

"To Promote & Preserve the KFPS Friesian Horse in North America"

Your Monthly News & Updates-May 2020

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COVID 19 Update 2

Dear FHANA Members;

On behalf of the FHANA Board of Directors, I would like to update you on FHANA and the COVID-19 impact to your association.

As many of you are well aware, the KFPS just recently released a letter stating that all events including Studbook Inspections, Foal Registrations, and ABFP/IBOP examinations could not happen until Sept. 1. We first want to make sure that everyone understands that this is a European Union directive for the members of the Netherlands. This does not apply to FHANA.

While things change in North America on a daily basis, we want you to understand that the FHANA Board is taking all information very seriously. While we see events continue to get cancelled on a daily basis, we feel that we owe it to you, the membership, to do everything possible to conduct our inspections if it is an option for us.

While we understand the International Friesian Show Horse Association has just recently cancelled their World Show, we are still working to try everything in our power to conduct our inspections. The Finance Committee is working on the financial implications to not only the Association, but you the member. They are putting plans together to hopefully help save you some money with your registration fees. The Inspection Committee is working on a new "Social Distancing" plan for the inspections and future events. You will be happy to know that the United States Equestrian Federation is about to release a program that we will mirror. The Education Committee is currently working on a webinar to help you, the member best present your horse for an inspection while utilizing Social Distancing.

We, as a board are not taking this decision lightly regarding our inspections and want to make sure we have the most up to date information possible before a decision is made. While we would like to make a decision today, it is just too important of a decision. Therefore, we will make our decision to proceed or cancel the 2020 Inspections on or as quickly after June 16th, 2020 as possible.

If you have questions regarding the inspections or other FHANA events, please feel free to contact myself or your Board of Directors representative.

Sincerely,

Jason Tice
Executive Director-FHANA

The Friesian Book-Pre-Orders

Good News!!! FHANA is receiving another shipment of the Friesian Book. This book will be in English and is available to our members. All we ask is that you pay for the shipping and handling. The price is \$14.95 and we hope to have it available within the next 4-6 weeks.

You can pre-order your copy here.

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FHANA Board of Directors Highlights

The Board of Directors meet on April 25th, 2020 for their monthly meeting. Here are some highlights from that meeting.

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New Scoring for Aptitude Tests

The KFPS has implemented a new scoring letter designation to accompany your aptitude test scores (ABFP or IBOP).

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2020 Inspection Information

Never too early to start thinking about inspections.

[Inspection Calendar](#)

[Inspection Registration Form](#)

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We Want Your Foals!!!

We are looking for your foal pictures to be posted on our social media pages. Every day FHANA posts a "Foal of the Day" picture. At the end of the week there is a winner for the most "Likes", "Shares", and "Comments" in a 24 hour period. Send your foal pictures to fhana@fhana.com

Stallion Information

The KFPS annually publishes the Stallion Information. This contains all information about the stallions in active stud service, both in the Netherlands and abroad.

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Chapter News

To be included in the Chapter news, all Chapter submissions must be received by the FHANA office by the 25th of each month. Submissions can be sent to fhana@fhana.com

Friesian Horse Club of Southern California

During February, the FHCSA started off the year's events with a relaxed and friendly trail ride at the Hidden Valley Wildlife Area in the Jurupa Valley of Riverside, CA. during Valentine's Day/President's Day weekend. With the invitation open to owners of Friesians and their friends riding other breeds, we had a total of 11 equine under saddle - 5 Friesians, 5 other breeds, and one honorary Friesian, a Fell pony. In camp, 2 Friesian youngsters enjoyed the outing as well. Club member, former club secretary, Tara Beck was our guide. She is an avid rider on the Preserve's trails, sharing many of her rides on Facebook with photos and videos shot

from between the ears of her horses as they ramble over the river and through the bamboo woods, quite literally across hill and dale. She often rides Friso, (Mintse 384 x Jillis 301 x Reitse 272), a pleasant gelding with an interesting, older heritage. Friso is kind, smart and talented, though sometimes a bit too-relaxed when it suits him. [I say, that can be a good thing on trail rides with all those scary bamboo archways!]

Jennifer O'Gara's mare Tetsje (Folkert 353 Pref x Sjaard 320 x Leffert 306 Pref) was rebuilding herself at home after the recent weaning of last year's 1st Premium filly, Kenna Swarte Pearel (Thorben 466 Sport Elite x Folkert 353 Pref x Sjaard 320). Instead, Jennifer represented Tetsje with Kenna, and with her 2nd Premium 2018 granddaughter, Grietje Elke (Jisse 433 Sport x Sape 381 Sport x Folkert 353 Pref). Both youngsters enjoyed a good grooming on site, a nearly 2-hour lesson in patience at the hitching rail followed by hay bag lunches while the returning riders and those who had waited in camp shared a potluck lunch as well. Both fillies did well, learning a lot, and only became momentarily nervous when the riders returned and crowded around to get a closer look at "the babies", all of which was excellent exposure for the fillies. Overall, it was indeed a lovely day and fun for all.

In March, the club led by Marcia Goodwin planned to participate in the annual Swallows Day Parade in San Juan Capistrano dressed in costume, or in various disciplines represented by our Friesians. Plans for the next open group trail ride had been made for early April. The proposed site was near the Los Angeles Equestrian Center on the trails under the famous Hollywood Sign in the Hollywood Hills. Our Friesians and friends had hoped to add to the location's glamour with the appearance of our Black Pearls and charming entourage of friendly comrades. Instead, with the outbreak of Covid-19, all club meetings, functions and events were cancelled. This included our club meeting which was sponsoring an informational meeting with Dr. Alisha Olmstead DVM, with a doctorate in Neurological studies, and person in charge at our local CA Dept of Food and Agriculture as our guest speaker, teaching on the subject of Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy (EHM) in horses, a study in EHV-1. Tara Beck had been key in organizing this function at the George Engall's Equestrian Event Center in the Nellie Weaver Meeting Hall, in Norco, CA. The event was open to anyone to attend, and we expected a large group participating as Norco is known as HorseTown USA, with good reason. We were sorry to cancel, but the human infectious virus, Covid-19 had precipitated concerns for large groups meeting by then, so we had to postpone.

Although we are not able to enjoy group meetings, several members of the club have been looking forward to foaling season; we wish everyone well who is doing the same. Although this is a very strange and difficult time for most of us, we sincerely hope that you can find peace and comfort in their presence, or in the reports of those entrusted with keeping your gracious Black Pearls safe until you are with them once again.

Submitted by Jennifer O'Gara

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