



South Dakota Horse Council

Annual Meeting
May 2009

South Dakota HORSE FAIR! INC.

Stacy Westfall & Jirkovskys were a hit at the Horse Fair

The 19th Annual South Dakota Horse Fair was held March 20- 22 at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds. It was a success for everyone involved. Our main speaker was Stacy Westfall from Ohio. She was very popular and great with the public. Others that helped make the weekend a success were Jim and Sandy Jirkovski from Nebraska, the Dakota Mounted Shooters, Dan Fick, and Dr. Steve Tornberg.

The youth area at the Armory was a success again this year. Also added to the youth at the Armory was a model horse show. The Stallion Avenue and Breed area had a variety of Breeds represented again. Several of the Stallions participated in the Stallion Versatility contest this year. The winners in that were:

1st place **Jake Jass**

2nd place **Stan Gonsoir**

3rd place **Nancy Nickel**

The trade show was full with many new vendors as well as several seasoned vendors. Saturday concluded with a Ranch Rodeo put on by the Horse Fair committee this year. Ranch Rodeo placings were:

Stampede Surfing Fast time was **Klein Ranches**

Pen & Sort fast time was **Just in Time**

Doctoring fast time was **Just in Time**

Overall 1st went to **Heyden Quarter Horses**

Overall 2nd went to **South Shore Saddle club**

Overall 3rd went to **Just in Time**

If you were to walk through the parking lot you could see cars from Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas.

We would like to thank the volunteers that helped throughout the weekend and everyone that helped to make this event a success.

Doug Nickel, Horse Fair Committee Chair

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President's Message

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PIERRE, S.D. – Acting state Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven says the Animal Industry Board has received several calls about unexplained cattle, horse, and deer deaths in an area south of Interior, South Dakota.

“Local veterinarians have worked closely with veterinary diagnostic laboratories in attempts to reach a diagnosis,” Oedekoven said. “At this point, it appears multiple factors have contributed to cattle deaths in that area, including ticks, severe weather, lack of nutrition, and possibly infectious diseases.”

A heavy tick infestation is a common factor in the deaths, he said. The tick species identified from some of the cattle is known as the “winter tick”, which can be found on deer, elk and cattle. Ticks and other external parasites can cause animals to become weak and anemic, and can affect their immune systems. Oedekoven said cattle can be treated for ticks, and it may be an important part of a herd health plan.

During pre-calving months, adequate nutrition is a must, as cows expend large amounts of energy growing healthy calves and preparing for births. Cattle pregnancies correspond to some of the harshest winter months, another reason to ensure proper nutrition.

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“Anaplasmosis, a tick-borne disease that causes anemia, has not been identified in any of the samples collected from cattle,” Oedekoven said. “Samples from several ranches were tested for a variety of other diseases, none of which appear to be widespread problems at this point.”

Dr. Oedekoven said a request to report cattle herds with tick infestations or unexplained deaths was sent to area veterinarians and ranchers, but no additional reports have been received.

“This experience once again demonstrates the importance, even with disease issues that seem routine, of getting proper samples and notifying a veterinarian so diagnosis and any treatments are timely and appropriate,” Oedekoven said. “Anytime a producer notices something out of the ordinary, such as increased death losses or high parasite loads, it is advisable to contact a local veterinarian.”

People seeing dead or ill deer, elk or other wildlife should contact the nearest Game, Fish and Parks Division of Wildlife office or local conservation officers.

“We are concerned whenever there is loss of wildlife,” said Tom Kirschenmann, Game, Fish and Parks Chief of Terrestrial Resources. “Our department has also received calls from landowners in regards to sick and dead deer. In response, we have worked closely with those producers and local veterinarians, as well as the Animal Industry Board, to collect and submit samples to the diagnostic lab in the same manner as livestock samples. We will continue to remove sick deer reported by landowners and encourage them to consult their local veterinarians on livestock questions and concerns.”

Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, South Dakota Animal Industry Board (605-773-3321)

Check out the website for upcoming horse events. Here is listing so far.

Trail Rides

Lake County Boots & Saddle Club, Madison, SD

Contact: Keith Fischer 605-256-3491

April 26 Keith's Warm Up Ride

May 3 Wengert's Ride

May 23 Doni's Ride

June 7 Kleinjan's Ride

July 11 Fischer Family Poker Ride

August 8 Chester Ride

September 19 & 20 Annual Trail Ride

Team Pennings

Tri-State Penning Association

Contact: President, Tami McKenney 605-929-3792

May 2, 2:30 pm

June 14, 2:30 pm

July 11, 5:00 pm

August 15, 5:00 pm

September 6, 2:30 pm

September 19, 2:30 pm

October 3, 2:30 pm

(Entries close 30 min before event starts)

Arena: Hammerstrom Arena, Lennox SD

Horse Shows

Aberdeen Area Horsemen's Association Open Shows

Contact: Wendy Guthmiller 605-225-8370

June 7

July 5

August 2

August 30

Arena: Brown County Fairgrounds, Start time: 10:00 am

Southeastern South Dakota Horse Show Association

Contact: www.sesdhsa.shutterfly.com

June 21 Windy Hills

June 28 Windy Hills

July 4 Yankton

August 1 Madison

August 9 Windy Hills

South Dakota POA Club Open Shows

Contact: sdpoa.homestead.com/

June 13 & 14 Holding Barn, Brookings, SD

June 21 Windy Hills Stables, Sioux Falls, SD

July 11 & 12 Holding Barn, Brookings, SD

Barrel Races

Boldheart Inc.

Contact: www.boldheartinc.com/

National Barrel Horse Association

Contact: www.nbha.com/shows/local/index.shtml

United Barrel Racing Association

Contact: www.ubra.org/

Ranch Rodeos

Canistota Sport Days

Contact: Doug Nickel 605-370-1607

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Ranch Rodeo July 11

Mounted Shooting July 12

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Contact Rhonda Dinan at rshoe33@hotmail.com or 605-368-2441.



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