



Eric Brand

November 23, 1937 - May 13, 2010

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Horseman



Good ride, Eric ... Good ride!

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Rob Hess

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Gary Millar 780-992-0302

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The vision and mission of Aurora Arabian Horse Association:

"To incite a passion to own and enjoy the Arabian horse by bringing a rich, life long experience to members through involvement with Arabians and Part Arabians and to encourage members to fully experience and enjoy Arabian and Part Arabian horses for recreation, sport and companionship"

Aurora Arabian Horse Association

Box 57147, Eastgate Postal Outlet
2020 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park, Alberta T8A 5L7

June Meeting Meeting

Monday, June 7, 2010
Greenland Garden Centre
7:30 start time

**Come and participate in the
activities of the Aurora
club**

Members and guests welcome.

www.auroraarabianhorse.ab.ca

**The 2010
Region 17 Directories
are now available!**

Directories will be available at
the meeting on Monday or by
calling president Dawn Hopkin
780-998-1524

Upcoming Events

Aurora Summer Show and Region 6 Sport Horse Championship

June 11-13, 2010

at Amberlea Meadows

Volunteers are required for the show.

Please contact Dawn Hopkin 780-998-1524 if you can lend a hand

The Aurora enews The newsletter for Aurora members

Welcome to the **AURORA news**, Aurora's newsletter. For information about the happenings within the club, within the region, within AHA and within the horse world, this **news** will attempt to keep you informed and up-to-date about the Arabian horse industry, what others are doing to enjoy their horses and handy tips to keep you learning and growing.

We want to hear from you. Please send us your comments, pictures and news ...

Barn Talk information required... let us know what's hapening around your barn

Advertising : The **news** will be distributed to every Aurora member and to the presidents of all other Arabian clubs within Region 17 **via email and a printed version**, for who

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Submissions for the newsletter should be in by the 20th of each month.

For more information on the Aurora e-news or to contribute, please contact Gary Millar (780-499-9219) or email gary@millarcom.com



2010 Schedule of Events

April 23-25	Mane Event, Red Deer AB
April 25	Aurora Youth Fun & Furry Show , Spoons Arabians,
May 6-9	Calgary AHA Spring Show, Olds AB
May 13-16	Western Breeders, Langley, BC
May 21-23	BCIAHA Arabian Encampment, Armstrong, BC
May 21-24	Westerner Spring Show, Red Deer AB
May 30	Horse Showcase, Fultonvale
June 11-13	Aurora Summer Show & Region 6 Sport Horse Championships Amberlea Meadows
June 22-26	Region 6 Championships, Rapid City ND
July 1	Working Western Show, Ft. McLeod AB
July 3-4	Wildrose Arabian Horse Show, Amberlea Meadows
July 6-10	Region 5 Championships, Monroe WA
July 9-11	Parkland Summer Show, Red Deer AB
July 18	Arabian Horse Reading Literacy Project Fun in the Sun Community & All Breed Show, Fultonvale
July 24-31	Youth Nationals, Albuquerque NM
Aug 3-8	Region 17 Championships, Red Deer AB
Aug 16-21	Canadian Nationals, Regina SK
Sept 21-25	Sport Horse Nationals, Nampa ID
Sept 25-26	Calgary Youth & Amateur Show, Olds AB
Oct 22-30	US Nationals, Tulsa OK
Nov 17-21	AHA Convention, Orlando FL

The Westerner/Parkland Prizelists are online
www.showsecretary.ca or contact Darlene @ 4037843456 or
beakerbrouwer@hotmail.com



Aurora Arabian Horse Association

Summer Show

June 11, 12 & 13, 2010

Amberlea Meadows

**Featuring: Region 6 Sport Horse & Dressage
Championship Show**

Prize Lists and more information available soon!

For Sale



Show Season saddleseat suit approx. ladies size 8-12. As new, mid-brown with caramel lining, vest reverses from mid-brown to caramel, also includes brand new rust silk saddleseat vest/reverses to white. Everything in picture included (Saddleseat suit, shirt, brown homburg, brown patent Cavalier jod boots, brown gloves, rust/white silk vest, several matching ties). \$800.00.



Show Season saddleseat suit approx. ladies size 6-10. Gorgeous navy with white lining, vest reverses from navy to white/black patterned. Everything shown in photo included (Saddleseat suit, shirt, 2 brand new never worn vests as shown in picture Marsha De Arriaga & Equestrian Collection, navy homburg and navy gloves, several matching ties). \$650.00.



Show Season outfit includes Shirt, Chaps, Pants & Sidesaddle Apron. Approx. ladies size 6-10, absolutely gorgeous brown & cream. Chaps/apron are ultrasuede. Tons of crystals, horsehair braid. \$900.00.



Steele 21" Western Sidesaddle, used approx. 6 times. Includes balance girth and tan/brown string sidesaddle girth. \$1400.00.

Also have for sale:

Pessoa Rodrigo 17 Wide \$800.00
Crosby Excel XL 17 Medium \$750.00

Both saddles are in exceptional, barely used condition.

Call Wendy 780-542-6161



For Sale

Older but in new condition Arabian Costume. Complete attire for horse and rider. Ladies medium-small (or youth). \$650.00 or best offer. Call Shelagh 780-514-0257.



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Volunteers required ...

If you could help out at the Aurora Show on any of the three days, please contact
Dawn Hopkin 780-998-1524
Email: ashbren@albertacom.com

Thank you to our Sponsors!

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Training, Michelle Collins (Zur) is currently accepting training horses for the 2009-2010 season. All breeds and levels welcome, full training or partial available. Please contact Michelle for more information 780-920-6381 or email at michelle_shelby1@hotmail.com
website: www.potasperformancehorses.com

7 Year old Half Arabian Gelding FOR SALE

This is a well trained horse that would be excellent for youth who may be interested in the show experience and/or casual riding.

This Half Arabian has one year of training with local professional Carla Jackson in hunter pleasure for the Arabian Circuit. He has a great temperament and trailers with no issues.

Height- 15 Hands

Please contact
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Several misc. items.

Call 403-826-2091 or email at charzieg@telus.net

Available for 1/4, 1/2, or 3/4 lease 1/2 Arab/Saddlebred mare 7yrs old. Terms negotiable. Horse must stay at present location 15 min S of Sherwood Park. The stable has an indoor arena, outdoor arena, and riding trails. Small facility with adult amateur pleasure riders. Owner only makes it out 1-2 times /week to pleasure ride and would like the horse to be "loved" more. Horse requires minimum Novice rider. If interested please call 780 417 6629 ask for Colleen

Beautiful western show leather vest, size XS, brandname In Your Wildest Dreams, worn 5 times, great colors black, ivory and gold. → Please contact Carlyn @ 780-990-9544 for more information.

For Sale: 2000 dark brown Whitman cutback saddle; size 21, with a flat seat. In great shape and has been regularly cleaned and oiled. Asking \$800. Call Sandy at 780-998-2894 or e-mail (sltougas@yahoo.com).

Horse Board available for 3 outdoor horses. Facility offers indoor arena, outdoor arena, riding trails, and ample free arena time in a small barn setting. Please call 780 417 6629

Volunteers required for Arabian Horse Reading Literacy Project

If you are comfortable around horses, enjoy children and would like to volunteer a couple of mornings in June, you can be a part of an innovative educational program, delivering the Arabian Horse Reading Literacy Project. It's fun ... it's interesting ... it's very satisfying!

For more information contact Gary Millar 780-499-9219 or email gary.millar@arabianhorsereading.com
www.arabianhorsereading.com

Summer sheets for sale. Size 76 - \$40.00 each. Excellent condition. Also yearling sized cooler - \$30.00. Call Karen at (780) 464-1689 or email firemajik17@shaw.ca

Require board for two horses, either inside or out. I'm looking for a small private barn with a indoor arena. I like to ride about three times a week either in the evenings or weekends. Both horses are Arabs. Please give me a call so we can talk further. Lorie Cell: 780.916.6375

For Sale 03 Purebred sweepstakes nominated, chestnut mare. Burnt Siena (Northberry Bey x Bask Ann) 2007 Region 17 Hunter Pleasure JR horse Champion. \$4000. Contact Kristen 780-875-1199 or kristenlanderl@yahoo.ca

Enteroliths or Bezoars

...are stones that form in the intestinal tract of horses. They are made primarily of minerals such as, magnesium, ammonium and phosphate. The minerals form or build up around a foreign object that the horse has accidentally ingested. This can be from the smallest piece of wood, metal or plastic. Over time, minerals from the hay slowly build up around the stone, slowly increasing in size. Left untreated, these mineral stones will continue to grow in the intestinal tract, causing colic and intestinal obstruction, which may be a potentially fatal condition.

There are a variety of situations and conditions that can cause colic in horses. Feed impaction's, gas build up, intestinal displacement and parasites are among the most common factors that can cause abdominal problems. Enteroliths are a less common cause of colic, but because the presence of a stone formation (enterolith) can be fatal and in most cases

requires surgery, it is important for the horse owner to become familiar with the causes and signs of enteroliths in horses.

Colic is the first sign that your horse might have an enterolith formation. The symptoms may accelerate as the large intestine becomes filled with gas. Here is a list of colic symptoms to be aware of:

- REFUSED TO EAT HAY OR GRAIN
- NOTICABLE CHANGE IN ATTITUDE
- ATTEMPTIN TO ROLL
- REAPEATED LAYING DOWN
- PAWING OR STOMPING
- STANDING IN A STRETCHED POSITION
- TEMPERATURE, PULSE OR RESPIRATION RATE CAN BE SLIGHTLY ELEVATED
- KICKING AT THE STOMACH OR GLANCING BACK AT THE BARREL

If your horse is already passing smaller enteroliths, then you should suspect that there might be larger ones. There are other behavior signs that may be observed, but are less common:

- LETHARGY OR DEPRESSION
- CRANKY BEHAVIOR
- WEIGHT LOSS
- OCCASIONAL LOOSE STOOL
- POOR PERFORMANCE OR RELUCTANCT TO JUMP OR GO DOWN HILLS

The only treatment that has proved to be successful for horses with colic due to enteroliths is surgical removal. There are some key elements of prevention to consider:

- Cut down on alfalfa. Nearly all the horses experiencing enteroliths had a diet consisting of 50% alfalfa or more. Grass or oat hay is preferred.
- Bran is high in phosphorus which is linked to enterolith formation. Reduce or eliminate bran from horse's diet.
- Increase grain ratio to decrease the pH level in the colon. (Consult your veterinarian when adjusting grain ratio).
- In order to increase the movement of bulk material through the colon, provide grazing or increased feeding schedule to three or four times a day.
- Use straw for bedding instead of shavings. Some horses will nibble on straw which will provide constant low fiber.
- Provide occasional doses of psyllium muciloid to improve bulk movement. This will help move both small enteroliths and the foreign objects around which they form.
- Keep the digestive system moving by providing consistent and frequent exercise.

It is important to note that for those that live in areas known for having a higher incidence of stones (as in the Mid-west and California), and owners of high-risk breeds (such as Arabians and female horses), you should work with your veterinarian to plan a care program to help minimize the risk of eneroliths.