

# HOOF PRINTS

DOUGLAS COUNTY TRAIL RIDERS  
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March 2018

## Upcoming Events

*All events at the DCTR Clubhouse and Grounds unless otherwise stated. Check [www.dctr.org](http://www.dctr.org) or our Facebook page for event specifics throughout the year.*

### March

17 Lawrence St Patrick's Day Parade

### April

6 DCTR meeting  
21 DCTR Horse Show Boot Camp Clinic  
28 DCTR Horse Show @ Douglas County Fairgrounds

### May

4 DCTR Meeting  
6 Obstacle Challenge - UHCA Event  
20 Trail Ride - Hillsdale

## Painting Party a Success!



We had 22 aspiring artists at the February 17 Painting Party at the clubhouse. Cheyenne Bartz of CBArtz Studio provided instruction as we attempted to re-create a painting of a flowing maned horse, adding our own unique interpretation, of course! It was a fun evening of camaraderie and fun with members, new members, friends and guests.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Painting Party a success: Julie and Jimmy Springer, Jenna Brumm, Liz Rombach and Julie DeYoung for delicious food and Larry Bartz and Standard Beverage and Marty Bloomquist of Dancing Star Ranch for liquid refreshments! Thank you!!



## Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade

Come out and watch the DCTR Leprechauns ride in the Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 17. It's a very fun, festive parade! The St Patrick's Day Parade will start in downtown Lawrence at 1pm.

Parade participants need to meet at the southwest corner of South Park by the Community Building no later than 10:30am (the city will start shutting down roads in preparation for the parade). Riders must be a current DCTR member and have been parade-certified on the horse you will be riding that day.

You will unload and tack up your horse at South Park and then drive your truck and trailer the end of the parade route at 9<sup>th</sup> and Oak St. in North Lawrence, park along Oak

Street, and take a shuttle (located at the Flamingo Club) back to South Park. Miste Tidball (parade chair) will be available to hold your horse during this process along with helping get everyone decorated and ready. Please come organized as this trailer drop-off process can be time consuming. If you have any questions the day of the parade, please call or text Miste Tidball (785) 249-4157. She will also be wearing a DCTR blue t-shirt the day of the parade, and will have all the supplies with her.

**ATTIRE:** The day of the parade please wear blue jeans, boots, and a plain white shirt - long-sleeve, short-sleeve, button down, or pullover (e.g. turtle-neck, t-shirt). The club will provide green vests and hats for the riders, and wire shamrock garland, green hoof polish, gold hoof glitter, and green vet wrap for the horses. You are welcome to decorate your horse further, but we'd like the riders to look uniform. Pooper Scoopers please bring a snow shovel (preferably) or stall fork for street manure management.

## Equifest Success!



*The happy winner of the Bouncy Pony raffle*

February 23 to 25 was Equifest of Kansas at the Topeka Expo Center. We had a booth to show off our club, attract new members and raise money with a raffle for a bouncy pony

and clinic of your choice. We gained several new members from this. Gaje Byrne was the winner of the bouncy pony, Sonja Montgomery was the lucky winner of the free clinic registration raffle. Vendor Load in/Load out went very smoothly. Thank you so much to Marty Bloomquist, Judy Warren and Bonnie Kern for organizing the Load in/Load out and to all of our volunteers that helped. Thanks to Michelle Vassar for coordinating the DCTR booth and to everyone that helped set up and work the booth. Volunteers are what makes these events a success.

## Despooking Clinic

March 11 was the first Despooking Clinic of the year. We had a good turnout despite chilly weather, and had a great time working through flapping tarps, flags and other parade-like obstacles. Two more Despooking Clinics will be held, on June 10 and October 14.



## Trail Rides

Join DCTR for our season trail ride opener on May 20. Ride time will be announced. We will meet at Saddle Ridge Horse Trails, Hillsdale Lake. There will be members camped for the weekend there and at S&S Stables just down the road.

Call or text Rachael Eve 913-709-1671 or Liz Rombach at 816-289-7197 for additional information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the date for our next ride, Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Perry Lake.

## Dinner sponsors needed

Looking for a fun way to support DCTR this year? How about volunteering to do a Five Buck Dinner for one of our monthly meetings? We need two or three families each month to sponsor the dinner. Dinner sponsors provide, prepare and help serve the food at one meeting. You can serve the menu of your choice and we ask that you provide the main dish and sides to serve about 35 people. Other members generally bring enough desserts, and the club provides beverages and tableware.

Our dinner for April will be a baked potato bar and soups. We need volunteers to make the potatoes and soup and bring the fixings.



The donations from the dinners have become a good source of income for the club, and the key to their success is members sharing the work and expense. Remember, your in-kind donations (such as food) to DCTR are tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.

So join up with a friend or two, and contact Julie Springer at 785-979-1171 or [springerjules8@aol.com](mailto:springerjules8@aol.com) to let her know what month you would like to sponsor. Thank you!



## KSHSC Horse Shows

Put April 28 and October 27, 2018 on your calendars for the KSHSC shows DCTR is hosting this year. The April show is scheduled for Douglas County Fairgrounds indoor arena starting at 9 a.m. sharp. We will be hosting the October show at the DCTR arena 9 a.m. sharp.

Volunteers are needed for gates, announcing, and ring steward from 9 until show's end (anytime between 5 and 7pm). Volunteers are also needed at the entry table and concessions from 8 am until 3pm. A sign-up sheet will be available at the April meeting for 2-hour shifts.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a class to help defray show expenses may get a check to Liz Rombach or Bonnie Kern. Please note in

the memo "show class sponsorship". You will get recognized for your sponsorship of a class that day. Your sponsorship will help cover the club cost of approximately \$10 for ribbons, the fee for the use of the indoor arena, and insurance. There are 71 classes per show.

We will also be taking donations for a used tack and show clothing sale to be held the day of the show. If you would prefer to bring your items to sell yourself, booth space may be rented for \$15 a booth. For more information contact Maggie Stout at 913-375-8424 or [maggiestout@everestkc.net](mailto:maggiestout@everestkc.net).

### **Euthanasia method can impact disposal options**

It's not something anyone wants to think about, but a fact of life about animal ownership is death. One of our members recently had an elderly horse put down and asked us to share what they learned about disposing of the remains.

If you are considering having a deceased animal picked up by a rendering service, you need to consider the method of euthanasia. If barbiturates are used, which is the usual veterinary method, the local rendering service will not take your animal, according to our member. We've also been told one local vet has said he will not euthanize a horse without barbiturates because he feels alternative methods are inhumane, and if your vet is in this camp, rendering may not be an option for you. If you decide to bury or compost the remains on your property, you need to keep pets and wildlife away from the carcass so they are not exposed to the drugs. Here's a link to a good primer on disposal options and composting mortality from Cornell University: [cwmi.css.cornell.edu/horsefs.pdf](http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/horsefs.pdf).

Bottom line, it's important to have a conversation with your veterinarian and to explore your disposal options now, before you

are forced to make a decision in an emergency or emotional situation.

*DISCLAIMER: This article should not be construed as veterinary or legal advice. Please consult your own veterinarian, Extension office or disposal service for specific information for your situation.*

## **Membership Renewal**

Please remember to renew your membership by April 1. Member benefits include reduced rates to participate in clinics and horse shows and free despooping clinics and play days. Dues must be paid before receiving discounts on activities. Download a membership form at <http://www.dctr.org/forms.php> or fill one out at the next meeting or event.



Don't get left on the trail. Renew today.

## **Wish List**

Next time you are shopping, would you pick an item to add to our supply? Here is a list:

- Brand name pop in cans, regular and diet of Coke, Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Dr. Pepper, Sprite and Root Beer
- Sturdy paper plates
- Dessert plates
- Sturdy soup bowls
- Solo cups
- Styrofoam coffee cups
- Plastic silverware
- Condiments: ketchup, mustard and relish