

Upcoming Events



Driving Clinics with Jeff Morse

MARCH 6/7, APRIL 10/11, MAY 1/2, JUNE 26/27, JULY 17/18, AUGUST 28/29, AND SEPTEMBER 25/26 - Tom and Janet Yager of Absolute Morgans in Waltham, VT will be hosting another series of carriage driving clinics with Jeff Morse of Green Meadows Farm in Richmond, MA. Lessons are \$55 each or the weekend for \$100, limited stabling is available for \$10 per day, and we will host a pot-luck supper on Saturday night.

If you would like to participate in one or all of the driving clinics, contact Janet at morgans@madrider.com or 802-545-2264.



Towne-Ayr Farm Horse Shows

MAY 30, JUNE 27, AND AUGUST 8 - Plans are underway for the 2010 Towne-Ayr Farm Open Horse Shows in Berlin, VT. The show committee has applied to have these shows rated by the AMHA Star Rating Program and include Open Morgan In-Hand, Justin Morgan Standard Class, and two Morgan Pleasure Classes open to all seats, one for walk/trot only and the other for walk/trot/canter. As the Towne-Ayr Farm Open Horse Show Series already offers a special year end award for Morgan Performance, offering some Morgan only classes to include eligibility for the Star Rating Program complements the class list nicely. Morgan exhibitors can also enter other open classes which could be used for the AMHA or VHSA Morgan Open Competition Programs. The class list also offers open classes for all seats and levels of ability along with 4H classes. The shows will begin at 9:00 am and be held rain or shine.

As an added feature this spring, Towne-Ayr Farm will offer two "Show Prep" clinics for anyone interested in learning more about what the judge is looking for in the classes we offer, training tips, showmanship techniques, etc. The first clinic will be held on Sunday, April 11th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, and a May date will be announced. These clinics are free to anyone interested in learning more about showing.

For more information on the shows or clinics or to request a class lists, contact Rita Towne at 802-223-6418 or e-mail bradleytowne@aol.com.



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MORGAN HORSE TRIVIA

Question 1: In 1907, who donated his 400 acre Breadloaf Farm in Weybridge, VT to the U.S. Government?
a. C.C. Stillman b. Colonel Joseph Battell c. Charles Stone

Question 2: Who was the sculpture who created the statue of Justin Morgan that is on the front lawn at UVM?
a. Frederick Roth b. Daniel Lambert c. Frank Banker

Question 3: In what year was the Justin Morgan statue erected on the lawn of the UVM Morgan Farm?
a. 1904 b. 1924 c. 1921

Question 4: What is the significance of July 1, 1951?
a. The US Government officially turned over the US Morgan Horse Farm to the University of Vermont.
b. Partial dispersal of the US Morgan Horse Farm herd.
c. First meeting of the Morgan Horse Club.

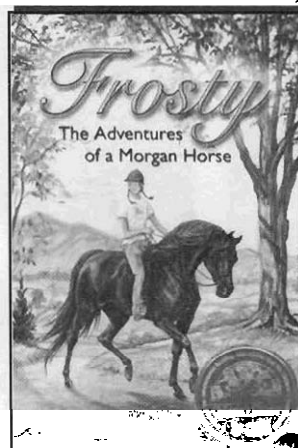
Question 5: How many horses were retained after partial herd dispersal in January 1951?
a. 54 b. 31 c. 24

(answers on page 10)

Book Review

Frosty - The Adventures of a Morgan Horse

By Cassie Mayer



As the second book in the Morgan Horse series by Ellen F. Feld, *Frosty* is an action-packed, adventurous ride from start to finish. The book starts at a crowded horse auction, mostly overridden with old or weak horses. Heather doesn't expect to buy anything, but she talked her friend Laura into bringing the trailer anyway. When she spots a pretty, shy mare, she knows that it is time to add to the horses in Chauncey's nearly empty barn. As it turns out, this horse is a rare grey Morgan Horse with a kind attitude, even though she shows

many signs of neglect. Heather takes some time getting to know Frosty, after the initial concerns that come with a new horse straight from an auction, like temporary quarantine, vaccinations and worming. Heather starts to work with Frosty, and finds that not all horses enjoy working in the show ring. Disappointed but not discouraged, Heather sets out to help Frosty find her niche by trying a variety of activities including traveling to Vermont for a three-day trail ride.

In the meantime, Blackjack, the star of the previous novel, was acting strangely enough for Heather to need to call her vet. Doctor Riley has trouble diagnosing Heather's prize stallion at first, which encourages the reader to keep their light on long into the night. Feld makes the world of the Morgan Horse come alive once again for the reader when she shows the good, the bad, the zany, and the terrifying parts of owning your very own horse.

Seven beautiful illustrations of Heather and her adventures, created by Jeanne Mellin, author and illustrator of *The Complete Morgan Horse*, bring even more life to the story. Although the author originally targeted this series towards teenage girls, anyone of any age will thoroughly enjoy this story. Be warned: this is not the type of book you can just put down when you want to. If you decide to pick up this book as your next good read, be prepared to tell your boss or teachers why you are sleeping at your desk!