

## **THE POWER OF A QUARTER PONY!**

November 2008 brings to a close another chapter in our lives as the beginning of a new chapter begins. Many battles have been won, some lost... some personal, some public. Do not gloat in your victory and do not be bitter in your defeat. Both victory and defeat each have their own place in life's journey. There is a reason for everything - even if some can't seem to find it right now.

Just as QPA strives to *unite* QP people, our country strives for unity with its' citizenry. Let us hope we all get it right in this new chapter.

That said, lets see...

### **WHATSA GO'N ON WITH QPA (human membership)**

Only two more months remain of 2008. That's not much time to get remaining point submissions in. Hubba! Hubba (that means hustle up)! QPA does not want to see any participant left out because they didn't submit in time!

If you have a last minute QP friendly open show there is still time to post on the 2008 QPA events calendar. For those that have scheduled QP friendly shows for 2009 you may commence posting in the events calendar, as well. For specifics, on QPA approved shows, please contact Michelle Scran, QPA Events Director, through the QPA website for additional guidance.

Members looking to become more involved with the Quarter Pony are encouraged to inquire directly to QPA regarding specific areas of interest. QPA may want your talents, for the 2009 season, be it as a new board member, officer, or other type position. Remember, at this time, all QPA positions are accepted and appointed on a volunteer basis only.

Congratulations and a sincere "thank you" is extended, on behalf of QPA, to all who have participated in and supported QPA this year. Your memberships, sponsorships, and volunteer effort is very much appreciated. QPA looks forward to continued growth throughout the coming years and we couldn't do it without each and everyone of you. Again, "thank you" to all who sincerely support the Quarter Pony.

### **WHATSA GO'N ON WITH IQPA (pony registry)**

November brings yet another opportunity to register Quarter Pony eligible equines – offering IQPA's customary "Old Timers" registration special. Specifically, eligible ponies 10 years of age and older may register at discounted pricing. There are only four months, per year, in which individual eligible ponies may register at discounted pricing. Don't pass on this opportunity – unless you enjoy paying more!

### **QUARTER PONY TIPS**

Occasionally, QP people may find they are too busy or lacking in experience when the time comes to commence saddle training of a young QP. Here are some common sense tips when searching for the right trainer.

1. No one knows your QP better than you do. So, trust your instincts when interviewing potential trainers.
2. An astute trainer will LISTEN to the goals, expectations, and aspirations of a potential client. After your initial interview IF you decide to hire, respect the trainers time, but demand a portion of that time for discussing specifics about training sessions. Be involved in your QP's training - even if only as an observer and don't be afraid to discuss progress or concerns.

3. If the first question out of a potential trainers mouth is “What’s your horses bloodlines?” Probably better find another trainer. It is not uncommon for trainers to cater to and promote specific breeds and bloodlines. If your QP doesn’t fit that trainers criteria you can pretty much bet your QP will not get a fair chance; whether under saddle or through word of mouth starting with that trainer. A truly good trainer will not prejudice an equine based on breed or bloodlines. A trainer with integrity and character will not take money from a client knowing their QP will not receive “star” treatment while under their guidance.
4. Trainers often specialize within preferred disciplines. Don’t take an untrained or unbroken QP to a trainer who doesn’t specialize in starting young equines. Give your QP every opportunity for success and within your means.
5. You fill in the blanks from here (smile).

**REMINDERS:**

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or [www.QuarterPonyAssociation.com](http://www.QuarterPonyAssociation.com).

International Quarter Pony Association official website is [www.IQPA.com](http://www.IQPA.com) .

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