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## ANNOUNCEMENT!



Kris Frye and her husband, Aaron Grier, have exciting news. They are expecting their first child in mid-July! Congratulations Kris and Aaron on your future equestrian.

## WELCOME

Laurie Hanawa just bought Zen Gold, a beautiful Friesian/Paint gelding. He is a flashy Grulla tobiano with a super sweet personality. We are so glad to see Laurie fulfill her lifelong dream of horse ownership thanks to her husband's generous Christmas gift this year! Laurie will be sharing her new horse with her granddaughter Nerissa, so be sure to introduce yourself if you have not met them yet.

## ARENA RULES

Just a gentle reminder.... Please don't walk your horses behind people who are sitting in the arena chairs. You may think your horse is 100% bombproof and will never startle and jump on someone, but there is no "100%" with horses. Thank you for following the arena courtesies posted by the arena light switches.

## SHOW SEASON

I hope you received the email I sent on 1/26/10 with the 2010 show schedule attached. Watch the bulletin boards in the future for sign-ups so I know who is going to the shows and who needs horse hauling. You may want to jot show dates on your calendars to help you plan your summer vacations. Pay attention to those important opening dates, so you don't get shut out. It always seems that the first few shows take everyone by surprise. Suddenly, you are into July and realize you can't qualify for Championships because you don't have enough shows and entries are closed for the year! Don't let that happen to you this year.



## JOIN NOW

If you plan to show this season, have you joined ODS [Welcome to the Oregon Dressage Society | Membership](#), USDF [USDF | Join USDF](#) and USEF [Member Services Menu](#)? Is your horse registered with those groups? How about his breed organizations for the USDF All breeds awards? If you are not sure what you need, talk to Teri or Megan and they will help you navigate through those tricky organization requirements for showing, but do it now rather than waiting until you have to send the info in with your entries.

## INSURANCE

I really hate paying insurance premiums, but one thing you may want to look into is Major Medical. You usually have to carry mortality to get it, but veterinary costs can be HUGE these days. A colic surgery can run you \$10K, and a tendon injury or any continuing care treatment (even a cut that goes septic) can run \$20K and more easily if your horse needs continuing treatment or a hospital stay. You can end up paying for your horse several times over or have to euthanize. Now you can get older horses covered. It used to be that 13 was the top age for most companies. I don't know the price, and I don't know about the company, but I saw this ad:

*Blue Bridle announced, at long last, Major Medical coverage is now available for horses up to age 20. Major Medical and Surgical options with higher, stackable limits can be added to your Mortality policy at renewal or on new business. Call 800-526-1711 for more information and quotes.*

You may want to explore this.

## CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS



It's almost Valentines Day. Have you put your horse's Christmas stocking away yet? Thank you.