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August 2009 Up Coming County Events & Deadlines

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August 1 – 4-H Horse Skills Checklist due

August 3 – 4-H Educational Posters due

August 4 – 4-H Horse Comm. & Council meetings

August 20-22 – Wahkiakum County Fair

August 25 – State 4-H Fair entries due

OPPORTUNITIES and INFORMATION

State 4-H Forum Registration – Now Open

Where can you go to learn about
science and technology programs,
horse training, Blue Ribbon exhibits,
giving outstanding presentations,
kitchen activities, teaching dog
showmanship, textiles, and more? It's
all taking place during the 2009 State
4-H Forum on **October 16-18** at the
Great Wolf Lodge Resort in Grand
Mound (near Centralia).

Registration forms for the 2009 State
4-H Forum are now online at
[http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/
egistration.htm](http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/registration.htm). You can register for
all or just part of the activities. Full-
time registrants will get two lunches,
dinners and a brunch besides a lot of
great information, education and
fellowship.

You will also find a list of the
workshops and information on
accommodations at Great Wolf Lodge
on that web page. It is early, but
rooms will fill up fast this year, so get
your reservation in now! See you
there!



Great Wolf Lodge

State Board Positions Looking For Nominees

There are positions for teens and
volunteers from every district on the
State Advisory Board and State 4-H
Fair Board. The Council meeting is an
opportunity to elect representatives to
these boards and through the
recommendation process, have input
on changes and improvements to the
Washington 4-H program.

The applications, guidelines and
background information about the
Council meeting are available on the
4-H website at:

<http://4h.wsu.edu/council/index.htm>.
Please review the information
carefully and be sure to have
applications and recommendations
postmarked by **September 1, 2009**.

State 4-H Fair Board Positions up for Election

Northwest District

- NW1 3-year term through
2012

Southwest District

- SW1 3-year term through
2012

Northeast District

- NE1 3-year term through
2012

- NE3 2-year term through 2011

Southeast District

- SE1 3-year term through 2012
- SE3 2-year term through 2011

West Teen

- 1-year term through 2010

East Youth

- 2-year term through 2011

Learn more about the State 4-H Fair Board and download applications at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/trustees.htm>

State 4-H Advisory Board Positions up for Election

Northwest District

- NW2 3-year term through 2012
- NW Teen 2-year through 2011

Southwest District

- SW1 2-year term through 2011
- SW2 3-year term through 2012
- SW3 1-year term through 2010
- SW Teen 2-year term through 2011

Northeast District

- NE2 3-year term through 2012
- NE Teen 2-year term through 2010

Southeast District

- SE1 3-year term through 2012
- SE3 2-year term through 2011
- SE Teen 2-year term through 2011

Other Positions

- School Age Care (SAC2) 3-year term through 2012
- Challenge (Chall2) 3-year term through 2012

Learn more about the State 4-H Advisory Board and download applications at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/sab/sablist.html>.

WSU Football is partnering with 4-H on September 19th!

WSU vs. Southern Methodist, Martin Stadium

Special reduced priced game tickets are available through the "group Ticket Window" until August 30th, 2009.

Sideline reserved Seats \$27, End Zone Reserved Seats \$13

For a flyer with ordering information go to: <http://4h.wsu.edu/>

4-H will be recognized at the game and have a reserved cheering section. 4-Hers can also participate in an exceptional outing called "Future Cougar Day".

Future Cougar Day is a great way to learn more about WSU's world-class academics, experience the campus atmosphere, and, of course, cheer for the Cougars at a home football game.

Pullman

September 19, 2009

- ❖ Come to campus and be a part of the Cougar family for the day.
- ❖ Visit with faculty at the academic fair.
- ❖ Take a tour of campus.
- ❖ Learn more about academic areas that interest you.
- ❖ Enjoy a pre-game barbeque.
- ❖ Join in the traditional "Go Cougs!" cheer at a WSU home football game



EVENTS

Mane Event & Expo

The Mane Event, Equine Education & Trade Fair is back for its 6th year in BC – this **October 23 – 25, 2009** at Heritage Park in Chilliwack, BC. (approximately 25 minutes north of the Sumas, WA Border Crossing)

This indoor expo will again offer over 200 hours of equine education with renowned horse trainers and clinicians, we are pleased to welcome back some of your favorite clinicians as well as feature some making their first appearances in BC. Clinics and demos will again include Dressage, Reining, Jumping, Horsemanship and of course the very popular Trainer's Challenge.

Clinicians this year include Debbie MacDonald, Frankie Chesler-Ortiz, Jonathan Field, Josh Lyons, Martin Black, Blaine Nicholls, Brian Isbell, Dale Myler, Jon Ensign and more clinicians will be confirmed shortly.

The large trade fair will feature a wide range of equine products including tack, trailers, hats, boots, fencing, supplements as well as information booths featuring Breed Associations and Riding Clubs and Associations.

For more information see our website at: www.maneeventexpo.com or call: (250) 578-7518

PROGRAMMING

Clipper Blade Myths and Folklore

What are we going to discuss? Primarily, I will provide information to help you with the care and maintenance of these mysterious monsters called clipper blades. I also hope to dispel some of the old myths that exist and bad practices gleaned from our parents/relatives.

It seems that many people who have groomed for years do not know or have never been taught how clipper blades actually work. There are two blades: The big bottom blade is called the comb, and the small upper blade is called the cutter. The comb is the one nearest the skin when clipping, and the cutter is the one that is moving crazily back and forth on top. To hold these blades together we use a couple of different pieces. The first is called the spring, which has a plastic piece fitted over the front edge called the blade guide. The blade guide fits into the groove on the top of the cutter blade and keeps metal from rubbing against metal. The spring, properly tensioned, applies the pressure on the top blade (cutter) against the comb. The last piece is called the socket, which fits over the hinge and has the screws in it to hold the whole thing together.



The blades used to cut animal hair must be hollow ground (the blade is concave so it will have a sharper cutting edge) in order to work properly. Likewise, certain parts on the clipper blade must be in the proper position/order to work properly.

People are continuously complaining about the blade(s) making so much noise on their clippers. This is directly related to the socket piece in the blade set. The socket is where the blade set is placed onto the hinge before being closed. The socket has two wings that stick up and ultimately wrap around the hinge to help hold the blade tight on the clipper. When the blade "rattles" on the clipper, it is because one or both of these wings on the socket have been bent outward. They are supposed to be straight up and down, but because of the cutter blade being driven back and forth, these wings get bent. It is a correctable situation, and the operator can fix the blade by gently straightening the wings. A pair of needle-nosed pliers is the easiest tool to use. Ninety-five percent of the time the blade(s) rattle because of the socket wings.

They Need Oil?

Another situation that needs to be addressed pertains to the use of clipper oil. There has to be oil on these pieces of metal to help reduce the heat buildup. When you have metal rubbing fast against metal, you must keep these metal pieces clean and oiled to reduce heat and allow them to perform at an optimum level. Oil the blades and test them periodically for heat against your wrist. If the blade is hot to your arm, then it just might explain why that animal is jumping or dancing all over the place. Oil the blades, and if the blades are too hot, remove them to cool and put another blade on the clipper (or take a break until the blade cools if you don't have another blade).

How To Oil

To properly oil your blades, all you have to do is slide the cutter half way out to the right and brush out the blade. Then slide the cutter half way out to the left and brush out the blade. Put five drops of clipper oil on the blade, three drops on the teeth (each corner and center), and two drops on either side of the cutout area in the top of the cutter blade. Put the blade back on the clipper and run the clipper for 10-15 seconds. If you are going to continue clipping, then wipe the excess oil off of the comb. If you are putting that blade away, *do not* wipe off any excess oil. This will provide protection for the blade(s) when you put them into the airtight container.

If the cutter blade slides all the way out when you are trying to clean them (this will happen occasionally), simply slide the cutter blade back by very gently lifting the front of the spring to get it started. *Do not* loosen any screws, and don't pry the spring up to get the cutter back into place. When you do either one of these things, you have just lost the tension setting we put on the blades when they were sharpened. This tension is critical to the blade working properly. It determines whether the blade cuts the hair or just grabs/chews the hair. It also will determine whether you are a happy groomer or complaining because the blades won't work.

Cleaning Your Blades

Another area to be addressed is the type of blade wash/cleaner to use on these clipper blades. Unfortunately, there are only a couple of products on the market today that do not contain water. A couple of favorite products used are kerosene or diesel fuel, but the problem is with the steel being used in today's clipper blades. This steel is not nearly the same quality that was used in the blades many years ago. With today's metals, kerosene draws moisture, which ultimately causes rust to form on the blades. Check the blades you are dipping in kerosene or diesel fuel for rust. You'll probably find it.

The answer is to put clipper oil on the blades and work it in on both blades, then put them into a small plastic storage container with an air-tight lid. This will help keep the rust from getting to your blades. When sharpeners grind your blades, the flat areas or "rides" between the blades (no, we don't sharpen between the teeth) are critical sites for rust. If these areas on the teeth become pitted from rust, then the blade is essentially no good. Sometimes we can clean these up, but not often.

CLIPPER BLADE LIFE: Dealing with Dull Blades

During the life of your clippers, your blades will eventually dull to the point they do not cut your animals' hair very well. You can get several clippings per blade, it depends on the breed of animal (the coarseness of his coat), if he is clean, and if you properly maintain your blades.

When clipping your animal, put oil on the blades every few minutes to keep the hair flushed. You can also use Cool Care Plus, which is a lubricant, disinfectant, and inhibits rust on the blades. It is not a substitute for oil, but a supplement, Cool Care Plus is a spray that can be used alternately with the oil.

Your blades will last longer if you only clip your animal when he is well groomed. You will have better results with your clipping (the hair will be

evenly cut) and will be less apt to dull blades if the animal's coat is clean.

When your clipper blades do need to be replaced, but the blades appear to be in good shape and don't have any broken teeth, you can have the blades sharpened instead of purchasing new blades. Every owner should have two sets of blades. One set should be available for clipping when the other set is being sharpened.

Lice...Lice...and more Lice...and other Crawly Things

Okay...so I don't know about you, but just talking about these creepy little bugs makes me itch and wiggle all over! Unfortunately, in life, we have the creepy crawlies that gross us out, but they are a part of the whole cycle of life. We can however, alleviate and/or eliminate the situation especially before, during and after brining your animals to Fair.

Here are a few bits of information about lice:

- They are found at higher numbers on affected animals in winter and early spring and are extremely rare in summer and autumn, on both birds and mammals, with chewing lice found more on birds and sucking lice exclusively on mammals.
- Lice vary from 0.3 to 10 mm long with a head broader than the rest of the body. The entire life cycle in lice occurs on the host, with eggs being laid directly on fur or feathers and a generation life cycle lasting about 45 days.
- Transfer of lice between hosts occurs from physical contact. Lice are very well adapted to a particular host and even specific areas on host's body.
- Lice may serve as vectors (carriers) for other diseases such as Lyme Disease, brucellosis, hemobartonella, ringworm, salmonellosis and certain tapeworms.



- Lice may cause the following in animals:
 - ✓ Anemia
 - ✓ Itching
 - ✓ Inflammation of the skin
 - ✓ Skin sensitivity
 - ✓ Intense grooming
 - ✓ Fur mats
 - ✓ Loss of hair
 - ✓ Secondary infections at the location of the bites
 - ✓ Reduced survival in winter due to hair loss
- Death may result from heavy infestations in young animals or those in poor condition from other disease conditions. Large numbers of lice may be found on: older or young animals, animals in poor nutritional condition, those suffering from a concurrent illness, or those that are inefficiently groomed.

The first thing – Check Your Animals- before bringing them to Fair. Now, this does not mean that you check them the day that you are loading them in their crates to take to Fair...this means starting now and on a daily basis, checking, preening, cleaning and controlling the critters that your animals have to deal with. One, it makes it easier for you and everyone involved to keep them under control and two, your animals will be healthier and utilize the feed that you are giving them to grow, rather than just feeding the bugs feeding on them!

If you find critters on the critters – ask an adult to help you get rid of them. There are various products to use and you need to be safe in how you administer these products, not only for the safety of your animal, but most importantly for your safety. Your skin is like a sponge and it can and will

absorb these products, which could make you sick or cause an allergic reaction and could cause you to end up in the hospital or worse. So please, don't try to do it by yourself, never use products on animals that are not recommended for them and follow the recommended doses, because too much of anything can cause problems or even death to your animals, yourself or others.

Remember, too, that if your animal is found to have critters on them at Fair, as well as other health issues that we all know should not be occurring, you will be asked to remove the animal(s) immediately from Fair. Once you take them home, you need to quarantine (keep them away from your other animals) for at least 30 days while you get things under control again. If you don't know what to do or how to do it, contact your veterinarian immediately upon notification that there is a problem with your animal.

TRAINING

County Fair Garden Judges Training

WSU Extension will be offering training for individuals who would like to be added to the WA. State and County Fair Produce and Flower Judges List or just gain more personal knowledge.

The training will be held on October 1st in Aberdeen, WA. from 10am to 4pm.

To get the most out of this one day training, participants must be able to identify different types of produce and flowers.

The registration fee is \$25.00 per person and includes training materials and a catered lunch.

A brochure and registration form may be picked up at the Wahkiakum Co. Extension office in Cathlamet.

WAHKIAKUM

Entry Schedule for Wahkiakum Co.
Fair

Monday- Aug 1 Enter all Exhibits
except livestock, floral, garden and

baking from 3pm to 9pm. This
includes food preservation

Tuesday- Aug 18

Enter floral, garden and baking from
3pm to 9pm

Wednesday- Aug 19

Enter all animal exhibits from 3pm to
9pm. Market Sale animals – 2-3pm

Saturday- Aug 22

Dogs and cats come in for shows

Wahkiakum County Fair

August 20, 21, 22

Country Roots & Barnyard Boots



Calendar of Events –2009

Wed-Sat	07/29-08/01	Cowlitz County Fair	Longview	
Mon	08/03	4-H Educational Posters due	County office	Before 4pm
Tues	08/04	4-H Horse Comet & Council meetings	Fairgrounds	6:30pm
Fri	08/07-16	Clark County Fair	Ridgefield, WA	
Tues	08/18-23	SW WA. Fair	Centralia	
Thurs	08/20-22	Wahkiakum Co. Fair	Skamokawa	
Tues	08/25	State 4-H entries due	Extension office	7pm
Wed	08/26-29	Pacific Co. Fair	Menlo, WA	
Tues	09/01	State 4-H Council recommendations due		
Sun	09/06	Grandparents' Day		
Mon	09/07	Labor Day Holiday	County offices closed	
Wed	09/09	Wahkiakum Co. Fair Board meeting	fairgrounds	7pm
Fri	09/11-27	WA. State 4-H Fair	Puyallup, WA	
Tues	09/15	4-H Horse Comet. & Council meetings	River St. Meeting Room	6:30pm
Sat	09/26	Flock & Fiber Festival	Canby, OR	

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