

Member Spotlight: Steve & Peggy Burnham

On their Yantis ranch, NETHA members Peggy and Steve Burnham are crossing Arabian mares with paint stallion Risky Battle ("Jet") to produce "very beautiful, athletic horses that can have a multitude of uses," Peggy said.

The Burnhams moved to the Sulphur Springs area



Risky Battle, "Jet"
See more at
www.oasisequineranch.com

in 1994, a location she says is ideal for horse owners because it's easy to find and close to major cities with horse events.

As a 3-year-old with the trainer, Jet took first place in heading his first time out. The next year, Jet won honors in events from heeling to reining. The Burnhams are breeding Jet to their Arabian mares and he's also open to outside mares. "Having the Arabian type with the flash of the paint horse is just a beautiful sight to see," Peggy said.

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NETHA Dates to Remember

*Next NETHA meeting is May 6, 6:30 PM at Sulphur Springs Civic Center, Equine Pavilion.

*Red River Riding Club Open Show, May 3 at Sulphur Springs Civic Center, call 903-989-5569

*Paint Horse Performance Super Stakes, May 9-10 at Sulphur Springs Civic Center New Pavilion.

Upcoming Clinic: Barrel Racing 101

Member Volunteers
Needed for AQHA Show

Are you ready to turn and burn? Then find out more about the basics of barrel racing. Here's what you need to know:

-May 6, 6:30 PM at Sulphur Springs Civic Center, Equine Pavilion.

-NETHA membership is required to participate (\$35 Family/\$25 Individual)

-Please **RSVP to bring your horse by May 1st** —
mahayward@bmi.net

Some of the topics that will be covered:

- What your horse should be able to do before you start it on barrels.
- Approaching the barrels.
- Teaching the horse to rate the barrel.
- Proper rider handset.
- Using leg and voice cues.
- Turning the barrel.
- Leaving the barrel.

We need NETHA volunteers for the upcoming AQHA show in Sulphur Springs, June 13-15.

If you can help, call Will Woods at (903)348-1232.

Stallion Auction:
Keep bidding

Stallion breedings are still available on the website, www.nethorsemen.com, through June 1, 2008. The cost is 50% of the published fee. To purchase a breeding, contact Kim McCool at 469-667-1030 or email at kim.mccool@texasfirstlending.com

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Equine Dental Care

According to Dr.
J.D. Norris, a
horse's jawbone is
connected
to...well,
everything.



Dr. Norris — who is a NETHA member and equine dentist — gave a fascinating presentation at April's meeting and explained the importance of the horse's teeth to his overall well-being. Several horse skulls showed how the teeth should fit together, and what can happen when they wear unevenly. The problem often lies in the TMJ (temporomandibular joint), in turn causing problems in other places in the body.

Ozzy, a 12-year-old APHA owned by Jess Lamphere, is known to have "saddling issues" and cannot seem to relax under saddle. Dr. Norris pressed key places along Ozzy's spine, and his reaction was dramatic — a horse with obvious pain. Dr. Norris explained how pain exhibited in specific places tells him where problems are likely to be in the horse's mouth.

Ozzy Update: Dr. Norris worked on Ozzy's teeth about a week later. Jess says that within a few days it was like he had a different horse. — contributed by Nancy Lamphere

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see www.horsedentalcare.com*