



# *The Power Glide*

## *Mason Dixon PFHA*

October 2014

### Show Year 2015—Volume 1

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## MASON-DIXON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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Dear members,

I would like to congratulate all the members that participated at our 42nd Grand Nationals Championship show in Lexington, KY. I also like to thank all the members that also participated in the Dick Schaeffer memorial rides.

Membership meeting is set for November 1, 2014 at The Rising Sun. I also like to thank BJ for offering the banquet room free once again for our meeting. I would like to ask all member to attend this meeting because it is a voting year. If you would like to see things change or voice your concerns as to where Mason Dixon Paso Fino Horse Association is going. This is the perfect time to voice it with your vote.

In the past 2 years as your President I would like to say that it was a pleasure to work with each and everyone of our members and board members to make MDPFHA succeed and survive in these hard economic times. To thank all of the people behind the scenes as well.

The fall season is here and it's the only time that you can say FALL RIDING in the same sentence. Yes I do trail ride for fun also not just ride to train and show. Lol.

I am putting together a fall ride October 19, 2014 at Jacobsburg state park Wind Gap, pa 18091. If you like to attend bring covered dish, desert, whatever to share with others.

Please join us at either of these events to enjoy our Pasos and members away from a show environment.

Mason Dixon President  
Nicholas Burgos



## Editor's Corner

Now that I have returned from the PFHA Grand Nationals and all of the horses are back in the barn, I can devote more of my attention to providing you with everything I can dig up that I imagine you might be interested in. From the last issue, I remind you of the following:

**Membership Renewal**—Yes, it's that time again! **PLEASE** renew your membership.

**Absentee Ballot Due**—If you are unable to attend the ANNUAL MASON-DIXON Banquet on 1 NOVEMBER 2014, you must 1) renew your membership NOW and 2) submit your absentee ballot to the SECRETARY (Darla Wagner) by the end of SEPTEMBER.

**Mason-Dixon Annual Banquet and Election**—The MASON-DIXON Banquet will be held on 1 NOV 2014 at the Rising Sun Restaurant, PA. Details to follow.

**Mason-Dixon Spectacular at the DREAM Park**, Gloucester County, NJ—The Membership Survey regarding preferences for the 2015 Show resulted in a deposit being made for the Gloucester County Dream Park., 30-31– May 2015.

**Pennsylvania Farm Show:** January 10-17, 2015

**Maryland Horse world Expo:** January 15-18, 2015

**Pennsylvania Horse World Expo:** March 6-8, 2015

## SCHEDULE OF ELECTION ACTIVITIES

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Date	Task
	<del>Nominating Committee Selection</del>
	<del>Nominating Committee</del>
Apr 20, 2014	<del>Nominating Committee identified to membership</del>
Apr 23, 2014	<del>Candidate Solicitation Begins</del>
Aug 1, 2014	<del>Candidate List is Finalized</del>
Aug 15, 2014	<del>Candidate List is Published</del>
Sep 30, 2014	<b>Membership renewals due for Absentee Voters</b>
Oct 5, 2014	Candidate Position Statements due to PG Editor
Oct 15, 2014	Candidate Position Statements Published
Oct 15, 2014	Proposed Amendments to the MDPFHA By-laws Published
Oct 15, 2014	Absentee Ballots Published in PG
Oct 29, 2014	Absentee Ballots due to Secretary
Nov 1, 2014	General Meeting & Election
Nov 1, 2014	Membership renewals due for all voting members
Nov 4, 2014	Election Results published by Email and posted to Homepage
Dec 15, 2014	Election Results published in PG
Jan 1, 2015	New Board of Directors begins to function
Jan 1, 2015	New Board of Directors begins its tenure.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE 2014 ELECTION

### PRESIDENT

**Ann Bastian**

### TREASURER

**Beth Sheldon**

### VICE PRESIDENT

**Susan Crawford**

**Gale Peluso**

**Beaverlea Manderbach**

### SECRETARY

**Darla Wagner**

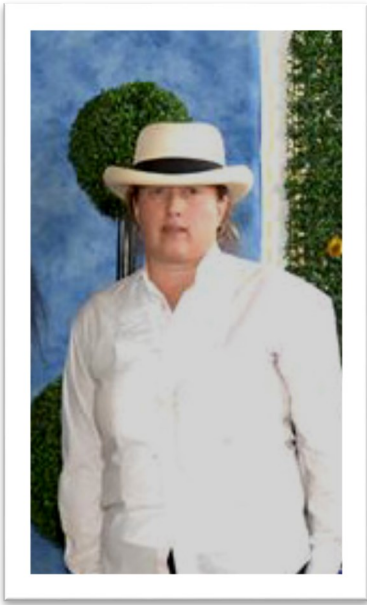
### NATIONAL DELEGATE

**Nick Burgos**

**Lisa Gorsuch**

## ANN BASTIAN, V.M.D. NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT

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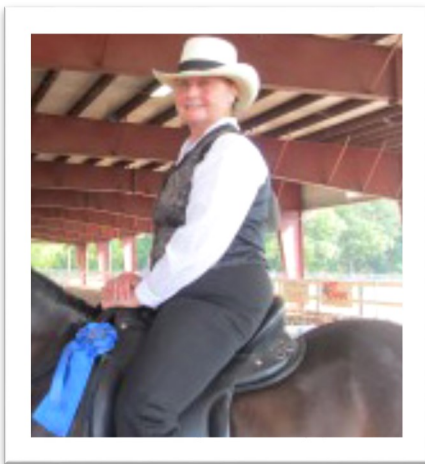


I am a small animal veterinarian living and working in the Blandon, PA area. I started riding horses with the Delaware Valley College equestrian team, and rode hunt seat for 17 years. Nick Burgos and BJ Schuler introduced me to Paso Finos 9 years ago, and I have been hooked ever since. My first Paso gelding, PJ, was a Reserve Grand National A/O Performance gelding, and my current gelding, Rio, is a World champion, as well as a Reserve National Geldings for Gold Pleasure gelding. I have been in charge of Mason Dixon's silent auction for the past 5 years, as well as the high point show awards for the past 2 years. My goals as president are to increase our active membership, foster a sense of inclusivity among all members, and rebuild our relationships with our neighboring regions. I would love for our June show to be one of the most anticipated shows on the East coast. I want people to be proud to be members of Mason Dixon. When people ask me why I ride a Paso Fino, my first answer is that Paso people are the best in the world, and my second family. My second answer (of course) is that our horses are the best. Thank you in advance for your consideration, and I hope as President I can make you proud

of our Mason Dixon organization.

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## BEAVERLEA MANDERBACH NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENT



Beaverlea Manderbach has been an active member of the equine industry for over 30 years. She began her show career riding hunters and jumpers, but after a very bad fall she transitioned into trail riding and natural horsemanship. She not only completed Parelli level one and two, but also mentored with Monty Roberts. After spending several weeks at his ranch in California learning and excelling in his program, Monty personally asked her to become one of his certified trainers. Too busy at the time, she politely declined. After a broken leg and major back surgery threatened to end her riding ability all together, she discovered the Paso Fino. In no time at all she fell in love with the smoothness of the breed and realized that her time in the saddle was not over. It was not long before she purchased her first, then second,

then third paso. Soon enough she transitioned from "just riding" to showing. She designed and built a brand new 30 stall facility and became the owner of Laota Spring Farm, which is now home to many national and World Cup champions. Her doctorate in psychology and years of experience practicing in the field paired with her passion for the breed and dedication to promoting the Paso Fino make her an excellent candidate for the vice president position. She is not only serious about growing the Mason Dixon group, she is also driven to increase awareness of the Paso Fino horse so that more people can discover the smoothness and ridability of the breed.



## **SUSAN CRAWFORD**

### **NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENT**

By way of introduction, I am Susan Crawford-Charters, married to Craig and between us we have four children and 6 grandchildren. I was born in the United Kingdom and came to the US with my parents more years ago than I care to remember. We currently

live in York, Pa and I work as a Marketing Director for a global dental consumables company, Dentsply. We design and manufacture many of the products you find in your dentist office.

As a child I was “horse crazy” and learned to ride but was not able to own my own horse. Fast forward many years to 2008 and I was attempting to impart my love of horses to my granddaughter and realized that it was my passion. I leased a horse and began my internet search for the “perfect horse”. I came across the Paso Fino breed and, although I had not ridden one and was not sure I had met one, I knew this was the breed for me. I set out to find a 10 year old, been there done that, grey mare.

With much help from many in the region, I came home with Predominio de La Armistad, (Play-doh), a four year old chestnut gelding. We have learned a lot together, we entered the Mason Dixon shows, and ACTHA rides, and anything I could think of doing. We became involved in Competitive Trail Riding and Playdoh was honored as the 2014 High Point Competitive Trail Horse of the Year. I am proud to say that in the past year I have introduced three Paso riders to the CTR sport and they are enjoying it as well. In our region we have gone to one Paso at a ride to 6 or more!

For the past two years you have heard from me regarding recreational rider activities, the Gettysburg ride, the Gaited Getaway, and most recently the Dick Shaffer Memorial rides. I have also arranged the “fun show” activities at our past four shows.

I very much support the show activities of our Paso Fino members while also recognizing that many members are very competitive in non-show activities whether that is mounted orienteering, CTR/ endurance, ACTHA, cowboy shooting, or other activities. As part of the executive committee as Vice President I would like to grow our membership by appealing to the Paso Sport Horse community and the pure recreational rider community.

I would appreciate your support.

Susan Crawford

## GALE PELUSO NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENT

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As a child Gale Peluso was raised on her family's farm where draft horses and mules were still used in the fields as well as for riding. As she grew up in thoroughbred country she was riding quarter horses and other mix breeds, while all of her friends had thoroughbreds. She understands the cost of owning different horses for the modality of the owners' needs or wants.

She spent five years on the board of directors for the International Shiloh Shepherds Dog Club along with being their treasurer for 4 years. She played a part in the written description of the breed so that those in the judging ring had a description to truly judge by eye and movement instead of adjectives that had a different meaning to the person judging. She wasn't one to be swayed from the purpose of the club, which as to promote the breed.

She has been Vice President for the Mason Dixon region for the last two years. She has kept the same mind set that the region's responsibility is to promote the breed to the public not the whim of a few. Also the economy's hit to those in the group and the club is also important to her. She is aware that the decision of the board in the past two years have not been in agreement be all. But she hopes that those who ask her to run in 2012, because she was a strong person who wouldn't be bullied, still believe in her and will vote her back in 2014 for Vice President.

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## NICK BURGOS NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE



After riding his first horse at day camp when he was nine years old Nick Burgos started a journey lead by passion to where he is today. By the age of 14 he was working on a horse farm and hanging out there during his free time learning everything he could about the horses around him. This determination lead to the next level, competition in the show circuit. Looking up from his responsibilities at one of those shows there was this majestic animal that caught his eye and captured his heart, the Paso Fino. This passion driven by this determination now had a path and by 1989 Nick owned his first Paso. By 1992 he was managing a horse farm. Training and showing horse has never been a burden, but obtaining satisfaction with multi-national champions has no description worthy of one word. The next two steps in this journey came around the same time, breeding and deciding to become a judge.

So through these years, where others saw a waste of time, he had breed a multi-national champion and obtained his PFHA and USEF judge's card proven all others that this path of heart that he choose, might just have chosen him. In 2012 he was elected President of the Mason Dixon Paso Fino region and is now in 2014 seeking the position of being Mason Dixon's Delegate.



**LISA GORSUCH**

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## **NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE**

### **Qualifications:**

Member of PFHA & MDPFHA since 2000

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Member of PFHA & MDPFHA since 2000

Vice President of MDPFHA 2002-2003

President of MDPFHA 2004-2009

National Delegate 2010-present

Small Business Owner for 30 years

Breeder of Paso Finos w/husband since 2000

### **Philosophy:**

**Always look at the big picture and stay focused with the task at hand and keep the personal emotions out of the decisions.**

In preparing this Bio it is hard to believe that Keith and I have been members of MDPFHA and PFHA for 14 years. I have actively been serving on the Board of MDPFHA for 12 of the 14 years with the last 4 years representing MDPFHA as the National Delegate.

As with all breed organizations since the recession, everyone is struggling and we are not alone in the decline of membership, registrations and sales of horses. It has been a financial struggle for all of the organizations including MDPFHA and PFHA. I believe we are at a cross roads in both organizations and the next strategic plan and election of officers will be extremely important in determining how the new Board will stimulate growth and move the organizations forward

**I would like to continue representing MDPFHA as the National Delegate and continue to use my 30 years of business and accounting experience to help move both forward with successful membership and financial growth.**

My passion for the breed started way before Keith and I bought Middlefield Farm, in Taneytown Maryland in 1995. In 1988 I bought my first gelding and trail rode him for years around the Baltimore reservoir. After we moved to Middlefield Farm I bought a yearling colt and our first breeding mare and from there the farm has blossomed into a full service breeding farm with an indoor arena.

Every year we actively promote the breed at the farm with clinics, open houses and hosting activities for the region. Middlefield participates in several breed demonstrations every year and hosts the 4-H and FFA judging teams from the different counties in the state. We are committed to the promotion of the Breed and to bring new people into the Breed.

## **DARLA WAGNER** NOMINATED FOR **SECRETARY**

Loved horses all my life thanks to my grandparents whom in the 50s and 60s had the top Silver Saddle Show horses; hackneys; show ponies; 3-gatied; and 5-gaited. Grew up going to horse shows like Devon and the National Horse show, oh yes, I was the bright red haired grandchild of Lloyd Wagner and I had to present rosettes and silver trophies. I sat in box seats and had great views of all the classes.

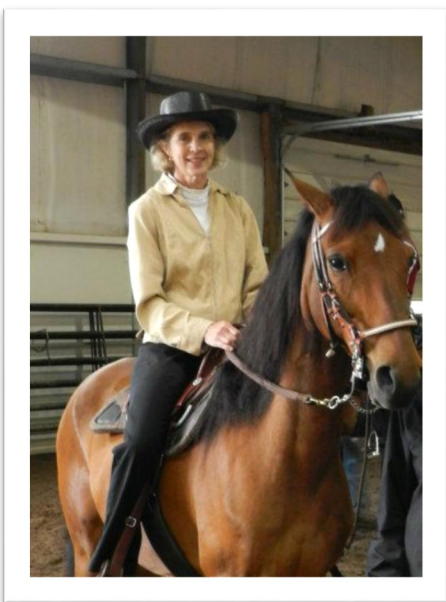
I rode many ponies and horses at my grandparents whom had onsite trainers. Unfortunately my parents hated horses but, that didn't stop me ffrom loving them even more. I took my silver/grey blanket Appalossa mare into 1st level dressage, took me two years but, finally won a class, what a thrill. Took 30 years off from riding but, had weight loss surgery and my main goal was to get back riding horses and eventually own my own.

Well thanks to Nicholas Burgos, trainer, and all the Paso Fino people, I was able to achieve that goal rapidly and have been the proud owner of "Capricho de K&C" for 1 1/2 years to date. I extremely proud of myself and how far I have come in the Paso Finos, especially with all the riding at horse shows and the Nationals on "Capricho de K&C," he never ceases to amaze me how well we have done together, I am very grateful to everyone for their help and assistance.

I would like to remain the Mason Dixon Region's Secretary, and continue contributing to the Mason Dixon Region.

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## **BETH SHELDON** NOMINATED FOR **TREASURER**



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**ANNOUNCING THE 2014 ANNUAL  
MASON-DIXON PASO FINO HORSE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING AND BANQUET**

When: 1 NOVEMBER 2014

Meeting begins at 2:00 PM

Appetizers at 4:00 PM

Dinner begins at 4:30 PM

Where: The Rising Sun Inn: <http://www.risingsuninn.net/>

898 Allentown Rd. Telford, PA

<http://www.bing.com/local/details.aspx?lid=YN768x400447751&q=Rising+Sun+Inn+Telford+PA>

Cost: \$15 per adult; children 12yrs and under, \$10.

Please bring a dessert to share with your friends, old and new.

**RSVP by 30 OCTOBER 2014**

**to Nick Burgos ( [tntpasos@gmail.com](mailto:tntpasos@gmail.com); 484-256-4625)**



Sometimes, you just gotta NAP

## Members Current for the 2013 Show Year (Oct 1, 2013—Sept. 30, 2014)

Rosanne Ashley	Pamela Kavlick	Nancy Thomas
Karen Basehore	Karen Kraushaar	Darla Wagner
Ann Bastian	James and Patricia Laird	Robin Walton
Janice Brennan	James , Alaina and Shanna Lengner	Connie Wolkowicz
Ben & Tammy Boyer	George & Bertha Lyons	Donald Wright
Nicholas Burgos and Darnell Williams	Maribelle MacAlpin	
Denise Corcoran	Susan Marshall	
Susan Crawford	William Miller	
Beverly & Kenneth Cross, Jr.	Teresa Moebuis	
Rosemary D'Agostino and Raymond Williams	Shepard & Grace Morgan	
Susan Data-Samtak and John Samtak	Joseph Motsay	
Jackie Davies	Pamela Oakley-Whiting	
Kathy Dell	Melanie & Jeff Petri	
Diane Dutt	Bailey Purvis	
Barbara Duvall	Amy Romanofsky	
Marti Eldredge	Beaverlea & Gary Roye-Manderbach	
Angel Flores and Karen Spiegelthal	Maryan and George Schlesman	
Kathrine Gamble	B.J. and Gary Schuler	
Keith and Lisa Gorsuch	Melody Scioli	
Christina & Elvin Gonzalez	Lynn Shaffer	
Forest and Judy Gray	Rick and Suzette Shaffer	
Amanda Hamilton	John Shaw and Anne Habberton	
Ann Harper-Howell	Beth & Bob Sheldon	
Nola Hauptert-Keill	Stephanie Snyder	
Donna Hurst	Fransisco Soto	
S. Jean Jehu	Ann Stever	

Please examine the list of current members, presented here. If your name does not appear on this list, please consider renewing your membership by contacting our Membership Chair, Mel Petri ([Melanie\\_Petri@cmsmtg.com](mailto:Melanie_Petri@cmsmtg.com)). She will help you with the renewal form. Your payment should be sent to our Treasurer, Beth Sheldon ([Sheldon.beth@gmail.com](mailto:Sheldon.beth@gmail.com)). Their phone information is found on the Contacts page of this publication. Please inform Mel and Beth if you wish to advertise in the PowerGlide and how you would like to receive your PowerGlide subscription (email, paper, CD)

## Current TrailBlazer Roster:

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Karen Basehore

Maureen Boskin

Susan Crawford-Charters

Jackie Davies

Diane Dutt

Virginia Foster

Kathrine Gamble

Jacquelin Grubb

Maribelle MacAlpin

Carolyn Marinko

Terri Moebius

Toni Roland

Susan Data-Samtak

John Samtak

Maryan Schlesman

George Schlesman

Dorothy Snedden

Michael Srock

Ann Stever

Connie Wolkowicz

Please contact [Susan Data-Samtak](#) and [Mel Petri](#) if you feel there is a discrepancy regarding this list.



# Mason-Dixon Members Participate in the PFHA Grand National Horse Show in Lexington, KY



Class	Placement	Horse	Rider	Owner
Performance Mares	6	Mariana de Promesa	Michael Bruce	Karen Basehore & Diane Dutt
Pleasure Youth 16-18 yrs.	2	Xavier del Azur	Anni Shaffer	Rick Shaffer & BJ Schuler
Pleasure Youth Championship	2	Xavier del Azur	Anni Shaffer	Rick Shaffer & BJ Schuler
Pleasure Geldings for Gold	3	Torero de Bella Vista	Nick Burgos	Kathy Holloway & Nick Burgos
Pleasure Geldings	6	Torero de Bella Vista	Nick Burgos	Kathy Holloway & Nick Burgos
Pleasure Geldings Championship	4	Torero de Bella Vista	Nick Burgos	Kathy Holloway & Nick Burgos
Country Pleasure	6	Simpatico de Ca'Grande	Melanie Petri	Melanie Petri
Breeder Sweepstakes Filly	3	Middlefield's Morenia	Lisa Gorsuch	Lisa & Keith Gorsuch
4 Yr Old A/O Performance Colt	4	Middlefield's Travieso	Lisa Gorsuch	Lisa & Keith Gorsuch
4 Yr Old A/O Pleasure Colt	4	Middlefield's Travieso	Lisa Gorsuch	Lisa & Keith Gorsuch
4 Yr Old Pleasure Colt	5	Middlefield's Travieso	Rick Shaffer	Lisa & Keith Gorsuch
4 Yr Old Performance Gelding	Honorable Mention	Pirata del Rio	Rick Shaffer	Virginia Foster
Bella Forma Geldings	5	Rigoletto de Las Camelias	Michael Bruce / Paul Marlow	Ann Bastian
Pleasure Geldings for Gold	2	Rigoletto de Las Camelias	Michael Bruce	Ann Bastian
Pleasure Geldings	4	Rigoletto de Las Camelias	Michael Bruce	Ann Bastian
Pleasure Geldings Championship	Honorable Mention	Rigoletto de Las Camelias	Michael Bruce	Ann Bastian

List is not inclusive and includes only those who responded to my request for show results. Will add if I receive more.

## Other Noteworthy PFHA Awards Achieved by Mason-Dixon Members

Award	Horse	Owner
High Point Competitive Trail	Predominio de la Amistad	Susan Crawford
High Point Pleasure Mare	Mariana de Promesa	Diane Dutt & Karen Basehore
High Point 4 Yr Old Pleasure Colt	Middlefield's Travieso	Lisa & Keith Gorsuch
High Point 4 Yr Old A/O Pleasure	Middlefield's Travieso	Lisa & Keith Gorsuch
High Point 4 Yr Old A/O Perfor-	Middlefield's Travieso	Lisa & Keith Gorsuch



Nola at Nationals



Thank you to my buddy Playdoh for winning 2014 High Point Competitive Trail Award. In Lexington, Ky at Paso Fino Nationals

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Nola does it again in the Recreational Agility Demonstration! Hang on, Big Red!

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“Not bad for 3 horses! One more class to go!” Well done, Angel Flores and Karen Spiegelthal!

2014 Grand National Championship Show – USEF Network



USEF NETWORK

**SMARTPAK**

Class 107 - Fino Geldings Ch. - 75% Execution, 15% Appearance, 10% Manners

**2014 Paso Fino Grand National Championship Show**

September 29 - October 4, 2014 at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

**Live Broadcast Schedule:**  
USEFNetwork will be live streaming all classes all days from the 2014 Grand National. Please see the event schedule link to the right for a detailed class listing schedule.

**Event Website**  
[Class Schedule](#)  
[Prize List](#)  
[Results](#)

**SMARTPAK**

Congratulations to Christina Gonzales for her Win in the Fino Geldings Championship. Well done, Elvin and Rancho de Viejo!



"And our Reserve Grand National Champion on Pleasure Youth is none other than Anni Shaffer aboard Xavier del Azul! - We're proud of you, Anni!"

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Now you don't need not wonder what other MDPFHA members are doing while you're at the National Show! Here's Hoss Cartwright (Jonathan Shaw) inspecting the Team Penning calves at the Virginia State Fair.

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## Article of Medical Interest: GLANDERS - WORLDWIDE: RE-EMERGENCE

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Date: Sun 28 Sep 2014

Source: Horsetalk [edited]

<<http://horsetalk.co.nz/2014/09/28/scientists-point-risks-rise-feared-glanders/#axzz3F6Fd2w9y>>

Researchers have sounded a warning over the much-feared disease glanders, saying the global horse trade from at-risk regions had the potential to re-establish it in countries that have previously eradicated it. The recent rise in cases of glanders in horses, in combination with worldwide horse trading, might pose a new risk for human infections, they said.

Glanders is a disease known from ancient times. It was recognized as a malady of equines by Hippocrates and Aristotle. It is a life-threatening, notifiable zoonotic disease which is fatal to both animals and humans. It is caused by the bacterium *Burkholderia mallei*.

Signs of glanders include lung lesions and ulceration of mucous membranes in the respiratory tract. The acute form results in coughing and fever, followed by septicaemia and death within days. In chronic cases, nodules form the skin and in the nasal passages, eventually ulcerating. Death can result within months, with those surviving acting as carriers.

The only known reservoirs of *B. mallei* are single-hooved animals, particularly horses. Chronically infected horses can be asymptomatic but may remain highly infectious.

Due to its high mortality rate and the small number of organisms needed to establish infection, it is regarded as a potential biological warfare or bioterrorism agent. [Unfortunately, this is where I come in.]<sup>did</sup> It is highly infectious and can be transmitted by aerosol, causing invasive fatal disease in combination with resistance to multiple antibiotics.

Due to its rareness, little is known about outbreak dynamics of the disease.

In the more economically developed countries, glanders has been eradicated through large-scale culling. In developing countries, economic and cultural circumstances may hinder culling of asymptomatic animals and enable the persistence of glanders, the researchers said.

There are regions in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and South America where it remains endemic, infecting the likes of horses, donkeys, and camels. These areas provide reservoirs for the re-introduction of glanders into countries previously listed as glanders-free, they said.

In recent years, several outbreaks occurred in horse populations in Asia, the Middle East (Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria), Africa, and South America (Brazil). Because of the recent rise in cases in multiple countries, glanders has regained the status of a re-emerging disease.

Researchers from Germany, the United States, Dubai, and Austria set about investigating an outbreak among horses in Bahrain in November 2010, using genetic analysis. They applied high-resolution genotyping and comparative whole genome sequencing to *B. mallei* isolated from infected horses and one infected camel. The results were compared to samples obtained from an outbreak in the United Arab Emirates [UAE] in 2004, and put in context based on previously published *B. mallei* data.

The researchers, whose findings have been published in the open-access journal, PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases, found that the samples from the outbreak in Bahrain separated into 2 distinct clusters, consisting of 5 and 4 strains each.

The evidence in the Bahrain outbreak across both years pointed to 2 independent but simultaneous introductions.

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The samples from Bahrain were more closely related to *B. mallei* isolated from horses in the United Arab Emirates in 2004 than other *B. mallei*, which they said was suggestive of repeated importation to the region from similar geographic sources.

"The close relationship of the Dubai/UAE *B. mallei* populations to each other may be indicative of a similar geographic origin that has yet to be identified for the infecting strains," they reported. "Our analyses demonstrate that not one, but 2 strains likely caused this outbreak, and that these strains probably came from a similar geographic region via importation of infected animals." Even with careful monitoring, the global trade of animals from glanders-endemic regions can re-introduce and possibly re-establish this disease in animal populations of countries that have previously eradicated it," the researchers said.

Officially, Bahrain was free of glanders until an outbreak in the north that began in April 2010. Horses imported from Syria via Kuwait were suspected of introducing it and all equines in the area were quarantined and tested. By September 2010, the outbreak was considered to be resolved. However, in January 2011 the disease reoccurred in the same region of the country.

More than 6700 horses and 250 donkeys -- all of the equine population in this region and about 80 percent of the total horse and donkey population in Bahrain -- as well as 3 camels presenting with clinical symptoms were screened for glanders at the OIE Reference Laboratory in Dubai.

In these investigations, 50 horses and one camel tested positive. *B. mallei* was isolated from 8 horses and the single, positive camel. These were analyzed along with 15 isolates from the 2004 outbreak in the UAE.

Using genetic testing, the scientists showed that the strain from the camel was genetically closely related to *B. mallei* strain known as Dubai 7 that was isolated from a horse during the contained outbreak of glanders in a quarantine station in the United Arab Emirates in 2004.

That, and other results from genetic testing of various *B. mallei* isolates from both events -- the 2004 UAE outbreak and the 2010-11 Bahrain outbreak -- provided evidence that the recent outbreak in Bahrain was caused by 2 different *B. mallei* strains, suggesting 2 independent introductions. It may, they said, be indicative of a similar geographic source that has yet to be identified.

"Animal importation records suggest Syria and Kuwait as possible sources. This is strongly supported by the fact that one of the necropsied horses in Bahrain quarantine came directly from Kuwait." The researchers said that outbreak dynamics and natural genetic variability of *B. mallei* were not well understood due to the rarity of the disease.

"This outbreak provided a unique opportunity to understand outbreak dynamics as they occurred in a region that was previously free of *B. mallei*, and well monitored with records of animal importations," the researchers reported. The failure of initial eradication efforts in 2010 is evidence for the need for continued surveillance and abatement measures even after all animal cases appear to be cleared. All animals imported from known or potentially endemic regions should be routinely tested for glanders prior to importation. Repeated testing during quarantine is also recommended as infected animals may be asymptomatic and serologically negative.


Some of the research was funded by the US Department of Homeland Security. It had no role in the study design or analysis work.

[Reference

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doi:10.1371/journal.pntd.0003195; available at

<<http://www.plosntds.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pntd.0003195>>.]

Year 1 Portrait	
Year 0 Portrait	
Breeding	
Date of Birth Gender	3 May 2014 Filly
Owner / Breeder "Baby's Barn Name"	Dennise Corcoran La Reina de Evita

**IT'S THAT TIME OF  
YEAR AGAIN!**

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## HORSE PROTECTION ACT

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) enforces the Horse Protection Act (HPA), a Federal law that prohibits horses subjected to a practice called soring from participating in shows, sales, exhibitions, or auctions. Soring is a cruel and abusive practice used to accentuate a horse's gait and may be accomplished by irritating or blistering a horse's forelegs through the injection or application of chemicals or mechanical irritants. USDA takes the enforcement of this Act and its obligation to protect horses against this inhumane practice seriously.

To facilitate enforcement of the HPA, the Act allows horse show or sale managers to hire "designated qualified persons (DQPs)," who have been formally trained and licensed by USDA-certified horse industry organizations, to physically inspect Tennessee walking horses before they are shown. APHIS attends approximately 10 percent of horse shows unannounced to serve as a second line of defense in detecting sored horses. APHIS oversees the DQPs' work and can cite violations when DQPs miss or do not cite the violations themselves. APHIS utilizes multiple sophisticated tools during inspections, including thermography, iris identification, digital imaging, foreign substance swabbing, and blood testing, in addition to observation and palpation techniques, to support its enforcement of the HPA and identify sored horses.

The Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration, which USDA attends every year, is the premier Tennessee Walking Horse event and is held in Shelbyville, TN. This year, the Celebration was held from August 20-30.

At the 2014 Celebration, APHIS and DQPs inspected 1,075 horses and found 219 violations of the Horse Protection Act. These violations include: scar rule violations, foreign substance, unilateral soring, bilateral soring, high banding and illegal shoeing.

More information about the Celebration Results can be found here [ [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2FAPHIS\\_Content\\_Library%2FSA\\_Our\\_Focus%2FSA\\_Animal\\_Welfare%2FSA\\_HPA%2F](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2FAPHIS_Content_Library%2FSA_Our_Focus%2FSA_Animal_Welfare%2FSA_HPA%2F) ]. The USDA Horse Protection Activity Report can be found here [ <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/2014/09/pdf/VMO%20Total%20Report%20Celebration.pdf> ].

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# MASON DIXON PASO FINO HORSE ASSOCIATION

## 2015 Membership

(01 October 2014 – 30 September 2015)

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It's time to join or renew your membership to Mason Dixon PFHA. We are looking forward to a very active and exciting year. Our association will be participating in:

Maryland Horse World Expo, January 16-18, 2015 <http://horseworldexpo.com/MDmain.shtml>.

PA Horse World Expo coming up March 5 – March 8, 2015 at the PA Farm Show in Harrisburg. Check it out at <http://horseworldexpo.com/PAmain.shtml>. Please stop by and visit or volunteer to assist at the booths.

Mason Dixon Spectacular, Dream Park, Gloucester County, NJ May 30-31, 2015.

Trail Rides, Parades and other Fun Activities! Check out our newsletter (the *Power Glide*) on our home page [www.masondixonpfha.org](http://www.masondixonpfha.org) as well as the activity updates posted on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/masondixonpfha>.

**Our association grows only with the dedication of the Equestrian community. We hope that you will join the Mason Dixon Region and come out in support of our activities. We cannot keep our organization afloat without the support and dedication of our members and volunteers!**

Please complete the following information and mail your form to Beth Sheldon at the address indicated below. Feel free to contact me, Melanie Petri, 215-896-9856 or by email at [melanie\\_petri@cmsmtg.com](mailto:melanie_petri@cmsmtg.com) for further information or if you need assistance.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Fees:

Individual Adult (I) = **\$25**      Family (F) = **\$30**      Individual Youth (Y) = **\$15**

Three Year Individual Adult (I3) = **\$70**    Three Year Family (F3) = **\$85**    Three Year Individual Youth (Y3) = **\$42**

### Optional Fees:

**To receive the Power Glide by mail**

Please add **\$10** and circle the format you prefer:    **CD-ROM**    or    **Paper**

**Mason Dixon Trail Blazers Program, one-time fee of \$10**

Questions on this program call or email Susan Data-Samta at 908-725-9649, [PasoVasz@aol.com](mailto:PasoVasz@aol.com)

Do you belong to PFHA? \_\_\_\_\_ PFHA Membership# \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

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