

## THE ROUNDUP

### EVENTS

#### September 21

AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse, Urbach, Germany

#### September 27-28

AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse, Viroqua, Wisconsin

#### October 9-10

Rivervalley Stampede, Clarksville, Arkansas

#### October 18

Missouri Ranch Horse Association One-Day Show  
Mount Vernon, Missouri

### CLINICS

#### September 3-7

Californios Ranch Horsemanship/Roping Clinic, Lander, Wyoming

#### September 9-12

Richard Shrake Resistance Free Four-Day Riding Program,  
Bend, Oregon

#### September 10-14, 17-21

Californios Ranch Horsemanship/Roping Clinic, Kiowa, Colorado

#### September 19-21

Rocky Mountain Horse Expo, Ignacio, Colorado

#### September 23-26

Richard Shrake Resistance Free Four-Day Riding Program,  
Springfield, Massachusetts

#### September 30-October 3

Richard Shrake Resistance Free Four-Day Riding Program,  
Massillon, Ohio

#### October 14-18

Bob King Ranch Roping & Horsemanship Clinics  
Sperry, Iowa

## UPCOMING RANCH SALES

#### September 4

Raymond Sutton Quarter Horses 57th Annual Production  
Sale, Gettysburg, South Dakota

#### September 4-6

Pitzer Ranch Fall Sale, Ericson, Nebraska

#### September 6

Fulton Performance Horses LLC 2008 Sale,  
Kearney, Nebraska

#### September 13

Open Box Rafter Ranch Quarter Horses Annual Production  
Sale, Rapid City, South Dakota

#### September 13

19th Annual Zollinger Ranch Production Sale,  
Oakley, Idaho

#### September 13

8th Annual "WYO" Quarter Horse Sales "Fall" Arena, Ranch  
Broke Gelding & Production Sale, Thermopolis, Wyoming

#### September 14

Twombly Performance Horse Sale, Torrington, Wyoming

#### September 14

Wyoming Blanton Enterprises Annual Sale,  
Pine Bluffs, Wyoming

#### September 19

Balkenbush Sunshine Ranch Quarter Horse Sale,  
Conrad, Montana

#### September 19-20

Van Norman and Friends Production Sale, Elko, Nevada

#### September 20

Bad River Fall Extravaganza Horse Sale, Philip,  
South Dakota

#### September 20

Farmers & Ranchers Livestock Commission Co.  
Fall Classic Catalog Sale Salina, Kansas

#### September 20

Fisher Ranch Oklahoma Star & Bert 12th Annual  
Production Sale, Eufaula, Oklahoma

#### September 20

Froelich Quarter Horses 38th Annual Production Sale,  
Selfridge, North Dakota

#### September 20

MA Quarter Horses Production & Reduction Sale,  
Rochester, Texas

#### September 20

Rivers Bend Ranch Production Sale, Stanley, Virginia

#### September 20

Treasure State Quarter Horses 13th Annual  
Production Sale, Great Falls, Montana

#### September 20

Weaver Quarter Horses 13th Annual Production Sale,  
Great Falls, Montana

#### September 21

Murray Ranches Production Horse Sale, Alma, Kansas

#### September 27

Clear Creek Ranch Annual Colt Sale, Salina, Oklahoma

#### September 27

Return to the Remuda Sale, Pitchfork Land & Cattle Co.,  
Guthrie, Texas

#### September 28

Cooper Quarter Horses 28th Annual Production Sale,  
Emporia, Kansas

#### September 28

North Country Quarter Horses &  
Sun Prairie Horses Production Sale,  
Great Falls, Montana

#### September 28

Texas Legends Production Sale, Electra, Texas

#### October 4

North Country Quarter Horses Production Sale,  
Great Falls, Montana

#### October 4

Krebs Performance Horses Fall Production Sale,  
Scott City, Kansas

#### October 4

Morgan Ranch Production Sale, Duncan, Oklahoma

#### October 11

Frank Perkins Ranch Production Sale, Tyler, Texas

#### October 11

Oasis Ranch Traditions Production Sale, Herald, California

#### October 11

Willingham Quarter Horses Fourth Annual "Foundation of  
Legends" Production Sale, Durant, Oklahoma

#### October 25

Port City Fall Roundup No. 24, Sealy, Texas



## NVRHA NATIONAL FINALS

The National Versatility Ranch Horse Association's first year will wrap up September 26-28 at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the first ever NVRHA National Finals.

"We already have 120 members and events scheduled in more than 10 states," NVRHA President Dave Currin said. "The numbers are growing every day because we have events that are focused on education and fun and helping riders to improve their skills, no matter what riding level they start out."

Horse owners must have competed in at least one other NVRHA event before competing in the money-offering finals. The finals weekend will also feature a barbecue dinner at The Flying W Steak House, and western-themed entertainers will perform.

"It will be a world class event built to ensure the future of the greatest horse on earth – the American ranch horse, the legend," Currin said.



## SAGE WISDOM

*"There are three good ways to lose money. Gambling is the fastest. Women are the most fun. But cattle are the surest."*

—Old cowboy saying



## SAND COLIC

Sand in the colon might sound odd, but it is not uncommon. It can be deadly to horses that develop colic from sand impactions.

"We see 10 to 12 cases a year here at WSU," said Nicki Wise, D.V.M., a Washington State University equine medicine resident. "We typically get the very serious cases at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, but sand colic occurs all the time. It can happen to any horse that is fed off the ground."

Horses often eat sand accidentally by eating hay off the ground or grazing in pastures that have loose, sandy soils. Sand colic is common across the United States. Some horses might also eat sand intentionally.

"If a horse is in a pen, and they are bored or hungry, they may eat anything, including the dirt," Wise said. "Owners need to be careful about what they put in a stall, and try to limit their horses' access to loose soil, sand and gravel."

Sand can pass through a horse's digestive tract without causing a problem, and in fact, most horses have some sand in their large colon. But over time, some accumulate as much as 50 pounds of it in their colon. If an impaction forms, mild intermittent colic or serious acute colic can result, depending on the size and location of the impaction.

"Signs of sand accumulation vary, but mild colic, diarrhea, and weight loss are common, and owners may even see sand in their horse's feces," Wise said. "Sand can also cause a severe, acute episode of colic."

Sometimes an impaction can be palpated rectally. A veterinarian might also listen for sand in the colon with a stethoscope. Another method convenient in the field is to float a fecal sample in water. If sand is present, it will sink to the bottom.

"Beyond exploratory surgery, the only way to definitively diagnose sand colic is to radiograph a horse's abdomen," Wise said. "If an impaction is found, we usually try medical treatment before resorting to surgery, but this all depends on how large the impaction is and how much pain the horse is suffering."

Medical treatment includes administering pain medication, as well as fluids and laxatives through a nasogastric tube.

"Sometimes, IV fluids are needed as well as antibiotics if there is a lot of damage to the horse's colon. A small impaction can take just a few days to pass with medical management, and a large one can take as long as a week to 10 days. If that is unsuccessful, we do surgery to remove the sand. If medical treatment does work, we repeat the radiographs to make sure the impaction is gone."