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own stable and am teaching, I can give a clear definition to my students as to why I do what I do. I want to be familiar with all angles of the horse industry so I have many options in the equine world.

Meredith Manor International Equestrian School in West Virginia is my choice when I graduate. I want to take courses in instructing and training methods as well as basic farrier and first aid skills. When I graduate college, my

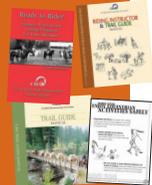
goal is to open my own barn with lessons for people of all ages and horse training. I want to know basic vet and farrier skills so that I can take care of minor issues with my horses and minimize expenses.

The reason I'm a part of CHA is because I want to become a better horseperson. I am currently working through my CHA rider levels and next year hope to gain my assistant instructor status. When I turn 18, I will be working towards becoming a fully certified CHA Instructor. As I am going through my levels I feel like my knowledge base of horse information is getting larger and I am becoming a

more accomplished horseperson. CHA is a great resource for finding other quality horse professionals and I hope when I graduate college I can become one of those people.

I am honored that I won this award with CHA, but I know there's a lot of other people out there who are just as horse crazy as me but haven't had the same opportunities to get involved. If that's you, just remember your dreams will never come true while you sit on your hands. Getting what you wish for takes a lot of hard work and determination, but if you really love horses then don't be afraid to chase that dream!

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Don't forget that CHA has some great items for sale at www.CHA-ahse.org and your TEAM CHA membership gets you the CHA member discount! Many great books and videos are available that promote enjoying horses safely, effectively and having fun with them!

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Purpose of CHA: To promote excellence in safety and education internationally for the benefit of the horse industry.



Abby Martin, a 15 year-old Horse Crazy Girl from Brighton, CO

As long as I can remember, I have loved horses; I didn't get to work with them until I was 12. Through a lot of hard work and a very generous stable owner, I own Buddy, a 10-year-old Quarab (Arab/Quarter Horse) that I have been working with for a year and a half. Buddy and I do just about everything together: parades, trail rides, drill team performances, Cowboy Dressage, and liberty work. Liberty riding (tack less) and Cowboy Dressage are Buddy and I's favorite. In

liberty the handler has to rely solely on body language to communicate with their horse and I love the way it brings out Buddy's playful side. Another thing we enjoy together is drill team (think synchronized swimming on horses). Buddy and I love doing high speeds drills and precision routines.

I have had the privilege of helping to teach lessons, both group and privates and I really enjoy instructing. I love seeing that "lightbulb moment" in kids and adults when they master a skill you taught them! I am looking forward to my summer volunteering at Sky View Acres, helping in the summer camp program. I have also had the special experience of working with a few green horses; there is something very amazing about helping horses overcome their fears and building a relationship with them. I want to always be learning new techniques and styles so someday when I have my

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Congratulations to 2014 Horse Connection Reward Winners!

Top Six Champions:

1st Place – ABIGAIL MARTIN, BRIGHTON, CO
~ 1,533 points

2nd Place – ASHTON BACA, THORNTON, CO
~ 716.5 points

3rd Place – EMILY RUDOLPH, LOWVILLE, NY
~ 467 points

4th Place – PATRICIA KACKERT, MENIFEE, CA
~ 291 points

5th Place – CHARITY LOGEMANN, TURLOCK, CA
~ 138.75 points

6th Place – BECCA MILLAGE, MAPLE VALLEY, WA
~ 95.5 points

Make sure to contact us at office@CHA-ahse.org or call Terri at 859-259-3399 to enroll for this year. No cost to enroll in the Horse Connection Rewards Program. It is not too late to earn points for great year end prizes TEAM CHA members!

RIDE ON!

did you know?



HORSES OF THE DESERT OR DESSERT?

Have you ever noticed that if you add another letter to a word the meaning can be changed? Look at the two words Desert and Dessert. The first word means a hot dry region located near or on the Earth's equator, the second word means a sweet treat eaten after a meal. For this newsletter we will talk about the dry desert and the adaptations an animal needs for survival.

Animals that live and work in desert climates have special physical features or adaptations for help them survive. Large ears help with hearing and regulating heat loss. Long eyelashes can keep out blowing sand and dirt and large eyes help them see great distances.

Desert climates can be found on or near the equator. Find a map of the world and look for the equator it should be a line right in the middle of the Earth. Horses that live around this region need to be able to withstand hot dry weather and be able to eat the sparse grass that grows.

ARABIAN HORSES

- 17 ribs
- 5 lumbar vertebrae
- 16 tail bones

The Arab horse is well suited for this type of climate. It is one of the oldest and purest breeds of the horse world. Many times the Arab horse has been used to improve other breeds. They have a different skeleton structure than other horses.

Vertebrae are pieces of the backbone or spine. Because of this skeletal structure, the Arabian horse has a compact body. Arabians have very hard tendons and good feet; the skin is fine therefore you can see the big blood vessels under the hide. These adaptations help with the horse stay sound running in the sand and help with heat regulation. Many people choose an Arabian or Arabian-cross for endurance riding for their strong feet and tough nature. In the sport of endurance riding, riders go many miles in a single day without stopping to rest. There are checkpoints along the way

for veterinarians to check the horse's physical shape. Any horse that does not have a heart beat or respiratory rate in the required numbers does not go on. The fastest time and the fittest horses win the race and everyone wants to achieve the title of "Best Conditioned."

OTHER HORSES

- 18 ribs
- 6 lumbar vertebrae
- 18 tail bones

The Certified Horsemanship Association is proud to announce its new Educational Alliance Partnership with the Arabian Horse Association. Many wonderful lesson horses are Arabians and Half-Arabians.

Another animal people ride in the desert is a camel. These animals have adapted to the hot dry climate also. They have large feet to keep them from sinking in the soft ground, long eyelashes and small nostrils to keep out the blowing sand. Have you ever ridden a camel? If you have a chance to mount a camel from the ground be ready! You will stand next them and throw one leg over the side of the saddle. The saddles have no stirrups and horns in the front and back. Next the camel will rise from their back feet and pitch your body way forward, then the front end comes up and off you go!



WHAT'S IN A NAME

Sometimes the word "horse" is used to make compound words. Many times the new word has nothing to do with real horses. Add the words horse to each sentence and find the definition below.

_____ fly
_____ head Nebula

Sea _____
Crazy _____

Stop _____ing around.
_____ whipped

Oh _____ feathers!
_____ shoe crab

- Something that happened to a slave who did not obey his master.
- A large insect with mouth parts so strong that it can cut through the hide of an animal.
- A famous Native American Indian leader.
- These creatures live in the ocean.
- Something a parent might say to children who are playing too rough.
- An object seen through a telescope.
- These creatures come on shore to lay their eggs.
- An old saying a person uses when something has not gone the way they would like.

SILLY SALLY HORSE



I have a horse named Silly Sally who only likes certain things. Can you guess why she only likes these certain things?

Silly Sally likes dessert but she doesn't like the desert.

Silly Sally likes to whinny but she doesn't like to neigh.

Silly Sally likes carrots but she doesn't like oats.

Silly Sally likes apples but she doesn't like hay.

Silly Sally likes the stall but she doesn't like the yard.

Silly Sally likes the currycomb but she doesn't like the brush.

Silly Sally likes the hoof pick but she doesn't like the tail comb.

Silly Sally likes running but she doesn't like jumping.

Why does Silly Sally only like certain things?

Answer: Silly Sally only likes items that have double letters/consonants in the name or word.

Something for Everyone
IN 1976, THE MOVIE *Hawmps* was released. This is a family comedy about the soldiers who were to develop the camel corps. It is an oldie, but a goodie.

O&AS, PUZZLES, RIDDLES, & RHYMES

Just for Fun

- Q. What's a horse's favorite sport?
A. Stable tennis.
- Q. What do you give a sick horse?
A: Cough stirrup.
- Q. Why do cowboys ride horses?
A. Because they're too heavy to carry!
- Q. What did the horse say when it fell?
A. "I've fallen and I can't giddyup!"
- Q. What do you call a horse that lives next door?
A. A neigh-bour.
- Q. Where do horses go when they're sick?
A. The horsepital.
- Q. Why did the horse eat with its mouth open?
A. Because it had bad stable manners.

MY HORSE

My horse is really smart. There's so much he can do. He knows how to chop carrots

and cook them in a stew. My horse can make my bed and dust shelves with his tail. And when he paints the hall,

he masters each detail. I want to keep him inside—there's so much to be gained except for one small detail: he isn't potty trained!

Steve Hanson: <http://www.glowwordbooks.com/blog/2014/10/14/short-kids-poem-horses/>