



Welcome to *Hayes is for Horses*, a new addition to *Horse Directory*. I'd like to thank this magazine for inviting me to contribute to their editorial content. I consider it an honor and a privilege. My name is Tim Hayes. I live on Long Island and as a teacher and clinician of Natural Horsemanship. I look forward to sharing with you some of the wonderful methods of relating and communicating to your horse in the Natural way. The word Natural in horsemanship (of which riding is just one part) means what is natural for the horse. How the horse experiences his life and his world. Normal Horsemanship (what most of us were originally taught) is how the human perceives and interprets the world for the horse including his thoughts and his feelings.

For those of you who are already communicating with your horses naturally, using the same body language that horses use to communicate with each other, I'm sure you have experienced some amazing results and profound changes in your horse. For those of you who would like to learn the natural method to make positive changes, the most important thing you will discover is that just like your human relationships, the only way to get your partner (human or horse) to change, is to change yourself. Natural Horsemanship is a method of establishing mutual love,

trust and respect. It is not about training your horse but rather about training yourself so you can become a respected and trusted leader for your horse. Once you understand partnership from your horse's point of view, your entire relationship including and most importantly your riding will be truly transformed. You and your horse will begin to experience the dream that originally inspired you to bring a horse into your life. Whether it's English, Western, Jumping, Trail Riding, Dressage, Polo, Barrel Racing or Backyard companionship, you'll gain the amazing ability of sharing thoughts, feelings and ideas with one of God's most magnificent creations.

For years I did with my horses what I saw others (who looked and sounded like they had more knowledge than me) do with their horses. One day a gifted Natural Horseman, who later became one of my teachers, saw me telling my horse how much I appreciated him. Just like most everyone else, I was lovingly and firmly patting my horse on his shoulder. The old cowboy came over to me, patted my shoulder and then stroked my shoulder. He asked me which one felt better. I said the stroking and that actually I really didn't like how it felt when he patted me. He smiled and said, "Your horse probably feels the same way." I'll never forget my next thought. - "If I had been doing something so simple for so long to my horse that I thought was not only right but felt good too, what else might I be mistaken about." That was the beginning of the most amazing journey with horses I had ever been on. In fact I'm still on it. Some call it The Trail Less Traveled.

In the months to come I invite you to share the journey with me right here on LI. I would also invite you to contact me as often as you like with any questions about you and your horse. You can use either phone or email. Until then I'll end as I will every month with a quote from some of the world's great Natural Horseman.

"A Natural Horseman must have, the eye of an eagle, the courage of a lion, the hang-on pluck of a bull dog and, the delicacy of touch and feeling of a woman" - *Dennis Wagner -1887*

EU Places Restrictions On Horses From the U.S.

The American Horse Council has learned that all horses being exported from the United States to the European Union (EU) now require a negative (1:12) virus neutralization test for Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). The test samples must be taken within 10 days prior to export for temporary export horses, and within 21 days prior to export for those horses being permanently exported to the EU.

In accordance with EU regulations, this test requirement will remain in place until six months after the VS outbreak. The National Center for Import and Export will provide a target date when the time comes.

EU horses currently in the U.S. and scheduled to return to the EU must be able to certify they have not been on an affected premises during their time in the United States.

Currently posted equine export certificates provide for these changes. Some pending shipments may need to be delayed for testing. No U.S. horses can be certified for entry into the EU until test results are reported.

Vesicular Stomatitis is a viral disease characterized by fever, vesicles, and subsequent erosions in the mouth and epithelium on the teats and feet. Horses are particularly susceptible, but cattle and pigs are also susceptible; sheep and goats are rarely affected. The clinical signs of VS in cattle and pigs is virtually indistinguishable from foot and mouth disease making the disease a significant concern. Laboratory confirmation is needed when the disease appears in cattle and pigs. Humans can also be infected through contact with open blisters. A recent case of VS was confirmed in Southwest Texas on May 19th.

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