Everyone counts. Join ECOC.**
- **Please unite with us in these efforts.**

Do you know...

The four basic types of leg wraps are, exercise wraps, stable wraps, shipping wraps and wound bandages.

Exercise Wrap Also referred to as the polo wrap is used to support the flexor tendons during a workout. It consists of a single roll of soft fleece, cotton or slightly elastic material. When using an exercise wrap, it is very important to keep even pressure — pay careful attention not to wrap too tightly or too loosely. The best wrap jobs almost look as if they are painted on the horses legs. Bumps, inconsistencies or loose ends on a wrap job can actually cause more harm than good. Polo wraps are used for flatwork, polocross and other activities. They aren't appropriate for cross-country events or trail riding because of water.

Stable Wraps A stable wrap, or standing wrap, consists of two layers — a pillow wrap and a bandage—and covers the entire cannon bone, from knee to fetlock. This type of wrap is commonly used with a poultice or liniment to prevent or reduce swelling.

How to wrap Begin at the top of the cannon bone, just below the knee or hock, by placing the end of the wrap on the outside of the horse's leg. Wrap down first, taking the wrap behind the tendons, front to back, from the top of the leg to the fetlock. Your wrap should be evenly snug. Overlap each time by half to three-quarters of the width of the wrap. (On the left side of the horse, wrap counterclockwise. On the right side, wrap clockwise). When you reach the horse's fetlock, "cup" it with the wrap, and begin wrapping back to the top of the cannon bone. Pay careful attention to the width of the wrap as you are wrapping back up to the top of the leg—only one wrap should be made at the top of the cannon bone. If you reach the top of the cannon bone and have too much or not enough wrap remaining, remove the wrap and start over. The idea is to have a consistent application for the entire lower leg of the horse.

That's a Wrap! Leg wrapping provides more than decoration. By understanding the difference between the types of wraps and how they are used, you can offer comfort and protection to your horse. If you are unsure about tackling the task alone, seek the help of a more experienced person or your veterinarian.

"Good horsemanship is handed down from one horseman to another." Tom Dorrance

"The beauty about a thirst for knowledge is that there is no morning after."

Take the time it takes and it takes less time.

I looked up how to wrap a leg the other day. It said somewhere in the text of wrapping legs that when an emergency happens, that is not the time to learn. This is an easy one to learn and inexpensive equipment that does not expire. You will need this information and the equipment to accomplish this sometime in your horses' future.... if you don't, lucky you!

Sandra Esposito



El Toro Tack and Feed

El Toro Tack and Feed is a full service Tack Store for all your Equestrian needs. Leg wraps, medic supplies, diet supplements, feed, jewelry, clothes, etc.

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Regional Recreational Trails Advisory Committee

meets every other month at 6:30 pm
Jan ~ Mar ~ May ~ Jul ~ Sept ~ Nov

Santiago Oaks Regional Park 2145 North Windes Drive
Orange Ca

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Denny Bean bennydean@roadrunner.com 714-525-3214

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If you would like to be added to the RRTAC distribution list
please email **Terri Sargeant** - Terri.Sargeant@ocpw.ocgov.com

A New Trail in Orange County?

Robert Dale from the planning department for
the city of La Habra attended the RRTAC
meeting Monday Sept. 21st.

He presented the plans for the proposed La
Habra Rail Trail that would connect the Whittier
Greenway Trail, San Gabriel River Trail, Pio
Pico State Park, LA Co. Whittier Narrows
Regional Park and the San Gabriel Mountains
to OC Regional Carbon Canyon Park, Chino
Hills State Park and the Santa Ana River Trail.

This would be a wonderful addition to our trail
system. Support for this trail is needed so that
funding can be obtained to complete this trail
segment. To offer your support and any further
information Robert can be reached at
robertdaleplanning@yahoo.com .

Kristine McGovern

The information in this newsletter is not an
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WHAT IS THE EQUINE DISASTER RESPONSE PLAN
IN ORANGE COUNTY? *We don't have one..yet!*



"Heaven is high and
earth wide. If you ride
three feet higher above
the ground than other
men, you will know what
that means." ~Rudolf C.

Make a commitment, **VOLUNTEER** somewhere.

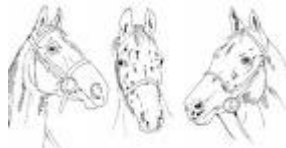
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HELP SAVE ABANDONED
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Hanaeleh pronounced Hah-nah-lee is named after the dragon's home in the song "Puff the Magic Dragon." We are a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that operates out of Trabuco Canyon in Orange County, California. Hanaeleh rescues horses who are slaughterbound, neglected or in need of a loving home. Hanaeleh's purpose is the same as the place in the song- a safe haven away from the evils of the world. At Hanaeleh, horses can be rehabilitated both mentally and physically so they can find new lives with people who love them.

"Horses for Adoption" are listed on
Website and lots of pictures!
Volunteers are always appreciated!

www.hanaeleh.com



Mary Behrens EQUINE DESTINY.COM
President National Equestrian Centers, Inc.
Horse Play Rentals, Inc.

Growing up in Long Beach, my sisters and I have always had a love for horses. When Susan Peirce brought the rescued horses into the Equestrian Center this past January, it brought home the need to bring awareness to the state of our horses in these economic times. My sister, Carole, myself and the non-profit production company, Change For Balance (www.changeforbalance.com), the campaign to help our equine friends in these tough times is in its first stage of production. Please visit our website: www.equinedestiny.com the first of our efforts in creating awareness for these magnificent animals. Passing this website on to interested parties would be greatly appreciated.

After all, "it's all about the horse."
EquineDestiny.com, please pass it on.

For the love of the horse, Mary

"Horses - if God made anything more beautiful he kept it for himself."

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Application for membership

- Individual \$20
- Family \$25
- Organization \$50
- Sponsor \$100

Number in family or organization _____

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Special concerns _____

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goin' on! Get your riding boots on
and come on out!
Give of your self, VOLUNTEER.

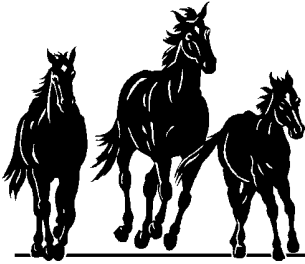
**YES, I want preserve the Equestrian lifestyle
in Orange County. From Stables to Trails...**

- County wide evacuation plan
- New trail in O.C.?
- **7th ANNUAL BARN DANCE IN SAN
JUAN CAPISTRANO!**
- **ECOC on UTube!!!!**

This is where I live, this is where I ride!

For complete info and updates.....

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