

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 2012

24	Trail Committee Planning Meeting, 6:30 PM	For more information contact John Sherer, Trail Committee, (884-2355 or jonsherer_1@yahoo.com)	Mercy Medical Center, Durango
28	Tack Sale Planning Meeting, 1-4 PM	To volunteer your help or for more information contact Don Kelly at: 970-769-6342, or Kelly-coates@mydurango.net .	Bayfield Public Library, Bayfield, CO
30	Animas River Protection Work Group meeting 5:30 – 8:30 PM	Marsha Porter-Norton, Facilitator (759-3110) The River Protection Workgroup website is: http://ocs.fortlewis.edu/riverprotection	Town Hall Silverton, CO


February 2012

1	4CBCH Board Meeting, 7 PM	For more information contact Bob Volger, president, (883-4004 or bobvolger@gmail.com)	Mercy Medical Center, Durango
9	4CBCH General Meeting, 7 PM	For more information contact Bob Volger, president, (883-4004 or bobvolger@gmail.com) "2011 in Pictures" presentation by Elizabeth Testa.	Pine River Senior Center, Bayfield, CO

March 2012

7	4CBCH Board Meeting, 7 PM	For more information contact Bob Volger, president, (883-4004 or bobvolger@gmail.com)	Mercy Medical Center, Durango
8	4CBCH General Meeting, 7 PM	For more information contact Bob Volger, president, (883-4004 or bobvolger@gmail.com) "Beneficial Insects" Lee Anne Merrill, M&R Durango.	La Plata County Fairgrounds, Durango, CO

April 2012

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9	4CBCH General Meeting, 7 PM	For more information contact Bob Volger, president, (883-4004 or bobvolger@gmail.com) Program TBD.	Pine River Senior Center, Bayfield, CO
13	Annual Tack Sale Check in	Cons  Kelly	
14	Annual Tack Sale 9 AM – 3 PM	Annu Volur coats	

Help Wanted

The Highline editor is seeking a 4CBCH member to help maintain this **Calendar of Upcoming Events** for 2012

Research events which 4CBCH members might find interesting
Update the calendar template for the current edition of the Highline.

Basic understanding of MS Word or MS Publisher a plus

Contact Larry Zauberbis for more info (247-3231 or lczaub@gmail.com)

give him as much outdoor space as possible.

- *Keep hay in front of your horse.* This one simple change will calm your horse's demeanor.
- *Do not isolate your horse.* Non-cribbers will not "catch" the cribbing habit by seeing another horse do it.
- *Consider ulcers.* Stress, forage restriction, and stalling can lead to ulcers. Cribbing is often a result. Basic nutritional management to cure ulcers includes free-choice hay, water consumption, avoiding starchy feeds (such as oats and corn) and sweet feeds, and restoring microbial populations through probiotic use.

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Forage for Thought

Measures to Reduce Cribbing

By Dr. Juliet Getty, Ph.D.

Your horse presses his top teeth against a solid object, arches his neck, and swallows air in a rocking motion. A grunting or gulping noise emerges. This is cribbing. Its true cause is unknown but genetics along with stressful circumstances appear to be the underlying problems. Cribbing is such a seriously addictive habit that many horses will actually prefer it to eating, and will slowly waste away.

Early weaning can lead to this negative behavior later in adult horses and while there's nothing you can do to change the past, you can take measures to reduce physical discomfort and mental strains that contribute to cribbing. Cribbing collars are tormenting. They may discourage the behavior but they do not relieve the urge. Managing your horse's conditions will help lessen the behavior. Here are some suggestions:

- *Provide freedom to graze and roam.* This will have a remarkable effect on stopping this habit. If this is not feasible,