

# Hoof Print

Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association

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**Newsletter Deadline:**  
April 16<sup>th</sup> will mail  
the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### *President's Message*

Hopefully, by the time this is in your hands/inbox, things will have started to dry up and warm up and we will all be convinced that winter is over!

We are launching into our spring activities and I hope to see everyone either riding or volunteering at an AIHA event in the near future! Details of the Glen Farm events will be discussed as well as other planned activities of the club, including meeting speakers, for the upcoming fun season so please plan to attend the next meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes,  
Meredith Commons Russo,  
President

### *Let's Get Together*

To All Members,  
A little reminder that the next AIHA meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. We will meet at 6:30 pm with dinner served by 7:00 pm. Again; the meeting location is "The 501 Restaurant " in Portsmouth R.I.

Dinner choices are steak, fish or chicken. Please RSVP to me at [rstabile@cox.net](mailto:rstabile@cox.net) or phone 401-624-4891. The cost is \$14.00 per person. And, as always, feel free to bring an item for the raffle.

Thanks,  
Rose Stabile  
Vice President

### ***MOUSERS NEED BARN HOMES...***

If you have a rodent problem and are willing to provide shelter and food for semi-tame cats, then please call Janet at 683-6490.

Pawswatch has cats that need to be relocated from dangerous or potentially life threatening situations. These cats are not sit in your lap cats, but do need to be provided for with food and shelter and in exchange for a place to live which is safe, will be your in-house rodent patrol. I can attest to their efficient rodent control abilities, as we have not had a rodent problem since the introduction of some semi-tame cats to our barn.

Please do not respond if you will not feed them just a bit of dry food a day, as they cannot survive on "fending for themselves" but will do their best as mousers.

PAWSWATCH also has sit-in-your-lap, Purr-on-your-pillow lovelies who are inside cats and kittens who also need homes. They are available for adoption as well...

Janet Skinner at 683-6490. (We can also advise on low cost spay/neuter programs available in RI and Mass)

## AIHA 2007 Calendar

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	4H show, Glen Park
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hunter Pace (BSTRA)
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	May Brunch Ride, Goddard Park, (WGHA)
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	AIHA meeting, 501 Café,
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lord Creek "Freedom Ride" Call 860 828-8853 for reg. packet
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Myopia Spring Hunter Pace
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hunter Pace, Arcadia (BSTRA)
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Scavenger Hunt (BSTRA)
May 26, 27	Memorial Day Campout at Escoheag LeGrand-Reynolds horsemen's camping area (Informal gathering – not an official AIHA event)
June 1-2	Cowboy Up Weekend, Arcadia (WGHA)
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Judged Pleasure Ride, Pomfret, CT
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Norfolk Hunter Pace
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Judged Pleasure Ride, Pachaug, CT (WGHA)
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Hunter Pace, Arcadia (WGHA)
June 22	Newsletter deadline
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	AIHA Equine Challenge Pleasure Ride, Glen Park
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hunter Pace, Arcadia (WGHA)
July 13	AIHA tentative meeting date, Dartmouth, MA
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Goddard Park (BSTRA)
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Brunch Ride, Pomfret CT
August 12	Judged Pleasure Ride, Pomfret, CT
August 12	Dressage clinic (details tba)
August 17	Newsletter deadline
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tentative date for Steak cookout (usually held @ Escoheag)
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Judged Pleasure Ride, Arcadia, RI (WGHA)
September 10	Tentative meeting date
<b>October 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AIHA Hunter Pace</b> Glen Park
December 9	Christmas Show at Glen Farm

## *SHEATH CLEANING*

*(Sing it to the tune of "Hello Mother, Hello Father" from camp song)*

*How's it hangin'?*  
*So much cleaner.*  
*Aren't you glad I*  
*washed your wiener?*

*I'll admit it's*  
*kinda creepy*  
*that I had to*  
*stick my arm up*  
*in your pee-pee.*

*It was sticky.*  
*It was gunky.*  
*It felt icky.*  
*It smelled funky.*

*It was cruddy,*  
*it was crusty--*  
*when you stuck it out,*  
*it creaked*  
*like it was rusty.*

*After half an*  
*hour of toilin'*  
*and of squirtin'*  
*baby oil in,*  
*you're as fresh there*  
*as a daisy.*

*Either this means I love you or*  
*else I'm crazy!!!*

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Many thanks,  
Rosa Day



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*The RI Veterinary Technician Association is hosting a workshop* put on by Nevins Farm (Mass. SPCA) on *Equine Ambulance and Emergency Response Training* on May 19, 2007 at URI's Alton Jones Campus in West Greenwich, 8am-1pm, "breakfast and lunch included" for \$40.

Their site is [WWW.rivta.org](http://WWW.rivta.org) Mike & I attended this training last spring at a different location and it was unbelievably informative. It is taught by the staff who actually would come onsite if your horse were down in a ravine or down from colic or an injury. It's a hands-on workshop where you learn how to move a downed animal, what never to do, how to fabricate earplugs, etc. Besides all the practical, useful info, you learn that the MSPCA has several of these state-of-the-art ambulances and that they go home with employees who are on-call, so never assume that they all originate in Methuen, MA when you have a need. A few employees are just over the border; near RI so their attitude is never hesitate to call. Enough soliciting.

I just had a neighbor who euthanized a horse at Tufts last week and she said, "I don't know how we would have transported him if he hadn't loaded". I gave her their number to keep on file and hopefully we'll all never need to access them or the info. I plan on attending it again and thought I'd just pass the word.

Take care,  
Pam Monaghan



### ***AIHA Supports Glen Farm with Jumping Clinic***

April 29<sup>th</sup> started like every other day with the exception that *this* day was the first of three events hosted by AIHA supporting the Glen Farm complex. And what a day it was! Eighteen riders filled hourly, semi-private instruction slots with expert rider/instructor, Ted Torrey. Gymnastic jump sequences set with trotting rail exercises kept both riders and horses on their toes. Auditors filled the bleacher seating taking notes and conversing with like-minded folks. Barrington High School and Johnson & Wales students stood out in the crowd. Many Glen Farm boarders participated in the clinic with enthusiasm. Dawne Gateby of South Dartmouth, Ma, riding her horse Monty, a 4 yr old Canadian Cheval gelding impressed the audience as they had never participated in a jumping clinic before and did such a fine job-and in western saddle to boot.


Many were so generous with donations; the youth group at the farm held a bake sale - so you know what that meant; the moms were up all night baking brownies!!! Arlene Davis and Laura Murphy laced the dessert table with their own creations. Equestrian Preservation Alliance donated hot and cold food which everyone enjoyed regardless if you were riding or not. Barbara Plante donated the morning 'start up' delights—good coffee and muffins.

Newport polo productions and Lois Kessler donated the grooming machinery necessary to provide comfortable footing in the indoor arena. Barbara Plante, Rose Stabile, Barbara Costello, Diane Silveira and Sandra van duinwyk take credit for moving jumps into the arena and giving the viewing room a good cleaning. WOW, did it look great!

All in all, the day was a huge success. The next event is planned for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Prepare yourselves for an interesting Judged Equine Pleasure Ride.

# The AIHA Classifieds

**TED TORREY**



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## Home Needed:

For a tame, quiet and loving adult male cat, black and white, recently neutered. "Goose" was found in a trailer park in Tiverton, having been dropped off there by his previous owner. He was sick with an upper respiratory infection, had severe worms and ear mites. We guess by his size and condition that he is about two to three years old. He was starving when we brought him in from the cold and still weighted 13 pounds! Goose is a big boy...he is very even tempered and seems to like other cats about as much as he likes people. He was prevented from eating in the trailer park by the other cats that eat there because he is not a fighter and didn't fight for his portion of food...I have given him pills, cleaned out his ears and cut his nails with little resistance from him, he was a gem at the vets the two times he was treated there and he LOVES to be brushed and combed and is seemingly content living in my spare room, although he'd like to get out to be with the other cats in the house. I have too many of my own rescued cats and really would like to find this guy his own home...if you know of anyone who might be interested in a laded back boy, please have them call me.... by the way, he got his name from the sound he makes when he "meows"...it sound more like a goose than a cat! Janet Skinner 683-6490

For Sale:  
17.5" Rembrandt black dressage saddle for wide horse. Excellent condition - very comfortable saddle. Call Meredith 508 995-2525 or 401 529-3735 (cell)

For Sale: 7 y/o Friesian gelding 15.2 h., well started under saddle and green broke to drive. Very forward, energetic sweet guy with ability to excel in any discipline. Honest, gentle disposition, excellent ground manners. Call to see this horse and for pricing. Meredith 508 995-2525

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