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MUSTANG VICTORY

Sherry Panttaja and her mustang, Nevada, were the winners of Norco Horse Affair's **All American Horse Challenge**. This event requires horse and rider to engage in all six equestrian disciplines over the course of three days: jumping, gymkhana, dressage, cattle-work, reining, and obstacle trail. The pair wanted to prove what a mustang can do.

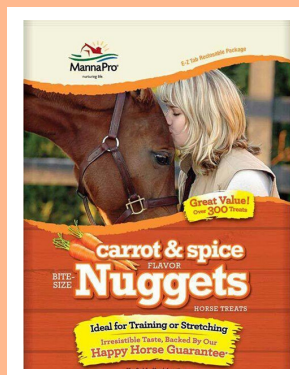
Sherry says Nevada has given her a love of mustangs. While the training process is by no means easy, once a mustang earns your trust they remain incredibly loyal.

You might know Sherry as the owner of **Hoofprints Equestrian Program**, a lesson program that aims to prepare students for horse ownership. Sherry and Nevada together live the Hoofprints motto: some horses will test you, some horses will teach you, and all horses will bring out the best in you!!



TREAT OF THE MONTH

Big Red chose **Manna Pro Carrot & Spice Nuggets** as the treat for November. Treat Club Members can stop by anytime for endless refills!



Happy Thanksgiving!

We will be CLOSED

Thursday Nov. 28th

to celebrate the holiday.



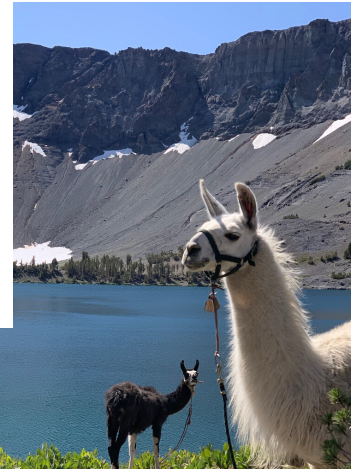
NEIGH-BORHOOD NEWS

Llama adventures on the PCT

“Hike your own hike” is a common saying amongst long-distance hikers, and the Kirkebys are doing just that. Long-time avid hikers, they've started a new adventure with their pack llamas, Little Bear and Dalai Llama. Together the four are taking on the Pacific Crest Trail in sections, a trail that runs all the way from Mexico to Canada. This year the Kirkeby team hiked the 150 mile stretch from Lake Tahoe to Sonora Pass, and their next venture will be in Oregon.



Pack llamas have to be very well-trained, which entails carrying packs, being haltered, and having the ability to cross streams and bridges. A well-conditioned llama can carry 80lbs, and keeping them conditioned is essential because llamas aren't afraid to say enough's enough after a long day of hiking! You might see the Kirkebys and their llamas training locally in Peters Canyon or Santiago Oaks. Little Bear and Dalai Llama are very friendly!

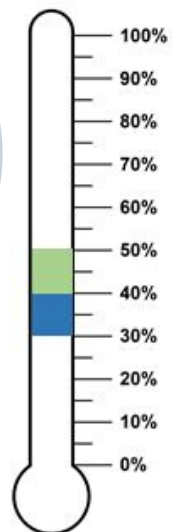


BIG RED'S BLANKETING GUIDE

Horses' needs are different from people's in colder weather. Here are some good temperatures to start blanketing in our OC climate:

Clipped Horse
40°- 50°

Un-Clipped Horse
30°- 40°



Last month's answer: Chapman Alley



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