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AMA and COVID19

President's Message

Hello All!

Oh the world we live in! I hope that all of you have gotten to enjoy the time spent at home with family and our long eared members too! I have finally gotten our jack, Redman's Yosemite Sam to try to get some babies for us this next year. As an association we have had to make some tough decisions through this unprecedented time. The one thing that has remained unchanged is our rule book is what guides us. We have to hold on to that through all the uncertainty. We don't know how this year will shape up. If we are able to sanction shows we will do our best to promote our pre green division to give our pre green mules a chance to show without starting their first green year half way through the calendar. It is in our rule book so check it out! In regards to raising money while missing our critical early shows we have a very exciting opportunity with a drawing for a very fancy mule. There will be info in here and on all our online venues. Let us be closer in our hearts if not in person, keep loving our long ears and hope to see you all soon!!

Casie Fairbanks



*Give your longears
a hug or a kiss, it's
allowed!*



AMA Board of Directors 2020

Welcome to our new board members Emily Berman and Barbara Schuyler. Emily is our new Promotions Chairperson and co-Teamster chairperson. Barbara is our new Teamster chairperson.

Our board members are here to help. Contact information is on page 1.

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Questions have been asked regarding green mule status for this year. The AMA Board carefully considered the proposal and questions and have the following response:

While traversing this new territory we have had questions pertaining to our show season being cut short and our green mules. The one thing we must stand by is our rulebook. It states even if you show the last show of the season green, that equates to a year shown green. Non AMA sanctioned shows will not affect your green status. Hopefully we will get the opportunity to sanction shows this year, and if we do those shows WILL count for your green year if you choose to show in those green classes. We do offer an AMA pregreen division this year and you could contact show managers about adding those classes to their shows. This is a buckled division that wont affect your 2 year green status. But, the good thing is we are all in the same boat so we can weather this together.

Several people have asked about the second year green mules status in this crazy year. We really cannot answer that until the year progresses further to see if there will be enough approved shows this year.



WIN THIS MULE IN A DRAWING!

This is your chance to win this 4 year old moly mule. She is by Hat Trick and is a full sister to Tricky Dicky and HSF Trick E Elvis (last years reserve World Champion Halter Mule, Bishop Mule Days). Just shy of 15 hands, leopard appaloosa, kind and gentle. She will receive 5 months of training by Jode Collins before the drawing in September. If you win her and can't keep her, there is a buy back of \$2000, you cant lose on this deal! The AMA is offering this fund raiser to help alleviate the loss of shows during this difficult year. Contact any board member to purchase tickets (Contact information is on page 1)



"WIN A MULE"

Drawing to be held in September
Need not be present to win
Winner responsible for transportation

\$5.00 DONATION

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!

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Calendar of Events

April 20-22	Blossom Trail Show, Sanger, CA Contact Kathy Pettit 559-903-0707 - Postponed
May 9—11	Backcountry Packing Clinic, Kennedy Meadows, Info: Trent (360)961-5510 or Mariah at (503)586-6905— Postponed
May 21-27	Bishop Mule Days (760) 872-4263 – Cancelled
August 7 –9	Bear Valley Springs Horseman's Association Mule Show, Tehachapi, CA Info: Debbie dhumphreys16@yahoo.com
August 28 - Sept 7	Oregon State Fair Mule Show, Sale, OR Info: orregonstatefair.org
Sept 19 –20	Gold Country Mule and Donkey Show, Triple Crown Equestrian Center, Lincoln, CA Info: Jessica gcmds2020@hotmail.com (916) 390-1861

Saddle Sore Award Program

During this time of cancelled and postponed events, remember the AMA's Saddle Sore Award program. Riding your long ears has it's own rewards in peace of mind for you and your animal, but it can also give you rewards from the AMA. Sign up on the website for a \$20 fee, send in your reports online once a month (it's really easy) and reap the rewards at the year end banquet. You can ride multiple animals to rack up your hours and anything counts except showing and using your long ear as a chair.

Excercises for you and your longear to do at home

TRAINING EXCERCISES

SonoVet Equine Sport Therapies frequently post training exercises that may improve you and your equine. This is one of my favorites, all you need is 4 poles to set up multiple exercises. Check out *SonoVet Equine Sport Therapies* on Facebook, they have creative suggestions for exercises.

4 POLES – 7 EXERCISES

A series of exercises that can be done with minimal equipment and in short preparation time. These exercises are based on precise lines and the right timing to get your horses swiftly through.

Ideally the poles are placed so that the innermost circle has at least a 6-7 meter diameter (about 20 feet).

The goal of these exercises is to improve aids/communication and precise changes of direction – absolute focus by both horse and rider is needed.

EXERCISE 1

Ride a circle over the outer sides of the poles – this can be done in walk, trot or canter.

Ensure the horse is slightly bent to the inside to promote an active hind.

With an experienced well trained horse you can do this exercise over the innermost part of the poles in walk or trot – still too easy? Try to back up your horse around the outer circle 😊

EXERCISE 2

Ride in a big circle around the poles and a small circle around each pole when you reach it. Start with larger circles and reduce them when the horse is properly warmed up – make sure the horse does not lean on the inner shoulder. This exercise too can be ridden in walk, trot or canter – experienced horse/rider combinations could do this in pairs. Or you can change gait, e.g. ride the large circle in trot and walk the smaller circles around the poles. This needs both – precise aids by the rider and excellent response to the aids by your horse.

EXERCISE 3

With this exercise ensure your horse is absolutely straight on the straight lines in the middle (marked darker in the picture) and that your horse is not leaning on the inner shoulder. Ride this on both leads in walk and trot.

EXERCISE 4

Whilst you can do this one in walk, trot or best in canter. The change should happen at X.

Whichever gait you are in, you should focus on changing hands precisely at X ensuring that your horse is in an absolute straight frame at X. Do this exercise on both leads.

EXERCISE 5

This one looks much easier than it is – especially if ridden in canter.

Approach each pole in the middle – in canter there should be 3-4 canter strides between each pole (depending on the horse's size, stride and the ridden circle).

Try to have the same number of strides in each quarter of the circle.

EXERCISE 6

Great to teach flying changes.

The moment your horse goes over the pole, change your leg position (the new inner one now being forward and the new outer one going back), slightly bend your horse to the new direction and make sure you look into the direction you now want to go to.

Ideally your horse would use the stride over the pole to correctly and swiftly change and to land on the now leading leg – which needs an exact timing of your aids and a quick response to those by your horse.

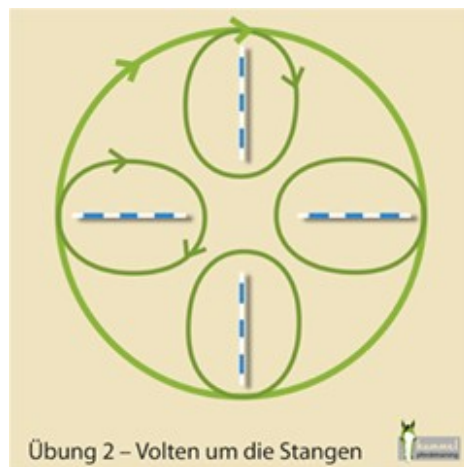
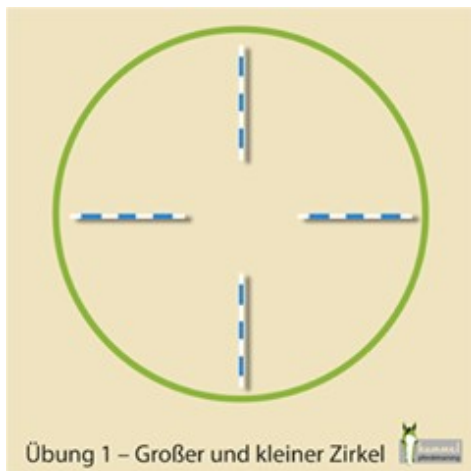
Less experienced riders /horses might want to start this exercise in walk and trot to establish exactly timed aids and quick response of the horse.

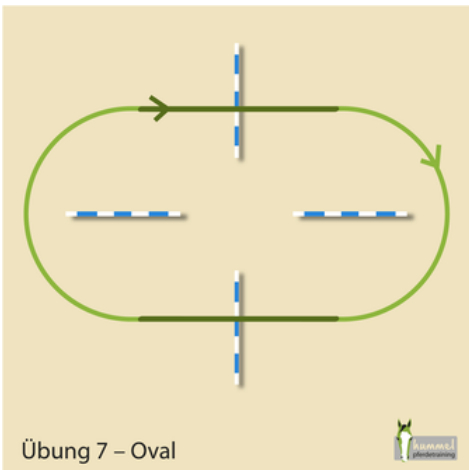
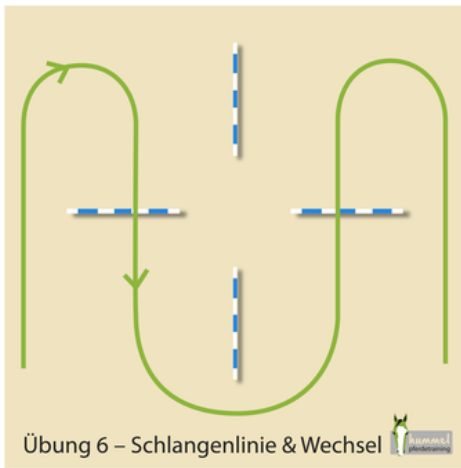
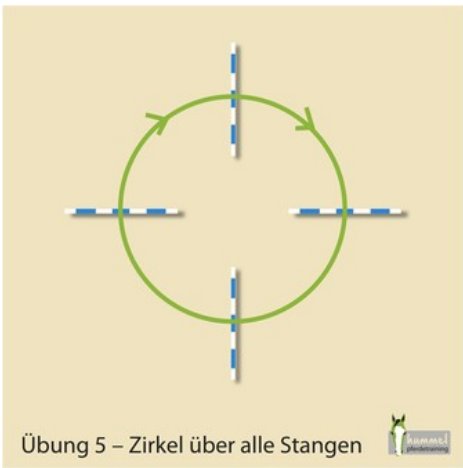
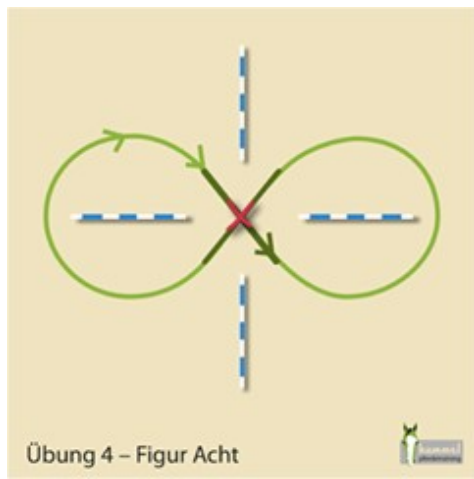
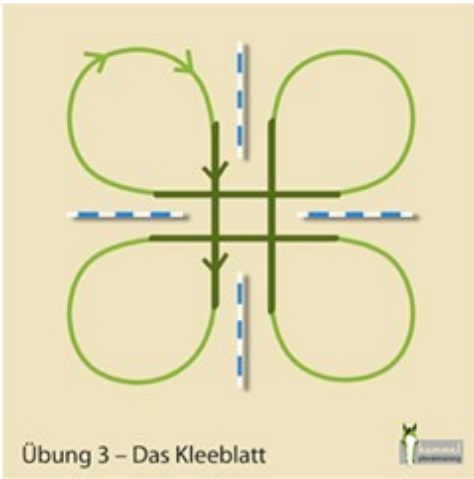
EXERCISE 7

Can be done in walk, trot or canter. Ensure the horse is correctly bent whilst in the half circles and straight in between. This exercise is great to combine with exercise 4 – just to avoid repetition and boredom 😊

HAVE FUN 😊😊😊😊

(by Hummel Pferdetraining)





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*A few memories from Blossom
Trail and Bishop Mule Days*





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