

Events to look forward to:

I Love My Dog Expo

- Feb. 23-24, 2013

Paws On Dog Workshop

- March 9, 2013

4-H Horse Stampede

- March 16, 2013

FFA Vet Science CDE

- April 3, 2013

Canine Companions for Life 4-H Dog Expo

- April 19-20, 2013

District Horse Shows

- June 11-19, 2013

Seeca/Dog Training Class Summary

SEECA, (Students for Education in Exotic and Companion Animals), is a club for UNL students.

A key activity for the club is hosting a dog-training course for members of the community each semester.

This is a service to the city by producing dogs that are qualified to become 'Canine Good Citizens' after administering the test at the end of the course. Assisting with the training course is beneficial for both the UNL students and the community.

- Students strongly indicated that assisting with the dog training classes helped them learn skills they could apply to their own dog ownership (mean = 4.9) and improved their understanding of dog training.
- Students were interested in taking a similar dog training course with their own dog in the future.
- The dog-training course provided a hands-on opportunity to work with dogs and their owners as well as trainer, Dr. Jill Morstad.
- Students assisting with

the dog training course indicated it allowed them to be better prepared for the future through improving life skills like communication (mean = 4.6) and organization (mean = 4.3).

- The community members indicated improvements in their dog's behavior (mean = 4.7) and their understanding of dog training (mean = 4.6).
- Participants in the training class indicated that they felt they had a stronger bond with their dog (mean = 4.6).
- Dog handlers enjoyed working with the students (mean = 4.2) and found the students to be helpful (mean = 4.2).

Free Companion Animal Webinar Series

The Healthy Dog

- ♦ Jan. 24, 2013

7pm CST/ 8pm EST

Cats 101

- ♦ Feb. 21, 2013

7pm CST/ 8pm EST

Working with Youth Dogs

- ♦ March 14, 2013

7pm CST/ 8pm EST

Taking Your Members and their Dogs Beyond the Local 4-H Show

- ♦ Apr. 18, 2013

7pm CST/ 8pm EST

Rally Obedience for 4-H Clubs

- ♦ May 16, 2013

7pm CST/ 8pm EST

Accessed at:

<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/companion>



Tips for Choosing a Rabbit Diet

Dr. Lisa Karr-Lilienthal

When choosing a diet for a rabbit, there are several important factors to consider. Here are some tips to look for:

Consider your rabbit. The specific diet you choose will depend on several factors, including age and weight of the rabbit, environmental conditions, and purpose of the animal.

Consider the age of your animal. There are diets designed for different life stages of rabbits. A diet made primarily of alfalfa hay provides added protein and calcium for younger, growing rabbits and those that are pregnant and nursing. A pellet with primarily grass hay (generally, timothy) is better for an adult animal.

Always have fresh water available. Rabbits actually have a very high water intake for their size. You may notice your rabbit goes through the bottle of water very quickly. Always ensure that it has a full bottle of water to prevent dehydration.

Choose a consistent pelleted diet. Rabbits naturally pick and choose foods higher in energy density. Providing a pelleted rabbit food helps ensure that your animal is getting all the nutrition it needs in each bite of food. Seed mix diets are not ideal for everyday

feeding because the rabbit may pick and choose items based on its taste preferences and may not choose the most healthful seeds.

Evaluate supplements carefully. Rabbits on a high quality diet do not need additional supplements such as salt licks



or vitamin and mineral tablets. However, depending on your rabbit and your veterinarian's recommendation, you may want to look into supplements for hairball control such as pineapple or papaya based treats or for joint health in older animals.

Offer unlimited access to grass hay. Grass hay is vital to dental and digestive tract health and it helps prevent obesity, diarrhea, dental disease, and boredom. Such grass types include but are not limited to timothy, orchard, brome, and oat hays.

Choose a variety of healthy treats. Feed your rabbit a variety

of nutrient-dense vegetables with a limited amount of fruit. Vegetables such as dandelion greens, Brussels sprouts, parsley, and other dark-colored vegetables are ideal. Avoid or limit carrots and iceberg lettuce because these contain fewer nutrients.

Don't overfeed. Adult rabbits have fairly low nutrient needs. The tendency to overfeed treats and to provide a higher calorie diet (alfalfa based) into adulthood has led to health problems in many rabbits. Overweight rabbits have difficulty grooming, increased risk for many other health concerns like sore hocks, and have shorter lifespans.

Pay attention to your rabbit's eating habits. Changes in eating habits are the first sign of disease in rabbits. If you notice that your rabbit is not eating, they should be taken to the veterinarian immediately.



UNL Equestrian Team Fall Semester 2012 Highlights

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln Equestrian Team had a great Fall Semester in the show circuit for Hunt and Western. The Hunt team received two first place ribbons and Colorado University, October 6-7; one in beginner walk/trot/canter (Alex Rommelfanger) and one in novice flat (Emma Link). The ladies of the team swept the competition at second show held at The University of Wyoming, November 11. Laura Wondra was Reserve High Point Rider and received first place in novice flat and novice over fences. Nicole D'Angelo of the hunt team received first place in intermediate flat.

The UNL Western also kicked the competition at Colby Community College, University of Nebraska, and LCCC this fall semester. The team racked up a total of 4 High Point Team and 25 first place ribbons in open reining, open rail, advanced horsemanship, intermediate II horsemanship, novice horsemanship, intermediate I horsemanship, and beginner horsemanship (Katrina Quick, Kallie Kayton, Dustin Renken, Mackenzie Schneekloth, Melissa Matulka, Blake Preston, Morgan Mardock, Brooke Preston, Linsey Bode, Cara Peters, Emily Waring, Katie Brock, and Courtney Spilker). The team also received three high point rider awards (Katrina Quick and Kallie Kayton) and two reserve high point rider awards (Morgan Mardock and Katrina Quick). Spring Semester 2013 is looking bright for both teams!

UNL Equestrian Team participants can be found on page 4.



THE 2013 CANINE COMPANIONS FOR LIFE NEBRASKA 4-H DOG EXPO HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE SPRING! THE GOAL OF THIS CHANGE IS TO HELP YOU BETTER PREPARE FOR THE CURRENT 4-H YEAR.



April 19-20, 2013
Hastings, NE
Adams Country Fair Grounds



Evening of Friday April 19th: Quiz bowl and pool party!!!

DEMONSTRATIONS AND CINICS

Practice Show Classes: Obedience, Showmanship, & Agility

Fun Classes: Rally Obedience, Tricks & Costumes AND MUCH MORE!!!

For more information visit companionanimal.unl.edu or contact:

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UNL Equestrian Team



- Amelia Becher, Freshmen, Platte Center, NE - Western Team
- Heidi Black, Freshmen, Elkhorn, NE - Hunt Team
- Linsey Bode, Senior, Elgin, NE - Western Team
- Melissa Braun, Freshmen, Omaha, NE - Hunt Team
- Kathryn Brock, Freshmen, Omaha, NE - Hunt Team
- Jenna Brown, Freshmen, Staten, NE - Western Team
- Ethan Callahan, Sophomore, Brady, NE - Western Team
- Kelsey Cartagena, Junior, Lincoln, NE - Hunt Team
- Meghan Clemens, Junior, Scottsbluff, NE - Western Team
- Beth Cosentino, Freshmen, Omaha, NE - Western Team
- Nicole D'Angelo, Senior, Auburn, CA - Hunt Team
- Lindsey Driggs, Junior, North Platte, NE - Western Team
- Molly Gruener, Freshmen, Phillips, NE - Western Team
- Katie Halva, Junior, Amherst, NE - Hunt Team
- Katie Higgins, Junior, Lincoln, NE - Western Team
- Emma Huber, Freshmen, Troy, MI - Hunt Team
- Katie Husman, Freshmen, Chapman, NE - Western Team
- Kallie Kayton, Sophomore, Albino, NE - Western Team
- Cheri Klabenes, Senior, Lincoln, NE - Western Team
- Katherine Kurth, Junior, Lincoln, NE - Hunt Team
- Emma Link, Sophomore, Omaha, NE - Hunt Team
- Maria Luedtke, Junior, Lincoln, NE - Hunt Team
- Morgan Mardock, Junior, Lincoln, NE - Western Team
- Melissa Matulka, Senior, Thedford, NE - Western Team
- Valerie Matulka, Sophomore, Thedford, NE - Western Team
- Nikki Novak, Sophomore, Unadilla, NE - Hunt Team
- Leighlynn Obermiller, Sophomore, Grand Island, NE - Hunt Team
- Jordan Perez, Sophomore, Gretna, NE - Hunt Team
- Cara Peters, Senior, Firth, NE - Hunt/Western Team
- Blake Preston, Sophomore, Firth, NE - Western Team
- Brooke Preston, Senior, Firth, NE - Western Team
- Katrina Quick, Junior, Hordville, NE - Western Team
- Carolyn Reiland - Smith, Sophomore, Sioux Falls, SD - Hunt Team
- Dustin Renken, Junior, Bertrand, NE - Western Team
- Megan Rhoades, Sophomore, Omaha, NE - Hunt Team
- Alex Rommelfanger, Sophomore, Omaha, NE - Hunt Team
- Mackenzie Scheekloth, Sophomore, Schulyer, NE - Western Team
- Courtney Spilker, Junior, Beatrice, NE - Western Team
- Jordan Swan, Freshmen, York, NE - Western Team
- Emily Taylor, Senior, Battle Creek, NE - Hunt/Western Team
- Brittany Tisthammer, Sophomore, Omaha, NE - Hunt Team
- Shayanna Torres, Freshmen, Norco, CA - Hunt Team
- Emily Waring, Senior, Omaha, NE - Hunt/Western Team
- Sarah Warner, Junior, Lincoln, NE - Western Team
- Lauren Welch, Junior, Papillion, NE - Western Team
- Lauren Wondra, Senior, Bellevue, NE - Hunt Team
- Taylor Wynn, Junior, Papillion, NE - Hunt Team



Paws-On Dog Workshop

Saturday, March 9th 10:00am– 4:00pm
 Greater Lincoln Obedience Club Building
 5740 Johanna Road Lincoln, NE

Do you want to learn more about dogs and improve you training and showing skills?

The university of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension is once again holding as statewide 4-H Dog workshop that covers obedience, agility, showmanship, grooming, and many other skills that will enhance your dog training and care techniques.

For more information call:

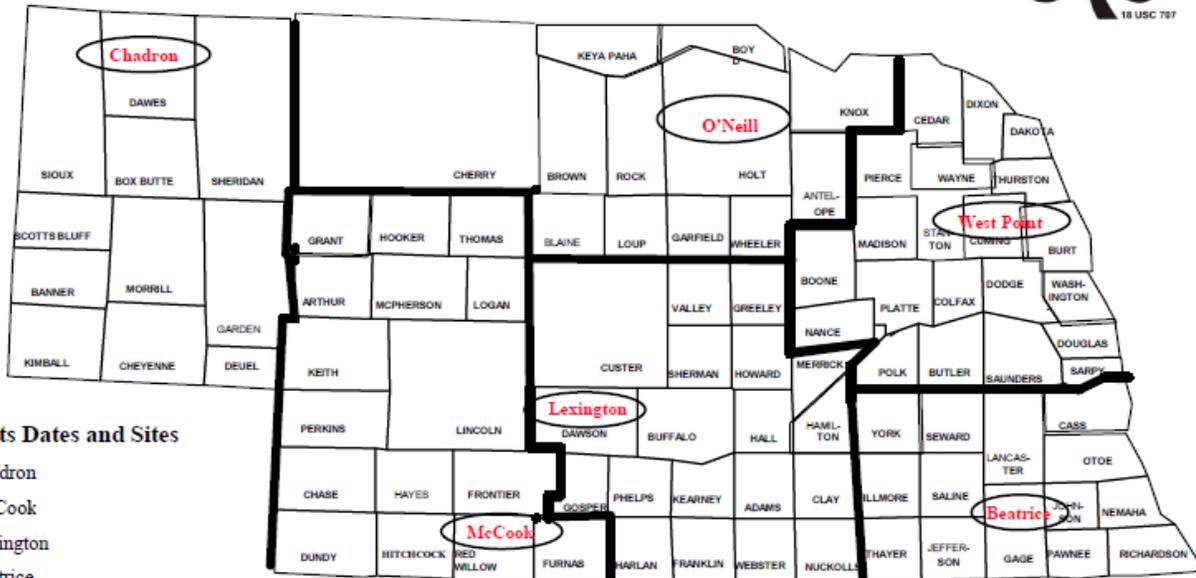
Dr. Lisa Karr-Lilienthal at (402) 472-6458 or email at: lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu or visit www.companionanimal.unl.edu for details.

Well behaved dogs may attend.



2013 NEBRASKA DISTRICT 4-H HORSE SHOWS all entries due to county office **May 10, 2013**

Note: **ALL** Level testing required for participation in the 2013 District 4-H Horse Shows **MUST** be completed by **MAY 10, 2013**



2013 Districts Dates and Sites

- June 11 – Chadron
- June 12 – McCook
- June 13 – Lexington
- June 14 – Beatrice
- June 18 – O'Neill
- June 19 – West Point

Reminder: All Entries for the State Horse must be mailed by **May 10, 2013**. These include Showmanship, Halter, All Cattle Classes, Hunter Hack, Dressage, Advanced Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure and Horsemanship, Trail, 2 year old and 3 year old Western Pleasure and Working Ranch.

2013 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show July 15 - 18, 2013

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The live webinars will be given by experts from the Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation at Iowa State University and an expert on equestrian safety from Michigan State University. The webinars will be held on **Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM EST** but will also be recorded and available for later on-demand viewing. Topics include:

LIVE WEBINAR SERIES SCHEDULE

		SPEAKERS	
	Erika K. Eckley Staff Attorney, Iowa State University		Roger A. McEowen Professor, Iowa State University
	February 7	Contract/Employee Labor Law: When is a Worker a Horse Operation Employee?	DESCRIPTION >
	February 14	Liability Issues of Horse Operations and Veterinary Practices	DESCRIPTION >
	February 21	Youth and Volunteers: Enabling Experience without Jeopardizing Your Horse Operation	DESCRIPTION >
	February 28	Ensuring Proper Documentation to Enable Employment on Horse Operations	DESCRIPTION >
	Karen Waite Extension Specialist, Michigan State University	SPEAKER	
	March 7	Best Practices for a Safe and Efficient Facility	DESCRIPTION >

For any questions, please contact us at 517-353-3123 or info@myhorseuniversity.com. This project is funded by the North Central Risk Management Education Center.

Join the Equine Business Network online community and connect with other equine business professionals on [f](#) and [t](#).

WWW.MYHORSEUNIVERSITY.COM/EBN



UNL's Equine Extension is a partner in Upcoming Equine Business Online Short Courses offered to Equine Professionals by Land Grant Universities

Free online courses will focus on human resource, liability, and farm safety issues

Equine business professionals are invited to participate in a dynamic, online short course series where they will be connected with land grant universities, equine business experts, networking opportunities, and other invaluable resources. There are over 1 million horses and 162,000 horse farms in the North Central Region of the United States. It is estimated that 4.6 million Americans in the U.S. are involved in the horse industry as horseowners, service providers, employees and volunteers. The industry employs 701,946 people directly.

Five courses will be offered with a focus on contract/employee labor law, liability issues, working with youth and volunteers, immigration documentation, and farm safety practices. Each course will consist of a webinar, interactive quiz, a decision tool, and online resources. Live webinars will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM EST, 6:30 PM Central time beginning on February 7, 2013 to coincide with the launch of each short course. All webinars will be recorded and available for viewing at anytime on the next day. Webcast speakers include experts from the Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation at Iowa State University and an expert on worker safety from Michigan State University. Upon completion of each course participants will receive a certificate of completion. These courses are offered free of charge.

Equine industry professionals are also encouraged to

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join the Equine Business Network (EBN) community through [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Through partnerships with eXtension/horses and My Horse University, EBN offers an array of **free** online resources and networking opportunities for equine businesses.

Advance online registration is required however, the courses are offered free of charge. For registration information visit: <http://myhorseuniversity.com/ebn>.

Funded in part by a grant from the North Central Risk Management Education Center, the Equine Business short course series is a collaborative effort between [My Horse University](#), [eXtension/horses](#), [Iowa State University](#), [Michigan State University](#), [University of Minnesota](#), and the [University of Nebraska](#).

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- **FEBRUARY 28:** Ensuring Proper Documentation
- **MARCH 7:** Best Practices for a Safe and Efficient Facility

REGISTRATION
To register and learn more visit www.myhorseuniversity.com/ebn.

 Connect with other equine business professionals!
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2013 4-H Horse Stampede

Mark your calendars!

The 2013 4-H Horse Stampede has been scheduled for **Saturday-March 16, 2013**.

Entries are due by **Friday-February 15, 2013** to:

Lena Cottle, UNL, C204 Animal Science, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908

For more information contact Lena at:

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<http://go.unl.edu/4hhorsestampede>



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Kathy Potthoff, UNL 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator – has been with the UNL with experience working in the Southwest Four Extension Program Unit and the Nebraska State 4-H Office. Kathy is working with 4-H programming in animal science areas of horse and companion animals, youth development and volunteer training, and cultural competence.

She has presented 4-H educational programs on the national, regional, state, and local levels in Positive Youth Development, Volunteer Development, Cultural Education, Outdoors, Companion Animals, Horse, and other Animal Science areas.



Dr. Lisa Karr-Lilienthal, assistant professor in Companion Animal Science. Lisa received a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Illinois State University and then received her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in Companion Animal Nutrition. Her research has focused on nutrition of dogs, cats, and other non-ruminant animals.

She advises undergraduate students and teaches courses, in Companion Animals. She also serves as the adviser to Students for Education of Companion and Exotic Animals. She oversees and develops youth extension and outreach programming related to companion animal care and management.



Dr. Lena Cottle, Equine Extension Specialist. Lena received her bachelor's degree in Equine Business and Industry, a master's degree in Animal Science and a doctorate degree in Systems Agriculture from West Texas A&M University.

She oversees and develops youth extension and outreach programming related to the horse. She is taking over the 4-H Horse Youth activities including but not limited to the Stampede, District and State 4-H Horse Shows, 4-H Horse Show Judges clinics, and other youth related activities.

