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President's Message

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NEXT MEETINGS
DECEMBER: 21ST
SUNDAY ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
& SILLY GIFT
EXCHANGE!

JANUARY 22, 2015

FEBRUARY 26, 2015

MARCH 26, 2015

APRIL 24, 2015

December has arrived.....and Norconians are winding down our City's 50th Birthday Celebration. The last official event shall be held on Sunday, December 28, 2014, 2 to 4 p.m. in the afternoon, at the Community Center. Come enjoy a piece of Birthday Cake on our actual Birthday. This final celebration shall be hosted by the Historic Preservation Commission....and shall use the opportunity to showcase their efforts to create a formal Archival Collection of Norco's Heritage and Museum.

I certainly hope you attended the George Ingalls Veteran's Memorial Plaza dedication on November 11th. What a phenomenal accomplishment of all entities involved. It was truly an emotional, historic and hallowed occasion. This is a venue that sets Norco apart. I look forward to the special events that shall be held in this unique space, in the years to come.....and the private, quiet moment's individuals may observe while visiting, and remembering the loved ones lost and all Veterans, passed....and present.

Our caring HORSETOWN, USA community displayed its best example of "Acres of Neighbors" when a call went out to locate a wheelchair for a very special lady. In less than 10 minutes of the text message blast....a wheelchair was located, stored in a barn of course...cleaned up, and delivered to the person in need. Way to go Norco!

Now don't forget, in the midst of all the Holiday Bustle, the RURAL CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK.... and HILARIOUS SILLY GIFT EXCHANGE is Sunday, December 21, at 2 o'clock p.m. @ the Overstreet's. See you there.

Merry Christmas.
Remember the Reason for the Season!
Healthy and Happy New Year.
Pat Overstreet (951-734-5081)

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 7, 2014

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GEORGE A. INGALLS VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PLAZA
LOCATED AT THE INGALLS EQUESTRIAN EVENT CENTER



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To Blanket or not to Blanket? That's a Good Cold-Weather Question

By Dr. Luke Bass, DVM, MS

The chilly months from late fall to early spring are generally a time of slowed activity for horse and rider, but attentiveness to horse health and management is just as crucial during the cold season. As an equine veterinarian, I'm often asked about blanketing during the cold months.

Primary considerations in horse blanketing are hair coat and environmental temperature. Here is some information that will assist you in making the right blanketing decision for your horse.

First, it's useful to know that horses have an innate ability to withstand cold and wind, with the important caveat that they need shelter or a windbreak, as well as proper cold-season feed and nutrition.

Blankets tend to compress a coat's layers, which compromises their insulating properties. Horses that do not live in extremely cold environments – meaning routinely colder than 10°F – will do well without a blanket, provided they are either stalled during the coldest temperatures or have access to a protective shelter.

Feed and nutrition are also factors tied to blanketing, because a horse generates body heat through digestive activity. To help your horse live comfortably in cold weather, make sure calories are adequate; most important, provide sufficient forage, typically in the form of hay. As the horse digests forage, gut activity warms the body. This function, along with the natural insulating abilities of the winter coat, allows your horse to live comfortably in an environment that is not excessively cold, assuming shelter is available.

The decision to blanket your horse comes with pros and cons. A positive aspect of blanketing is that it helps maintain a short-haired show coat, thus decreasing your body clipping time if you are showing during the colder months. Performance horses may need clipping and blanketing to control winter hair growth, so they can exercise without getting too sweaty and so that sweat dries easily. Consider a partial rather than a full clip for the benefits of easily cleaned sweaty areas and heavy hair coat in other areas.

Blankets also are used in icy and snowy weather to keep your outside horse clean and dry, ready for you to ride. For horses living in very cold places – again, places where the temperature is often colder than 10°F – blankets can provide the added warmth needed, especially when protective shelter is not available. Additionally, when a horse is moved from a warm climate to a much cooler climate, a blanket can help the horse become acclimated to the new environment.

Here are a few blanketing tips to follow:

Only apply blankets to clean, dry horses.

Use the appropriate blanket for the appropriate use. A turnout blanket is for use during turnout and is designed to be waterproof. Horses that live in the elements wearing blankets should wear waterproof and breathable blankets. A blanket that is not waterproof will quickly become saturated, making your horse cold – the opposite of the desired effect with blanket use.

If you have decided to blanket, use the blanket weight that is most appropriate for your horse's needs and the weather conditions. If it's 40 degrees, your horse probably only needs a lightweight blanket. If it's 10 degrees below zero, he might prefer a heavyweight blanket.

Sweating in a blanket on a hot day can be just as problematic as wearing a non-waterproof blanket in wet weather.

Remove your horse's blanket and groom on a regular basis.

Properly cleaning blankets is recommended for longevity of the product, but remember that most are line-dried, so either purchase a quick-drying blanket or have a backup. When cleaning or rinsing your blanket, check all the fasteners and attachments to make sure they are secured tightly to the blanket. A blanket that slips can cause your horse to spook, and may lead to injury.

Unless you are showing your horse, blanketing is a personal decision. The blanket will give your horse added warmth, but in return will decrease your horse's natural winter hair growth.

Consult your equine veterinarian for more information about horse care through the winter months, and for the latest

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To contact our Equine Services team, call (970) 297-5000.

<http://csu-cvmb.colostate.edu/vth/Pages/horse-blanketing.aspx>

Upcoming events:

- Sunday December 7th
 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony -10am
At George A. Ingalls Veteran's Memorial Plaza
- Saturday December 13
 - Breakfast with Santa 9am-11am
 - Winter Festival 9am-9pm
 - Parade of Lights Parade at 5pm
- Sunday December 28
 - Norco's 50th Birthday Party 2-4pm at the
Community Center



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Western Riverside Energy Leader Partnership 2014 Holiday LED Light Exchange



Celebrate the holidays while saving money and energy! Come join the Western Riverside Council of Government (WRCOG) at one of the local community events identified below to exchange your old holiday lights for new LED energy efficient ones.

This opportunity is available, at NO COST, to all Southern California Edison (SCE) residential customers in the Western Riverside County region! □100 exchanges will be available per event, so join us early! Exchange is valid for lighting strand counts of 50 or more.

For more information, contact Tyler Masters, WRCOG, at (951) 955-8378 or masters@wrcog.cog.ca.us

2014 Holiday LED Light Exchange Dates and Locations

Saturday, December 6 Winterfest City of Lake Elsinore (Downtown Main Street) 4:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

Saturday, December 6 Festival of Trees and Push Cart Parade City of Murrieta (Town Square Park) 3:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Saturday, December 13 Breakfast with Santa City of Wildomar (Fire Station 61, 32637 Gruwell St) 8:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

Saturday, December 13 Parade of Light and Winter Festival City of Norco(3737 Crestview Ave.) 9:00a.m. - 9:00p.m.

For more information go to City of Norco website or this flier

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**RURAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
POT-LUCK... AND HILARIOUS SILLY
GIFT EXCHANGE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, AT 2 P.M.
AT THE OVERSTREET'S**



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