

NM Palomino Exhibitors Association 2004 Show Schedule



All shows held at Expo NM (State Fairgrounds)

PALOMINO/PAINT/ALL BREED SHOWS (DOUBLE JUDGED)

April 10 (Sat., Outdoor Arena) Judges: Mary Ingwerson & Maryann Willoughby

May 22 (Sat., Horse Arena) Judges: Martha Sayles & Judy Wright

June 19 (Sat., PALOMINO & OPEN ALL BREED ONLY (Sat., Dairy Barn), Judges: Vicki Munie & Joseph Munie, Jr.

CABALLO DE ORO CIRCUIT (Dairy Barn)

August 7 (Sat.) Judges: Dr. Sam Jackson & Scot Jackson

August 8 (Sun.) Judges: Paul Schurig & Dana English

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Equines Saved from Starvation

After seven months—and two days before the case was to go to trial—a Socorro family relinquished ownership of two horses, two donkeys, and a pony in exchange for having felony animal abuse charges against them dropped. The equines were seized last June by NM Livestock Bea Bell and Marguerite Bowers of Bomar Equine Rescue, along with two officers of the Socorro County Sheriffs Department.

JUNE & JANUARY (BEFORE & AFTER)
(photos courtesy of Bomar Equine Rescue)



The Stallion
(now gelded)

When reported, the equines were emaciated, the pony was without water, and only two flakes of hay were visible on the property. Because the animals were close to death, a warrant was issued quickly; typically, the Livestock Inspector will consult with the owners and try to resolve the problem before animals are seized.

During the seven months of continuances and personnel changes in the District Attorney's office, Bowers feared that the case would not turn out favorably. "As with all cruelty cases, we hope the court finds in our favor so the animals do not have to be returned to hell. These cases are not as cut and dried as they might seem. It's a constant battle. Winning these cases is not a given, and each case must be extremely well documented

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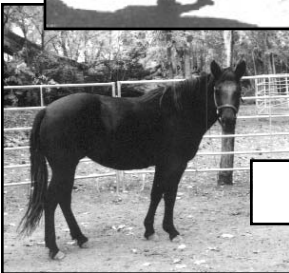
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and accompanied by well-written veterinary reports."

When cases are resolved as this case was, with charges dropped, the



The Mare

former owners are not required to pay for the care of the animals in the months they were in protective custody. In reality, Bowers says, even when someone is convicted of animal abuse and ordered to pay for the care of their animals, Bomar has never received compensation. Bomar has assumed responsibility for all costs and care associated with animals put in their custody. "The payoff is seeing



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the animals healthy and placed in good homes," Bowers says.

In this particular case, one of the horses was a stallion, and one of the donkeys was a jack. They could not be gelded or integrated with other animals until the case was resolved. Bowers was relieved when the animals could be gelded, since Bomar is home to more than two dozen other equines.

Bowers is grateful of the help of the Livestock Board, and other law enforcement officials and veterinarians whose work rescues these animals from their lives of abuse and neglect.

These five equines were all recently adopted to good homes.

All contributions to Bomar go directly to the care of the animals. Bomar Equine Rescue can be reached at PO Box 1038, Belen, NM 87002 or 861-0659. 

Aggie Riders Win Regional Championship

The New Mexico State University equestrian team won the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's (IHSA) regional championship title in late February at Colorado State University, qualifying the Aggie riders for national competition May 6-9 at Middle Tennessee State University.

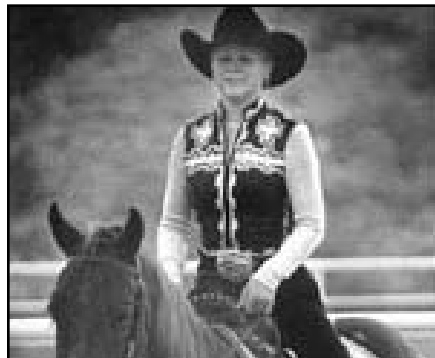
"We couldn't be happier," said Deborah Rosencrans, NMSU stock seat coach. "This win sends us to vie for the national title, which is where we've been aiming for all season."

The Aggies edged out defending regional champ Colorado State by a slim three points, 224 to 221, for the title. "It's been an exciting search with the lead swapping back and forth between NMSU and CSU all season long," Rosencrans said.

Freshman Bryn Wells, a 19-year-old standout from Las Cruces, was



Rachel Knight, an NMSU graduate student in animal science, is the regional champion in alumni horsemanship and reining. (J. Victor Espinoza photo)



NMSU equestrian team standout Bryn Wells, a freshman from Las Cruces, helped lead the Aggies to an IHSA regional title in February. (NMSU photo)

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