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For Sale . . .

Two 3-Year Old
Oregon-Bred
Fillies
by
True Confidence

Sultana's Secret and True Blue Trubble—NW 2 OB

Sultana's Secret is a bay 3 year-old non-winner of two Oregon Bred filly by True Confidence out of Flying Sultana by Basket Weave. With earnings of \$7,143, 'Vanna' is a perfect horse left with Oregon Bred conditions for the upcoming Portland Meet. With early speed from the gate, she would handle the fair circuit tracks well too. Asking price for 'Vanna' is \$750.00. She is approximately 15.3 and sound.



Call Jessica at 503-554-0227 or
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True Blue Trubble is a lovely bay filly with white markings by True Confidence out of stakes winner Bubble Up by Present Value. Bred in Oregon by Oakhurst, she has tactical speed from the gate for positioning but shows more promise routing than sprinting. This 3 year-old non-winner of two Oregon Bred filly has made \$4,420 in earnings so far and is sound. Standing at 15.3, asking price for 'Trubble' is \$1,500.



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Race Records and Pedigrees available on our website at
www.oakhurstequine.com

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CLIENT OF THE MONTH—Diane Gueck

Diane Gueck, originally born in Bristol, England, moved to the states in 1961 eventually settling in Sherwood, Oregon as owner and operator of Cheveaux Training Stables. During her impressive career as a trainer and breeder, Diane has won over 36 titles!

Specializing in Tennessee Walking Horses, Diane and her daughter Sharon, have risen to some pretty fantastic heights of achievement with their youngsters.

Take time to visit Cheveaux Training Stable's website at:

www.cheveauxstables.com





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Multiple Hereditary Exostosis (MHE)

Recently at Oakhurst we foaled a mare for a client and the baby was born with Multiple Hereditary Exostosis. MHE is an inherited disorder of bone growth and has been studied in horses and human beings who seem to share similarities of this disorder providing researchers with an opportunity for comparative biomedical study. These growths on the bones can vary in size, location, and number depending on the individual. The long bones (ribs, limbs, scapula) are the most common locations for active bone growth. MHE is a condition that is passed by the genes of the affected parent to their offspring. It is called an ‘autosomal dominant’ disorder which means that if one parent

has the condition chances are 50% that any offspring can develop MHE. An exostosis is a bone growth that is abnormal or different from the underlying bone. These abnormal growths are not cancer but are benign. When the foal is fully mature the exostoses will stop growing. Multiple Hereditary Exostosis can be troublesome. Because they grow near the growth centers of the bone, they can make the growth center grow poorly or incorrectly. Sometimes they can grow near nerves or tendons and press on them as well. It is rare, but in less than 1% of the time, the benign exostoses of MHE can become malignant and then the tumor is called chondrosarcoma. There is no known treat-

ment and some humans and horses with MHE learn to compensate for any decreased range of motion or mild discomfort while others may require surgery to help them. If an exostosis is painful, pressing on an important structure or cosmetically unattractive, it can be surgically removed. Once removed, exostoses can reoccur in about 20-50% of the time but may not grow as large as they were originally.

Research continues on MHE throughout the world to understand the gene and function of its protein to provide knowledge leading to actual treatment. Because it is a hereditary problem individual horses with Multiple Hereditary Exostosis should not be bred.

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Metal Art Horse Wine Holder

Metal Art Horse Wine Holder

\$74.95

Perfect Gift!

(shipping \$5.00—bottle of wine not included!)



Why Worry About Twins in Your Mare?

At first glance the idea of twins might seem like a good idea—getting two foals for the price of one! However, an experienced horse breeder understands that twins are risky and highly unlikely as well, to be carried full

term. In most cases, mares with twins will lose one or both embryos since the mare's uterus adequately supports only one fetus. With today's advances in ultrasonography breeders can reduce the incidence of twins

early in pregnancy. Twin pregnancies rarely have a happy ending so be sure to have your mare's first scan done at 12-14 days and a recheck again around 19-21 days by your veterinarian.



Reduce Your Horse's Gastro Ulcer Risk

Ulcers are a man-made disease, affecting up to 90 percent of racehorses and 60 percent of show horses. Stall confinement alone can lead to the development of ulcers. A horse's feeding schedule also can be a factor. When horses are fed just twice a day, the stomach is subjected to a prolonged period without feed to neutralize its naturally produced acid. In addition, high-grain diets produce volatile fatty acids that can also contribute to the development of ulcers. Stress, both environmental and physical, can increase the likelihood of ulcers, as can hauling, training and mixing groups of horses. Strenuous exercise can decrease the emptying of the stomach and the blood flow to the stomach, thus contributing to the problem. The treatment and prevention of gastric ulcers is directed at removing these predisposing factors, thus decreasing acid production within the horse's stomach. Follow these tips from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) to properly treat your horse's ulcers:

1. Allow free-choice access to grass or hay. Horses are designed to be grazers with a regular intake of roughage.
2. If the horse must be stalled, arrange for the horse to see the horses he socializes with. Consider offering a ball or other object that the horse can enjoy in his stall.
3. Feed the horse more frequently to help buffer the acid in the stomach.
4. Decrease grains that form volatile fatty acids.

Medications that decrease acid production are available, but are only necessary in horses showing signs of clinical disease or when the predisposing factors, such as stress, cannot be removed. The prevention of ulcers is the key. Limiting stressful situations along with frequent feeding or free-choice access to grass or hay is imperative. Neutralizing the production of stomach acid is nature's best antacid.

For more information about gastric ulcers, ask your equine veterinarian for the "Equine Gastric Ulcers" brochure provided by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) in association with Nutrena, an AAEP Educational Partner. Additional information also can be found on the AAEP's horse-health Web site, www.myHorseMatters.com. The American Association of Equine Practitioners, headquartered in Lexington, Ky., was founded in 1954 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of the horse. Currently, the AAEP reaches more than 5 million horse owners through its over 9,000 members worldwide and is actively involved in ethics issues, practice management, research and continuing education in the equine veterinary profession and horse industry.

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You Tips!

A couple years ago Jack and I went to a veterinary meeting in Lexington. For the first time in years, we took extra days as well to visit family on the East Coast. Then, over to New York for the Breeders Cup. "On the way to New York from Kentucky," I ask him, "can we see Niagara Falls?" I've wanted to see Niagara Falls since I was probably 9 years old. He laughed at me, "On the way you say!?" Well, we went! We made the last boat out on the last day of the season! The spontaneity of the decision made it even more fun! In our busy lives many of us do not take the time we need to

balance our work and rest. Life can take its toll. To feel well we must learn to reduce stress, stop panic attacks, live in the moment, learn to tell more jokes, and laugh! With summer equine events all around, find time to do what you love to do, whether alone or with family and friends. Horse racing, horse shows, poker trail rides, rodeos and county fairs! Find your event and take time out for you!



Jack & Cookie at Niagara!

Coming Events:

June 27th—OTOBA Early Entry Fee Deadline for October Mixed Horse Sale at Oakhurst. 503-285-0658.

July 2nd-5th—St Paul Rodeo, St. Paul, Oregon. 503-633-2011

July 9th-13th—Country Classic at Hunter Creek Farm in Wilsonville

July 11th—OTOBA Late Entry Fee Deadline for October Mixed Horse Sale at Oakhurst. 503-285-0658.

July 31st—OTOBA Deadline for nominations to the Oregon Bred Racing Series. 503-285-0658.

October 4th—Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Mixed Horse Auction at Oakhurst.