



Figurehead Winter 2018

Newsletter of the Midstates Morgan Horse Club, Inc

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From the President:

We're getting ready for our 25th Anniversary edition of the Prairie State Classic! We'll be celebrating in our fabulous new location at Beyond Stable Farm Event venue in Crystal Lake, Illinois

Address: 11129 IL-176, Woodstock, IL 60098(Route 176 & Route 47) with memories shared and open arms for everyone that is ready to join us and see what all the hoopla is about! It's a great group of exhibitors and horses of several breeds. June 1-3, 2018. Contact Sandy Sessink for more information. (Oldorchsandy@aol.com, 248*207*4956)

We say good-bye to 2017 and look forward to 2018 and what it may bring.

As we get older each year seems to bring us more changes than we always like but we have to go with the flow and adjust. Change and Adjustments is what we have to look forward to with the 25th anniversary of the PSC horse show!!

New management SANDY SESSNICK !

New location Beyond Belief Farm

New charity HELPING PAWS

New classes and schedule

Bigger and better parties Stay tuned !!

This years judge is Phil Fountain

Have a great year!

The Open Show will not be held in 2018, as the dates we wanted have been taken by a Buck Branamon Clinic at FVSA. We will look into bringing back the show in some form for 2019

Shirley

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Membership Form

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Address_____

Phone #(____)_____

Email_____

Children: Name_____ Age_____

 Name_____ Age_____

 Name_____ Age_____

AMHA Member? _____

General Family Membership (Husband, wife, children under 18)_____ \$30.00_____

General Individual Membership_____ \$20.00_____

Associate Family Membership (Family as above, with no voting privileges)_____ \$25.00_____

Associate Individual Membership (no voting privileges)_____ \$15.00_____

Transitional Youth (18-21)_____ \$15.00_____

Youth Membership (Individual under 18 years old)_____ \$5.00_____

Please send to: Gail Kelce
959 High Point Dr.
Rockton, IL. 61072

Check#_____

Date:_____



My address until March is:
1200 Scenic Gulf Drive, #1204, Mirimar Beach, FL 32550
Gail

Mid States Morgan Horse Club Meeting Minutes, August 5, 2017

Members in attendance: Holly and Sierra Nash, Shirley Orlando, Gail and Dennis Kelce, Becky Gruenberg, Allen Breyer, Cindy Berg, Hayden and Cameron Gruenberg, Christie Batka, Pam Bradford, Susan Peterson, Nancy Johnson-Tobiasz

Discussion about Prairie State Classic:

- Sponsorships were up compared to last year, but numbers/entries were way down
- Ultimately, the show came in at a minimal loss (\$200.00)
- Possibility of moving PSC to new Crystal Lake facility instead of The Ledges, got figures will not be cheaper but about the same in cost
- Sandy Sessink will be in charge of managing the show for next year
- There will be an opportunity to decide on a new charity as we will no longer be donating to Saint Anthony's – think of new ideas!
- Strong new show committee with new people including Whitney and Meredith Bodnar and James Gruenberg who are trying to get new and local businesses involved in sponsorships
- Possibility for food stand or contracts with Amy's place/local restaurants for onsite food for the show next year
- Farm and Fleet/big name sponsorships?

Discussion about Open Show;

- Needs change/revamping/improvement
- Carriage division could be addressed first (involvement with the Hub Club), and then expand the academy division
- Possibility/idea of having schooling show/academy tournament away from home barns
- Idea of moving dates possibly? And having regular performance classes start at 10am

Other:

- Agreed to donate \$500 to Jubilee and the Weanling Gala
- Donated \$500 to charity from PSC

Respectfully submitted,
Sierra Nash
Club Secretary



MSMHC Meeting Minutes, November 5, 2017

@ Jessica's Restaurant

Members in Attendance: Shirley Orlando, Holly and Sierra Nash, Gail Kelce, Pam Bradford, James and Becky Gruenberg, Stan and Paulette Bodnar, Al & Kris Breyer, Cindy Berg, Gina Ayersman, Hayden Gruenberg

- **Treasurer's Report:** \$18,673.57 in Checking, \$23,904.14 in Savings, for a total of \$42,577.71
- Meeting minutes and treasurer's reports submitted and accepted
- **Prairie State Classic:** Sandy Sessink and Amy Weiler are in communication concerning the new facility, Beyond Stable Farm, in Woodstock. There will be catering on-site but the catering also cannot be there for a couple of the sessions so they are working on something else for those times. The show committee will have a teleconference after the 1st of the year to discuss the new AMHA Star Rating program and USEF modifications as well as the show. Overall, the new facility will cost less than Ledges but the show committee will be charging more for stalls. The new facility is Beyond Stables Farm in Woodstock, IL.



PSC Income \$44, 916
- \$ 44, 697.22
(Expenses) = \$218.78
Profit for 2017.
- \$500
for the charity =
actually leaves us
with - \$218.22.

- **Open**

Show: Entries have been down for the last few years. May is not an option for the show as there are

already other shows booked at this time. August is also not an option due to the local/state fairs at that time. Kris suggested the second week in September (right after Jubilee). Paulette commented that there are too many show options for exhibitors now, and the open show is no longer desired. Paulette said that the IASPHA show series offers better facilities, etc. Stan suggested maybe sponsoring some Morgan classes at a local fair if there is attendance at those. Jamie and Becky Gruenberg agreed with Paulette – too many better options with the IASPHA and UPHA shows. Motion was made and accepted to suspend the open show for 2018, and reevaluate it for 2019.

Open Show Income \$1,427 - \$1,276.73 (Expenses) = \$150.27 Profit for 2017

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- Shirley is asking for ideas/suggestions for the charity that PSC will donate to from now on. Helping Paws was suggested by Paulette. Gina and Sierra suggested Bravehearts.



SAINT ANTHONY FOUNDATION

October 31, 2017

Mrs. Gail D. Kelce
Mid-States Morgan Horse Club, Inc.
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Dear Mrs. Kelce:

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The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis

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AMHA Board of Director's Fourth Quarter Meeting

November 17, 2017



Below you will find highlights from the AMHA Board of Directors Fourth Quarter Meeting, which took place November 4, 2017, in Chicago, Illinois. Following are reports from the Eastern, Central, and Western Directors and AMHA President, Mari Sanderson.

Fourth Quarter Board Highlights, Chicago, IL (11.4.17)

- * The 2018 Budget was finalized and approved with a much larger expected profit margin than in previous years and provides for promising growth in the coming years ahead.
- * Growth in registry transactions continues and processing at the home office continues to run smoothly following the software conversion this summer.
- * The Directors Guide was updated and will be available via the website shortly.
- * Updated Director Nomination forms were finalized and will also be available online when the new cycle begins on April 1, 2018.
- * It was reported that the 2018 Membership renewals have been mailed and the ability to renew online via the new software was also available.
- * The Breed Promotion Grant committee was selected and will be reviewing applications immediately following the January 15, 2018 deadline so that recipients can be announced at the February 2018 Annual Meeting and Convention.
- * The Fall/Winter newsletter (THE NETWORK) has gone to print and will be mailed to all AMHA members (directly to those not subscribing to TMH and bundled with TMH to members who also subscribe).
- * The 2018 Stallion Service auction proudly has 43 stallions participating and the catalogs will be bundled with the Nov/Dec issue of The Morgan Horse magazine.
- * Discussion was held in regards to clarifying and simplifying the Champion Title program. The Board sent some thoughts back to the Disciplines Committee for further review in regards to this program.
- * The following shows were selected as the 2018 AMHA Regional shows:
EASTERN: Citrus Cup; Southern States; New England Morgan; New York Morgan
CENTRAL: Gold Cup; Summer Daze; Jubilee
WESTERN: Far West at the New Country Classic; Morgan Medallion
- * The 2018 Convention is coming along and the registration materials are available online and will be in the Fall/Winter version of THE NETWORK and the Nov./Dec. issue of The Morgan Horse magazine. The Convention is scheduled for Lexington, KY February 15-17. There is the opportunity to add on an "optional" Tour and Taste of Lexington bus trip on Wednesday, February 14. This will include a tour of and lunch at "The Castle." It will be limited to the first 50 people that submit their request and fee.
- * In order to encourage more membership participation and involvement in the Governance process, the First Quarterly Board Meeting will be held on Friday morning of the Convention as a scheduled event to be followed by an open forum discussion.
- * The 2019 Convention is scheduled for February 6-9 at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa in San Antonio, TX.

* Three judges' schools were approved for the 2018 year. They include the following options: 1) In conjunction with the Annual Meeting and Convention in Lexington, KY (for Large R judges only), 2) In conjunction with the Carousel Horse Show, and 3) In conjunction with the Southern States Regional Morgan Horse Show. Additional information will be available soon from the AMHA office.

* The candidates for the 2018 Board of Directors election were announced. From the Eastern Region, Incumbent Karen Marlin and Steven Handy. From the Central Region, Incumbent Kris Breyer and Mary Westman. From the Western Region, Terri Sturm.

Ballots will be e-mailed to eligible members on or around December 28. Be sure that AMHA has your current, correct e-mail address on file before the list is submitted to the Ballot company on December 8th.

* The updated promotional booth materials have been delivered to the AMHA office and are ready to be unveiled at our upcoming events. They include a stand up banner and a table top banner as well as a new tablecloth, brochures, and other promotional handouts. They will make their debut at the Superior Sale November 16-18.

* The Calendar Project was extremely successful in that all months are sold out increasing AMHA revenue (after expenses) of approximately \$9,000. All TMH magazine subscribers will receive (FOR FREE) a copy of the calendar bundled with their Jan/Feb issue. After much conversation with previous calendar purchasers, it was determined to also order a select number for individual retail sale.

* The Morgan Horse magazine continues to excel with increased ad sales and revenue and has instituted a new, faster way to invoice clients following issue releases. The office has received many favorable comments regarding the new option to pay invoices "online."

* The software conversion that occurred in August has a few loose ends to iron out but operations in the office continue to improve. Several changes and upgrades have been made to the website (such as the extended pedigree report - online registry/ability to pay invoices online/ability to purchase "premium" memberships online/etc.). However, please note that with limited staff hours, we still have a long way to go in the organization and development of this site. The conversion required all ID's and password's to be temporarily changed. If you are unable to log on, please call the office to quickly obtain your correct ID and Password. Do not create a new account. We appreciate your patience during this process.

* AMHA and USEF are finalizing the project that will allow AMHA membership (competing levels) to appear on the USEF's online search of membership cards. This will greatly assist the show secretaries - so, PLEASE be sure to include your USEF number with your 2018 membership renewal (it is on the new forms and online as well).

* NEW in 2018 for PREMIUM members - you will receive small red indicator stickers to place on your Registry work envelopes to ensure you receive your PREMIUM membership "expedited" registry service all year. Be sure to take advantage of this significant membership perk.

* Discussion regarding the GREAT SUCCESS of the Oct. 28 "Day of the Morgan" open barn day events was held and it was noted that another round was being held that same day as the meeting (Nov. 4). The Board was extremely grateful to all the participating barns AND to organizer Sandy Sessink for her countless hours of planning, promoting, and overall organization of the event. It could not have happened without her dedication and commitment.

The 2018 Quarterly Board Meetings are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

First Quarter: Feb. 16, 2018, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting and Convention being held in Lexington, Kentucky at the Hyatt Regency hotel.

Second Quarter: April 27 & 28, 2018, at the Atlanta Airport Marriott in Atlanta, GA

Third Quarter: September 7 & 8, 2018, at the Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway Park in Aurora, CO

Fourth Quarter: November 9 & 10, 2018, at the Embassy Suites Dallas (DFW) Airport South in Irving, Texas

Call-in information will be available closer to the dates of the meetings and will be provided on the AMHA website. Questions regarding the meetings can be directed to Carrie J. Mortensen, Executive Director at the AMHA office by calling (802) 985-4944, ext. 201 or emailing execdir@morganhorse.com.

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We just finished a very busy board meeting in Chicago, where we saw AMHA's financial situation, registry numbers for the breed and memberships looking up. Membership renewals are being sent out and you can renew online as well.

We would like to thank all of the Central Region Morgan farms that participated in the first annual national "Day of the Morgan" organized by Sandy Sessink. We would like to salute everyone involved in these participating barns.

These barns are to be congratulated:

Illinois

Merriehill Farm, Marengo

Stone Ledge Farm, South Beloit

Indiana

Indian Creek Farm, Columbia City

Millwood Equine Stable--** NOV. 4

Triumph Farm, Roanoke

Kansas

Colbalt Stables, Kansas City

Moriah Training Center, Baldwin City

Wichita Riding Academy, Derby

Michigan

Century Oak Farm, Milford

Crystal Farms Equestrian Center, Marshall

Hillcrest Stables, Alden

Morgan Valley Farm, Tecumseh

Never Ending Farm, Ypsilanti

Park Avenue Morgans, Centreville

Regency Oaks Farm, Metamora

Showcase Stables, Northville

Sterling Training Center, Howell

Twin Elm Training LLC, Northville

Minnesota

Arcola Farm, Stillwater

Hardwood Creek Farm, Hugo

Missouri

Ozarks Morgan Horse Club, Rogersville

Ohio

Brodhaven Farm, Wooster

Clayhill Farm, LaGrange

Dreamway South, Miamisburg

Equestrian Elite, Oberlin

Grove Point Farm, Hebron

Lookaway Farm, Medina

Morgan Horse Farm, Lebanon

Muddy Creek Farm, Grafton

Noble Oaks Stables LLC, Grafton

Rodman Stables LLC, Homerville

Three Fates Farm, Wadsworth

Vantage Point Stables, Wadsworth

Wind Blu Farm, Sardinia

Oklahoma

Cottonwood Creek, Guthrie

The Westman Stable LLC, Noble

Texas

Horse Feathers Equine Facility, Midlothian

Wisconsin

Copper Leaf Stable, Green Bay

Domino Stables, Inc., Baraboo

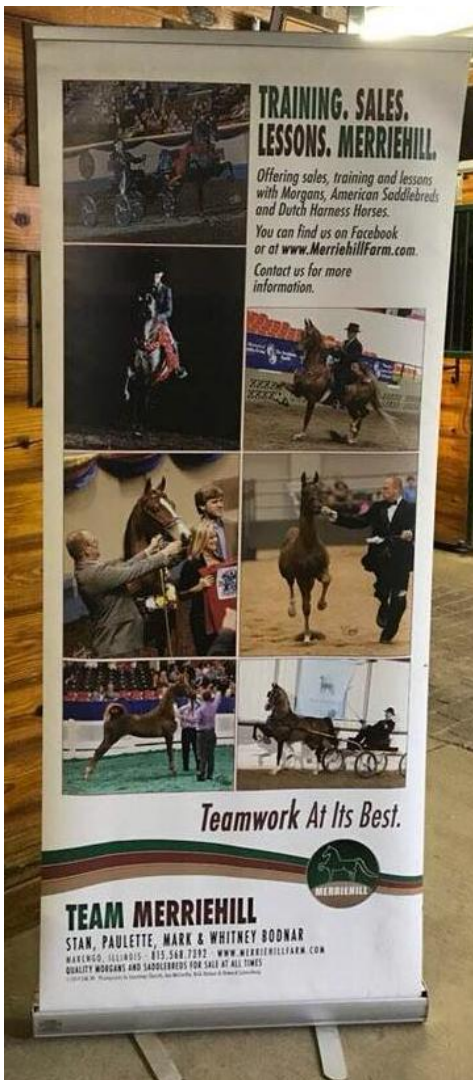
HyLee Farm, Mount Horeb

Wingait Farms, Mazomanie

Please forward to any of us news of you and your Morgans! Have a great Holiday Season!

Day of the Morgan Horse

October 28 was the Day of The Morgan Horse here at Merriehill and in spit of awful weather and extremely short on staffed due to illness and hunting season we had a very nice time. Next year we will plan to do this in the Summer so mares and foals can be seen and our farm enjoyed more. Here are a few photos of the setup in the barn. Thank you to those who attended and hope you all had a fun time.



Day of the Morgan Horse at Stone Ledge Farm





On Saturday December 16, Stone Ledge Farm hosted a Holiday Open Barn; Merriehill Angel Dust (Angel the Elf) gave many carriage rides wearing her antique bells! 🌲

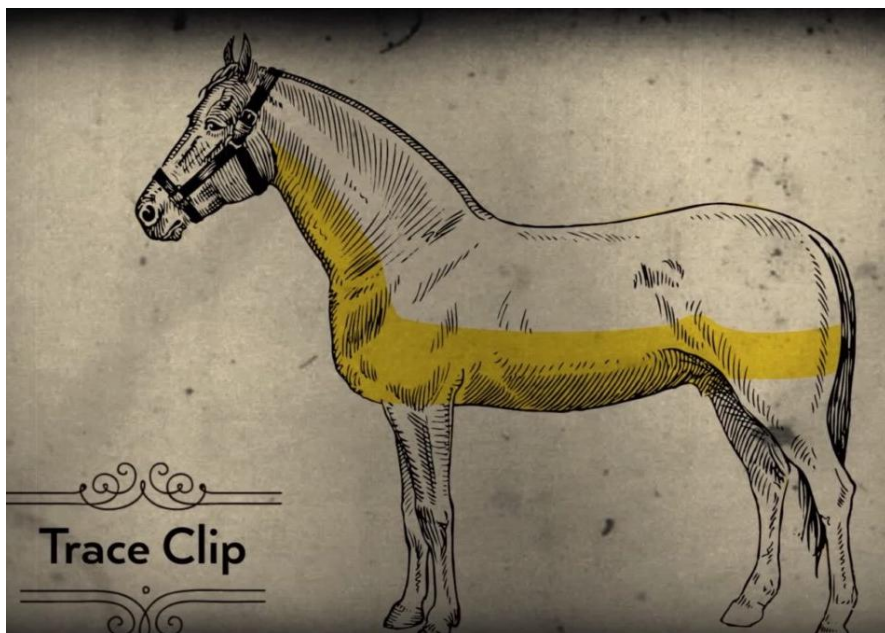
Stone Ledge Farm's 2017 Holiday Open Barn! Carriage rides, crafts, grooming demonstration and rides, and several riding demonstrations! Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the day, to all of our stellar volunteers, and to Kris Breyer for taking photos!



Holiday Open Barn



Calvin Klein (Dobie) gave lots of rides!!



How to Body Clip Like a Pro

Though it's often an essential part of good horse management, clipping can be a daunting task. But don't worry—come hair or high water, we've got you covered. Here is everything you need to know to body clip like a pro.

To Clip or Not to Clip?

That IS the question. Here are some things

to consider:

Do you work your horse in cold weather? If the answer is no, you probably don't need to clip.

Does your horse sweat when you work him in cold weather? If yes, clipping can decrease drying time and keep him from getting a chill.

Are you willing to blanket your horse? Blankets are a must for body clipped horses.

Does your horse live outside all winter? He might need his full hair coat to keep warm against the elements.

Tips for Would-Be Body Clippers

Ideally you should bathe your horse before clipping, but if temperatures won't allow, thorough grooming is key. Use a curry comb to loosen dirt and hair trapped in the coat, which can dull clipper blades.

Remember to slowly introduce the clippers to your horse, especially if he's new to the experience. Some horses may be wary of the sound and vibration clippers make. And ALWAYS keep the extension cord away from your horse's legs.

As you clip, adjust the direction of your clippers to follow the hair growth patterns, which will help to reduce clipper lines.

Send your blades out for sharpening if you suspect they're dull. Sharp blades prevent hairs from being pulled during clipping, which can irritate your horse.

Get to Know Your Blades

You'll need to purchase or borrow a pair of body clippers and the appropriate blades before you begin. Smaller clippers meant for the face and legs just won't cut it (see what we did there?). Generally, body clipping is done with a #10 blade, but there are several different types of blades available.

#10 Wide Blade – 2.4mm or T84 Blade – 2.4mm

These two blades are ideal for body clipping because of their width. They also make it easy to touch up mistakes and lines afterward if needed. (Note: the T84 is specific to Andis brand clippers.)

#10 Blade – 1.5mm

Leaves hair shorter than T84 and 10 Wide blades, but can be used for body clipping areas where wide blades will not work, such as the head and lower legs.

#15 – 1.2mm and #30 – 0.5mm

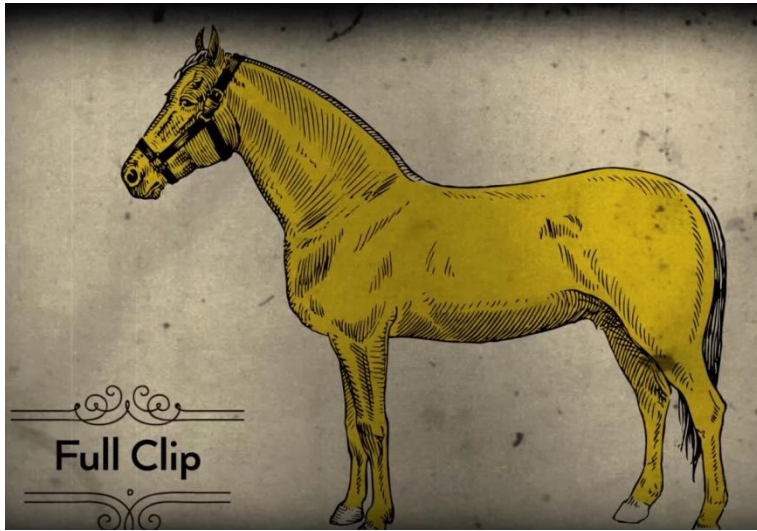
Leaves hair shorter (and shorter still!) than a #10 blade. Generally these blades are too short to use for general body clipping, but work well for specific areas such as the muzzle and bridlepath.



Clipping Styles

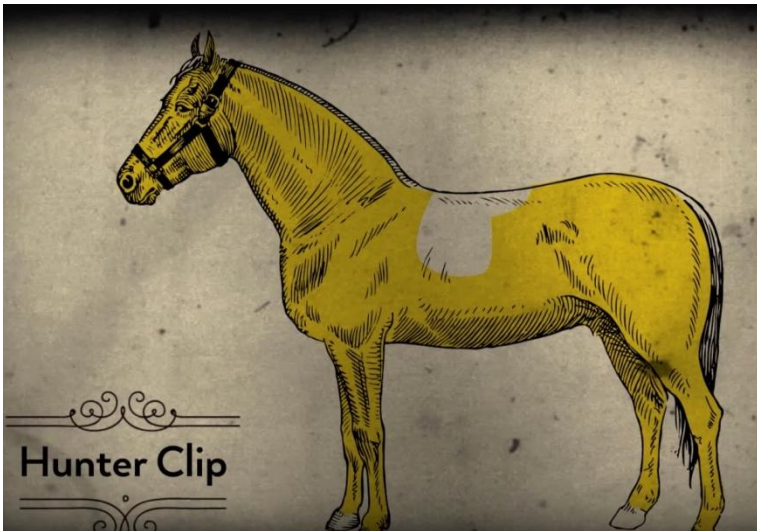
Full Clip

The entire body is clipped, including the face, legs, and belly. This clip is appropriate for horses in heavy work during the winter and who will be turned out in dry areas.



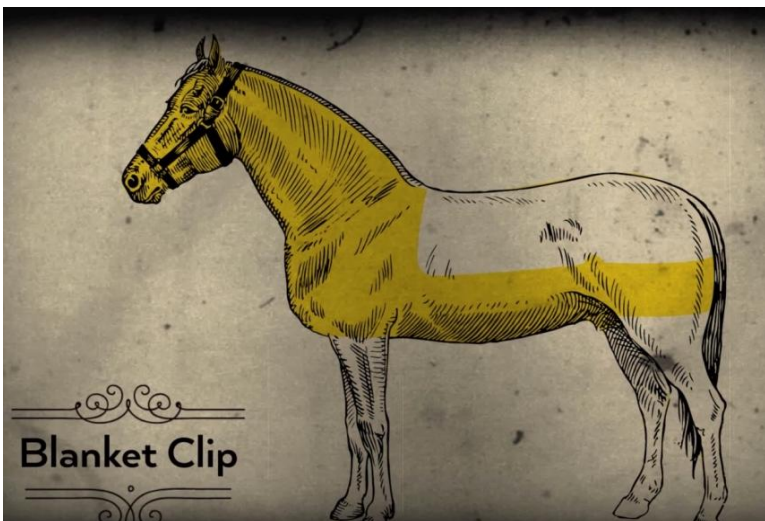
Hunter Clip

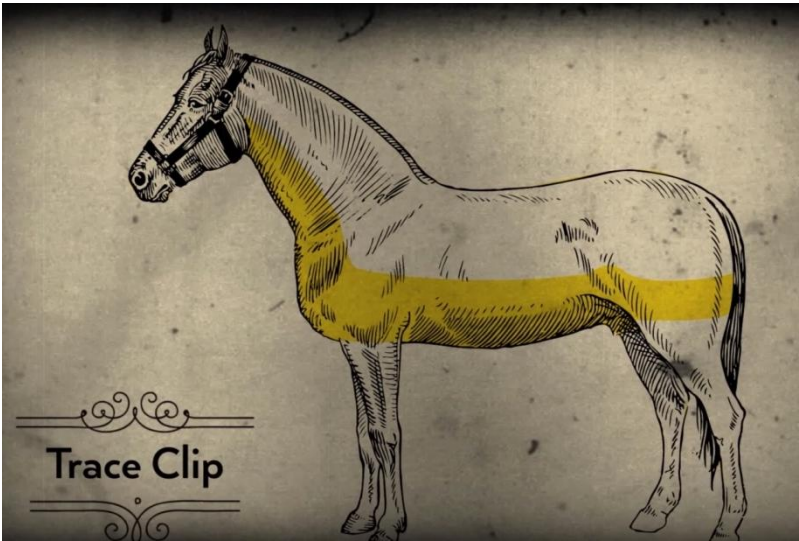
The body and face are clipped, but the legs and saddle area are left unclipped. This clip is appropriate for horses in medium to heavy work.



Blanket Clip

The body and face are clipped, but the legs and area that a quarter sheet would cover are left unclipped. This clip is appropriate for horses in medium work.



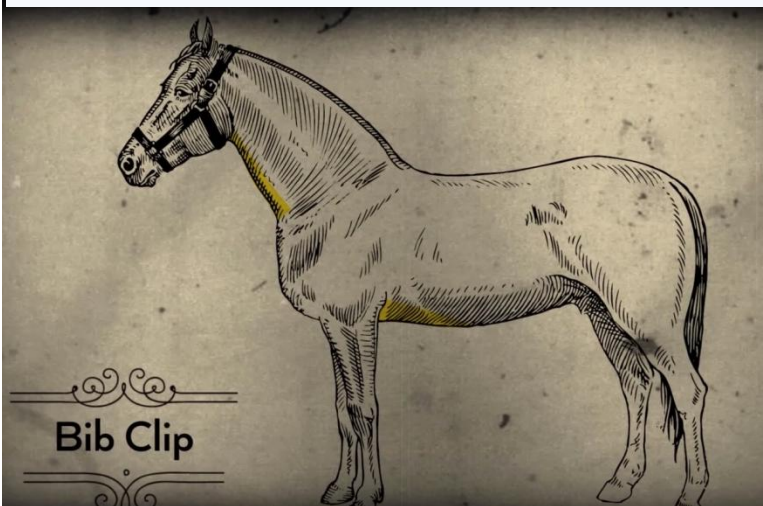


Trace Clip

The underside of the neck, chest, belly, and halfway up the sides and hind end are clipped. This clip is appropriate for horses in light to medium work.

Irish Clip

The underside of the neck, chest, and belly are clipped; the upper clip line sweeps diagonally from the upper jaw line to under the flank. This clip is appropriate for horses in light to medium work.



Bib/Strip Clip

The underside of the neck, chest and belly are clipped. These clips leave the most hair on your horse and are appropriate for horses in light work.

Aftercare

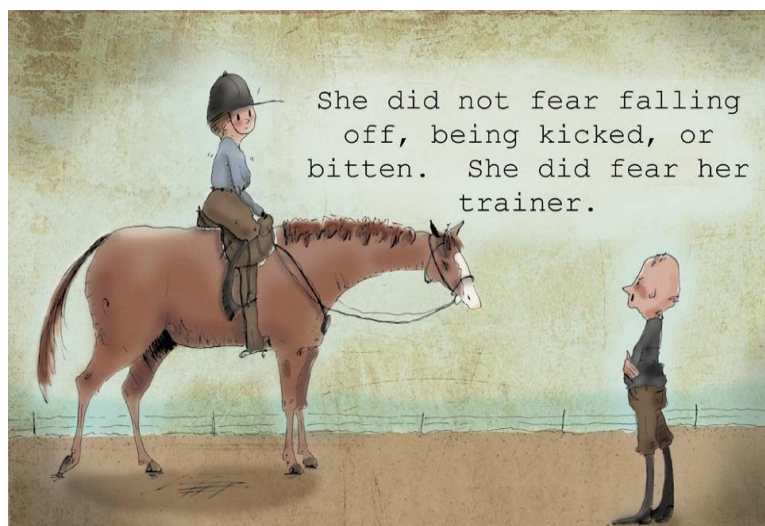
Remember: depending on where you live, the more hair you remove from your horse, the heavier the blankets he'll require. Horses with full body clips need to be blanketed at

all times, and may require neck covers. Horses with more moderate clips may be able to get away with lighter layers depending on the climate and how much hair was removed. When riding a horse with fully clipped hind quarters, it is often a good idea to use a quarter sheet.

Happy clipping!



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MID-STATES MORGAN HORSE CLUB, INC.

Membership Form 2017

Name _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

Phone Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

AMHA Member? Yes _____ No _____

Children: Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

All members (general, associate, and youth) who have paid their dues will have their name and address listed in the directory free of charge.

GENERAL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (husband, wife, children under 18) \$30.00

GENERAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$20.00

ASSOCIATE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (family as above, no voting privileges) \$25.00

.ASSOCIATE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (no voting privileges) \$15.00

TRANSITIONAL YOUTH (18-21 years old) \$15.00

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP (individual under 18 years old) \$5.00

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Total _____ Cash _____ Ck# _____

