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What is the least stressful way to wean foals? A small-scale pilot study compared three different procedures.

- Group A (6 foals): all foals in the group were weaned at the same time
- Group B (5 foals): all foals were weaned at the same time, but were left with two mares with which they were familiar, but not related.
- Group C (6 foals): these foals were weaned by removing two mares from the group on each of three consecutive days.

Turn to Fast Look on Page 228 to find out which group was the most successful in less-stressful weaning.

Charles Vaughan doesn't have a lot of broodmares; he's just got the right ones.

Turn to Page 68 to find out how this 20-year breeder of American Quarter Horses caught our attention.



The Winner by Half a Length!

Two of the top older American Quarter Horses squared off October 27 in the \$353,500 Bank of America Challenge Championship at Prairie Meadows Race Track in Iowa, and in the shadow of the wire, Rylees Boy outfinished Llano Teller to take the richest event of the Bank of America Challenge Championships. The 7-year-old Heza Motor Scooter gelding, ridden by Ramon Sanchez for trainer Paul Jones, closed with a rush from Post 9 to run down Llano Teller and jockey G.R. Carter Jr., who had opened up an early half-length lead. Rylees Boy, who is owned by Lorena Velazquez Rodriguez of Surprise, Arizona, hit the wire a half-length in front in :21.508 for 440 yards. Turn to Page 120 to read more about the winners of the Challenge series.



What did you think?

We asked our fans on Facebook to describe the SmartPak AQHA West and Nutrena AQHA East Novice championship shows in one word. Responses included:

- Amazing
- Awesome
- Priceless
- Epic
- Fabulous
- Legendary
- Historic
- Exciting
- Huge
- Fantastic

Read more about the inaugural AOHA Novice Championships on Pages 96-109 and at www.agha .com/novicechampionships. Get in on the conversation about AQHA at www.facebook.com/agha1.

Your **Deadlines December 31**

Forms are due for proposed rule changes to be considered at the 2013 AQHA Convention in Houston. Go to www.agha.com/convention to get a rule-change proposal form.

"I believe if you're one of those people who does it on their own, you know your horse. ... Put on the blinders, just do what you do. Don't let the names, the jackets, the bling or the silver on the saddles get to you."

From "True Partnership," a love story about Ashley Beim and her American Quarter Horse, PS Rusty Bay Doc. Turn to Page 192 to read more.

