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PRESIDENTS REPORT: Our February Show was flooded out. We are still trying to get a new date, hopefully prior to our October Show. In contrast, our sporting day in March was a perfect day. In the meantime, we will be holding a trail ride in June/July at Hillsville and another sporting day later in the year.

We have decided to run our meetings on a bi-monthly basis for the foreseeable future. Our next meeting will be held 3 May at Club Taree, starting promptly at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I would like to wish everyone luck for the various upcoming championships for the numerous breeds we support.

Happy Trails *Alan*



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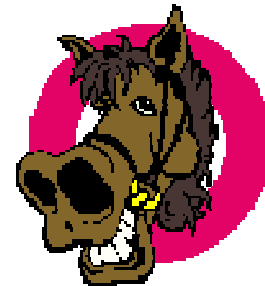
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- * A horse's misbehavior will be in direct proportion to the number of people who are watching.
- * Your favorite tack always gets chewed on, and your new rug gets torn.
- * Tack you hate will never wear out and rugs you hate cannot be destroyed.
- * Horses you hate cannot be sold and will out live you.
- * Clipper blades will become dull when your horse is half clipped.
- * If you approach within ten meters of your stable in clean clothes, you will get dirty.
- * The number of horses you own will increase to at least the number of stalls in your stables, but more often to one extra .
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A Roan by Any Other Name

By Andrea Caudill Part 9

(This article has been reproduced from the September 2007 edition of America's Horse)

YOU CAN SPOT ONE FROM A MILE AWAY. CLASSICALLY A stunning silvery colour with a dark head and legs, the roan is a popular mount.

The roan gene produces a pattern of white over any base colour, although it is easiest to see on darker colours due to the contrast. Classic or true roan appears as white hairs intermixed with coloured hairs (the base coat) across the horse's body, leaving only the head and legs untouched and giving the body a silvery appearance. Sometimes, a roan will have a concentration of white hairs above the eyes, making the horse appear to have white eyebrows. On occasion, the roaning can appear only over the croup and hip area (this is referred to as "minimal expression").

A sorrel or chestnut horse with the roan gene is known as a red roan.

A bay with roaning is a bay roan, while a black horse with roaning is a blue roan.

All other colours can also carry the roan gene, although light colours like palomino make the roaning difficult to see. For registration purposes, AQHA recognizes these horses as their base colour and notes that they carry the roan gene.

Roan is a dominant gene, so at least one of the parents must be a roan for the trait to be passed on. A horse can carry several modifiers. For example, a horse can have both the dun and roan gene.

Roan should not be confused with rabicano or sabino markings, which are caused by different genes. ... While all three produce flecking of white hair, roan typically envelopes the horse's whole body, leaving only the head and legs unaffected. In addition, areas of a roan's hair that are scraped off will grow back as the horse's base colour; in the other patterns, generally speaking, the hair will grow back white.

The winter coat is different in that the base coat will grow longer, but not the roan hair, while a rabicano will appear the same in the summer and winter. Foals in the early stages of going gray are often confused with roan. A foal turning gray will usually have gray hairs immediately surrounding the eyes and muzzle and on the backs of the ears, as well as on the body. It is possible for a roan horse to also be gray if it has gray and roan parents. It will begin life as a roan and then gray out as it ages.



Blue Hurricane, owned by Frances Robertson of Bend, Oregon, is a blue roan.

COLOUR FACTS:

1. A true ROAN is born solid. When it sheds its first foal coat, it will show the ROAN coloring. It does not change or lighten as I ages.

2. When injured, a ROAN's scar will heal in its base colour, e.g.: A red Roan's will grow in sorrel (red) hair, An injured sorrel horse, on the other hand, would most likely grow in white hair.

3. Popular lines of ROANS include the get of the 1835 stallion Red Man (a son of Joe Hancock) and 1957 stallion Blue Valentine, famous for their mastery of the Rodeo pen: 1984 red Roan stallion Zippos Mr. Good Bar, who stamped the distinctive colour on many entries in the Western Pleasure ring: 1980 Blue Roan mare Royal Blue Boon, whose get revolutionized the cutting world.

4. Despite the popular myth that says homozygous roans are born dead, research has proven has proven the existence of such horses.

5. In 2005 7% of the horses registered with Am.A.Q.H.A. were ROANS.

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SECRETARYS REPORT



BUSH FIRE FUND RAISER: What a great success Thanks to Nell Marshman, Helen Breigan, Nancy Lewis & Hubby (who does not want to be named “Ted”) They Raised \$9,500.00 with just two weeks notice for the Vic R.S.P.C.A. The Horse Extravaganza was for the animals that were hurt in the divesting fires. There were many people involved to thank: The Stallion owners who donated services, Taree Showground & Committee, Coopernook & Wingham Pony Club, Pet Barn Taree (donated \$4,000.00 from gate takings), Donations for the Auction and many, many more people who gave their time and energy to make this worthwhile and very needed cause a great success, Way to go, job well done with such little time, I am sure the animals big and small would be most grateful for you generosity.

While on the subject of the fundraiser, Sonya Kinkade ‘President’ of the Holiday Cost Performance Horse Club has brought to our attention that there appeared to be some ‘confusion’ within her club regarding an email sent out by the MVPHC on Wednesday the 11th March, with the subject BUSH FIRE FUND RAISER. It was not our intention to cause confusion, any request for clarification of future emails please direct them to mvphc@msn.com.

We are working diligently on our new-look web site, but of course, all good things take time to perfect. Any comments, positive or constructive criticisms, would be welcome. A tour of the web site www.mvphc.com.au will inform you of great sales of horses and gear, service directory, information of horse breeds, hints and clips, and general information. You will also note that all advertisements are free of charge and can be included from emails from you.

Keep Smiling *Karen*



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NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT CLUB TAREE
WEDNESDAY NIGHT 7.30 p.m.
6TH MAY 2009

