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Seeking AHR Director Candidates

Current AHR members may submit their biographies as outlined to join the upcoming ballot. They include:

The East Central Region Director

(must reside in one of the following states: Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, or West Virginia) for a three-year term.

Three At-Large Directors

(may reside in any US state or Canadian province), one for a one-year term, and two for a three-year term.

The interested member should plan to virtually attend monthly director meetings with additional time in committee work over a three year term. Please send responses to the following four biographical questions by October 1, 2022, to AHR Nominating Chair, Robert Eicher, 520B CR 2575, Loudonville, OH 44842

1. Briefly describe when you began with Haflingers and your history with them.
2. Briefly describe the kinds of activities you engage in with your Haflingers.
3. Describe past experience in business or other organizational activities that have been meaningful in preparing you to help lead and guide this organization.
4. Describe why you want to be an AHR Director and your thoughts on the future directions of the American Haflinger Registry including special personal areas of interest and specific contributions you'd share.

Responses should be limited to one page.

ON THE COVER: Wendy Soucy (L) and Maximum Exposure YES alongside Katelyn Bell (R) and Lavinia-Lena YES at Twin Birch Farms, Skaneateles, NY. Photo by Karen Young.

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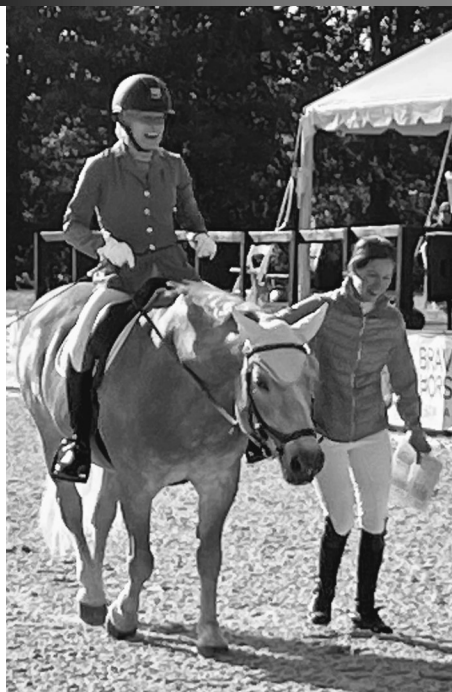
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Congrats!

Ohio Dressage Society presented a Haflinger High Point Award for their USDF Recognized Dressage shows, Down Centerline 3 & 4, held in August at the beautiful Brave Horse Equestrian Center in Ohio.

The High Point winner was Wiz Bang LMP, owned and ridden by Tracy DiSabato-Aust, with a 59.167% at Second Level Test 3. Congrats to Tracy and Wiz for their continued success!

Joke of the Day

By Anonymous

We had a government-employed doctor in our area who was half horse and half man.

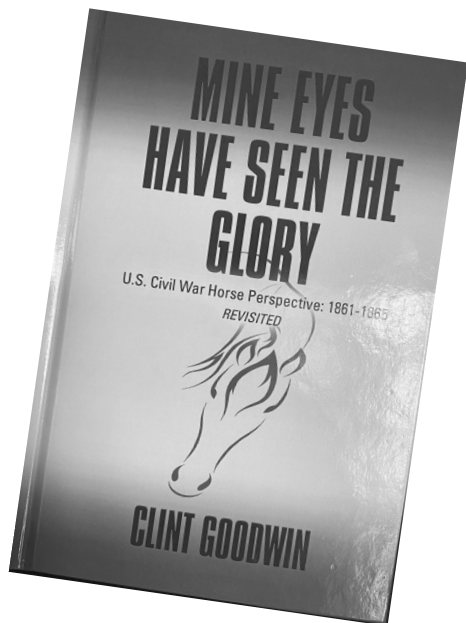
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Good Reads!

This month's good read is entitled, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory, U.S. Civil War Horse Perspective - 1861-1865*, by award winning writer, Clint Goodwin. This is one of several books written by Goodwin, who writes through the eyes of those equines experiencing the triumphs and tragedies of American history. The fact that the writer, a Retired U.S. Navy Commander, has also experienced war up close and personal, makes this Civil War focused read even more impactful. Total pages, including notes, equals 230 - a great, short read!

If you have a book you think your fellow AHR members would enjoy, please let us know by emailing newsletter@haflingerhorse.com with the title, author, and synopsis. Happy reading!

References, Anyone?

Have you ever found yourself in need of an equine chiropractor, dentist, or horse transport, but didn't know where to locate one? Maybe you were travelling across states, trailer in tow, and in need of emergency vet services? If you're one of the lucky ones to have all four of these contacts in your area, please let us know, so that we can add it to the list below. Our hope is that with each issue this list grows to the point of having some good contacts in every corner of the U.S., for all AHR members to reference. Please share your reference names and contact information by texting/calling 315-246-2269 or emailing newsletter@haflingerhorse.com. Thank you!

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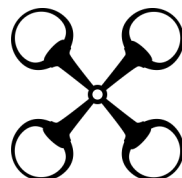
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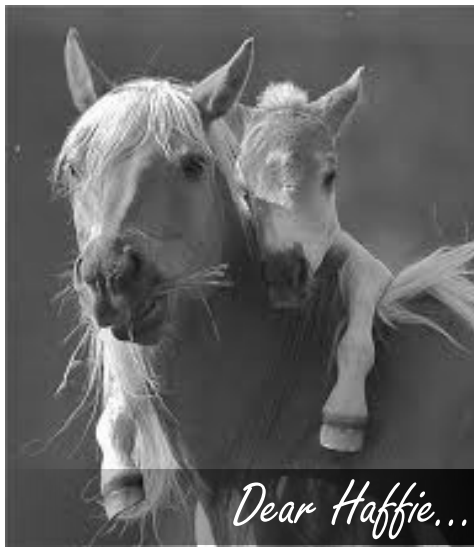
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**Note: The references above are based on positive experiences of AHR members and offer no guarantees nor obligation.*





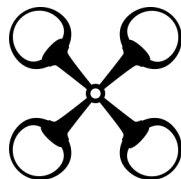
Dear Haffie is where you can find help for issues you may be having with that special Hafflinger in your family. If you need help, please send your resolution request (less than 200 words) to newsletter@hafflingerhorse.com and watch for a response in the next newsletter!

I've been on a few trail rides with friends who have told me I'm a good rider and that I should be showing horses. The trouble is, I don't know how to go about it. Anything I've learned so far has been from riding friends' horses and watching YouTube videos. I have some interest in showing, but I don't know where to start.

—JS

Dear JS,
Before delving into the world of showing, you should be prepared with either the finances for show attire, horse leasing, hauling, show fees, and more, or be able to trade talent for some or all of these costs. Sometimes, an ambitious rider, once connected with a caring

trainer or owner, can “work off” the costs of lessons and the fees listed above in exchange for mucking stalls, turning out horses, feeding, grooming, or other chores. The right arrangement can be a win-win for both the rider and the trainer/owner. The show ring will require much more fine tuning of your riding skills, so first and foremost try connecting with a trainer who may be interested in exchanging lessons for chores. Then, make it your goal to feel confident in the same basic walk/trot skills on the farm as will be required in the show arena. If riding English, you'll need to know how to post using diagonals as well as how to safely ride among other horses in a horse show situation (positioning, direction, turning). Do your research regarding reputable trainers in your area. Ask around. Once you find one, let him/her know your goals and that you're interested in working in exchange for lessons, with the ultimate goal of showing. Something to consider: Starting your show experience out as a groom is an excellent way to dip your toes into the show world -- you may find you love it OR that you don't really want to show after all. Bottom line, be mindful of your goals, take the steps to get where you want to be, and don't rush it. Good luck!



Looking for Health Hazard Signs in Your Horse

So, you're enjoying years of saddle or driving time with your beloved Haflinger when all of a sudden you start to see signs that your horse may not be as young as it once was. On the one hand, a sigh of relief comes when your once rambunctious, always-got-to-get-there-first horse settles down! On the other hand, you know in your heart that it's just not his/her personality and can't help but wonder if something may be medically wrong. Below are several common conditions and a few signs to look for:

Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS):

Our beloved Haflinger breed handily checks the easy keeper and insulin resistor boxes. Therefore, a diagnosis of obesity in your horse should be taken seriously. Take a look and feel of your horse's neck to see if he/she is developing a "cresty" neck or has identifiable "fat pads". If your horse is a pasture pet, take a look at him/her today and make a point to put your hands on him/her regularly (at least weekly) to keep in touch with what is "normal" for your horse. This will give you a basis for any change in your horse's makeup and will help your vet make a more educated diagnosis. High sugar/high starch diets along with unlimited lush pasture are EMS culprits, so you may want to assess your current feeding and turnout programs now so as to best suit your horse's health in the future.

Arthritis: If you notice that your horse may be moving with a little less energy, feels stiff, ill-balanced, or just feels a bit "off" from his/her normal level of performance, contact your vet and farrier. Vets can advise you the best treatment to alleviate the pain and performance limitations arthritis presents, while a good farrier may be able to help a horse affected by arthritis or laminitis become more comfortable with proper shoeing and pads. Keep in mind that arthritis can occur before your horse enters its senior years, so you won't want to brush it off as a possible diagnosis, even if your horse is still in the first third of its life. Improper feeding or overuse of a young horse may affect its susceptibility to arthritis later in life, so be mindful early on when developing a feeding and training program.

Cushing's Disease: Also known as PPID (Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction) Cushing's typically has the signature sign of a long, shaggy hair coat that doesn't seem to want to shed, regardless of the season. Like EMS, fat pads may present as well as a pot belly. There are several other symptoms that



A long coat that doesn't shed properly is just one of the many varied symptoms of Cushing's Disease.

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accompany PPID, including increased drinking and urination, hoof issues (i.e. abscesses, laminitis) and overall loss of muscle tone. Contact your vet if you suspect your horse may have PPID.

Dental & Nutritional Issues: While it may be unbelievable that a Haflinger would let any drop of grain go without being eaten, it does happen. Look for signs that your horse may not be eating every scrap as he/she has in the past or if there are signs of any weight loss or unexplained loss of muscle. These could be attributed to poor dental care or a metabolic issue and its best to have your horse seen by both a veterinarian as well as a qualified equine dentist. Like children, young horses should also be seen by the dentist to look for any oral issues, including abscesses, wolf teeth and impactions.

Eyes: Sometimes there are outright physical signs of an eye issue, such as

cloudiness or swelling in or around the eye. Other times, you may notice your horse spooking in places he/she has easily passed by a million times.

Contact your vet if you notice either, so he/she can diagnosis any condition as quickly as possible. Eye issues are very much overlooked, but are significant factors in the health and performance of your horse. The sooner a vet is able to put his/her eyes on your horse's eyes, the better.

In closing, this limited information may not include every symptom for the conditions listed, and, like humans, there is a myriad of diseases that may affect any equine at any age. Keeping a watchful eye on your horse will help you become confident in knowing what is "normal" for your horse. Early detection, diagnosis, and testing by a qualified veterinarian may help keep your horse more comfortable and life-lasting.

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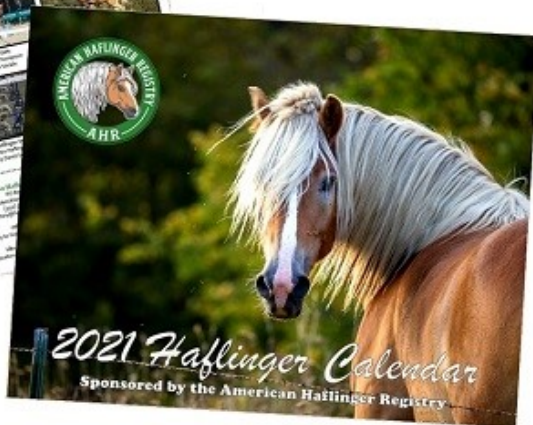
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We want YOUR submissions for the 2023 AHR Wall Calendar!

Photos must be of an AHR registered Haflinger and submitted by a current member. If you'd like to submit your photos for possible inclusion in the 2023 AHR calendar, email your high resolution* landscape oriented (horizontal) photos to

promotion@haflingerhorse.com by Saturday, October 1st

Please include the registered name(s) of the horse(s) pictured, owner name, names of all people pictured, and the photographer's name. Also include a usage release with any professional photos.

Selected photos will also be featured in 2023 as "Haflinger of the Month" with a writeup on our Facebook page, viewed by thousands of horse enthusiasts, and may also be used on the AHR website or in other AHR promotional materials!

*High resolution is 300 dpi or better. Photos must be at least 3300 pixels wide by at least 2550 pixels tall. For questions regarding quality, please contact us at promotion@haflingerhorse.com.





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