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## President's Report

Regretfully, we inform the members of the AHR about the resignation of our Eastern Regional Director and President of the Board of Directors, Brian Mitteer. Brian will be missed by us as a Board. We want to thank Brian for everything he has done for the Registry over the years. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Also know that the Board will be discussing how to best fill Brian's position until our fall elections and the installation of new Directors this winter.

Thanks from your Board of Directors







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#### **American Haflinger Registry**

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#### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2025**

#### Membership Includes:

- Full voting privileges
- · Reduced rates on Registry transactions
- Haflinger Horse Bits (by-monthly newsletter) with reduced advertising rates
- Eligibility for participation in AHR programs including Inspection & Classification, Ambassador Program, Golden Path Program, and more
- Free farm directory listings and classified ads at haflingerhorse.com
- Free yearly calendar in December of your membership year

Name(s)		
Farm Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	<del></del>
Signature		
I would like to receive my Horse Bits Ne		
MEMBERSHIP LEVEL		MEMBERSHIP TYPE
Horse Owner or Standard Member  ☐ Annual - \$65 <sup>USD</sup> (expires 12/31/25)  ☐ 3-Year - \$180 <sup>USD</sup> (expires 12/31/27)  ☐ Lifetime - \$800 <sup>USD</sup> (non-expiring)	Youth (18 of younger)  ☐ Annual - \$12 <sup>USD</sup> (expires 12/31/25)  Birth Date://	(select one per standard Membership) □ Individual □ Corporation □ Couple □ Youth
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Address (if different from above)		
City	State	Billing Zip
Phone	Email	
Signature		



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- Haflinger Horse Bits (by-monthly newsletter) with reduced advertising rates
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Signature				



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## AHR January 2025 Financials

#### American Haflinger Registry Balance Sheet

As of January 31, 2025

	Jan 31, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
CHASE 000000107065036	100.00
CHASE 000000117808532	88,602.65
CHASE 000000196927815	1,333.62
CHASE CD 12-14 MONTHS (3976)	15,302.55
CHASE CD 12-14 MONTHS (3979)	15,257.81
CHASE CD 180-269 DAYS (3977)	15,170.79
CHASE CD 270-364 DAYS (3978)	15,464.21
CHASE SAVINGS 000003590596368	20,376.57
Total Checking/Savings	171,608.20
	11 1,000.20
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	-3,944.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-3,944.00
Other Current Assets	400.00
Undeposited Funds	178.65
Total Other Current Assets	178.65
Total Current Assets	167,842.85
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## AHR January 2025 Financials American Hafflinger Registry

### **Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**

January 2025

	CONTRACTOR		
	Jan 25	Jan 24	\$ Change
rdinary Income/Expense	1/27	\$ 35 T	
Income			
Futurity Income	750.00	0.00	750.00
Futurity Donation	750.00	0.00	750.00
Total Futurity Income	750.00	0.00	750.0
Horse Bits Advertising	40.00	0.00	40.0
Lease Income	30.00	0.00	30.0
Marketing and Promotions Income			
Calendar Shipping and Handling	216.00 16.85	0.00	216.00 16.85
Total Marketing and Promotions Income	232.85	0.00	232.8
Membership Income			
3 Year Membership	1.800.00	1,285.71	514.29
Annual Membership	3.980.00	2.600.00	1,380.00
Youth Membership	24.00	36.00	-12.00
Total Membership Income	5,804.00	3.921.71	1.882
	5,604.00	3,821.71	1,002.
National Showcase Income Donation Income	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total National Showcase Income	0.00	100.00	-100.
Penalties and Fees			
Late Transfer Penalty	52.27	200.00	-147.73
Overage Penalty 1	300.00	184.79	115.21
Overage Penalty 2	140.00	59.35	80.65
Total Penalties and Fees	492.27	444.14	48.
Registration Income			
DNA Genotyping Member	1,012.73	1,698.81	-686.08
DNA Genotyping Non-Member	0.00	35.00	-35.00
DNA Search	0.00	25.93	-25.93
Early Registration	0.00	275.00	-275.00
Member Registration	2,062.27	1,437.21	625.06
Total Registration Income	3,075.00	3,471.95	-396.
Stallion Breeding Report Income			
Late Report	60.00	10.00	50.00
Total Stallion Breeding Report Income	60.00	10.00	50.
Stallion License Income			
2017 Member	90.00	479.29	-389.29
2020 Member	30.00	300.00	-270.00
2023 License	0.00	120.00	-120.00
2025 License	340.00	0.00	340.00
Total Stallion License Income	460.00	899.29	-439.
Transfer Income			
Member Transfer	952.73	813.91	138.82
Non-Member Transfer	200.00	850.00	-650.00
Total Transfer Income	1,152.73	1,663.91	-511.
Total Income	12,096.85	10,511.00	1,585.8



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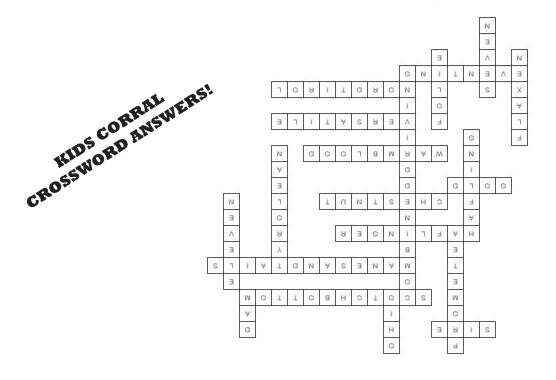
## AHR January 2025 Financials

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## American Haflinger Registry Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

January 2025

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2,019.00	1,525.75	493.25
1,266.05	0.00	1,266.05
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14,204.98	10,934.43	3,270.55
-2,108.13	-423.43	-1,684.70
68.84	1.37	67.47
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## !!! Calling All Youths!!!

The AHR youth board members have been working very hard and are excited to announce several new programs for our youth members where exciting prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division in each program. To participate in the youth programs the youth must be an AHR registered youth member under the age of 18, if you are not a member in good standing yet, don't worry for just \$12.00 a year you can participate in the youth programs, get the by-monthly newsletter to stay up to date on all the Haflinger news and updates, and get a yearly AHR calendar. All entries must be emailed to promotion@haflingerhorse.com or mailed to 9495 Aberdare Dr. Indianapolis Indiana 46250 before the end of the entry deadline.

#### Art Contest

- Two divisions: 13 and under, and 14 to 18.
- Art is open to any art media examples drawing, painting, sculpting, 3D design
- It must be Haflinger-related
- Contest dates will be April 1, 2025, and must be received by June 15, 2025
- Winners will be announced in the August newsletter and on AHR social media platforms

#### **Costume Contest**

- Two divisions: 13 and under, and 14 to 18.
- Create a costume for you and your Haflinger for Halloween
- Contest dates will be July 1, 2025, and must be received by August 15, 2025
- Winners will be announced in the October newsletter and AHR social media platforms

#### **Photo Contest**

- Two divisions: 13 and under, and 14 to 18.
- Send in your best Haflinger-related picture with a description
- The picture must be taken by an AHR youth member, or of an AHR youth member with a Haflinger
- Contest dates will be September 1, 2025, and must be received by October 15, 2025
- Winners will be announced in the December newsletter and AHR social media platforms

#### **Writing Contest**

- Two divisions: 13 and under, and 14 to 18.
- Send in any short stories, fiction, nonfiction, biographies or poems written by an AHR youth member
- Writings must be Haflinger-related
- Contest dates will be November 1, 2025, and must be received by December 15, 2025
- Winners will be announced in the February 2026 newsletter and on AHR social media platforms





## AHR Sponsored WDAA High Point



### 2025 WDAA World Championship Show

Guthrie, OK. Lazy E Arena, September 16-20, 2025

The American Haflinger Registry is sponsoring the High Point Registered Haflinger Award at the 2025 Western Dressage Association of America World Championship Show! Haflingers showing at the WDAA World Championship should plan on presenting their registration papers to the Show Secretary to be eligible for this prestigious award. Ribbon/Award to be provided by WDAA at the show, with additional Ribbon/Award to be mailed by AHR to the award winner after the show.

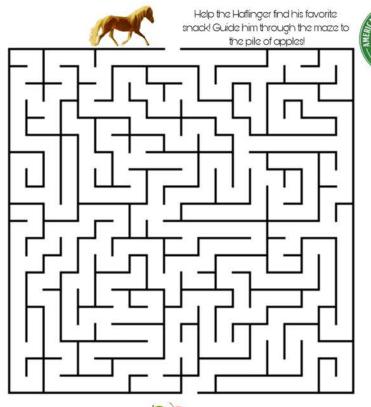


AHR Sponsorship is also being requested to sponsor the High Point Registered Haflinger at the WDAA Online International Show, although these plans are not yet announced by WDAA.

Get Excited!! See YOU at the 2025 WDAA World Championship Show!



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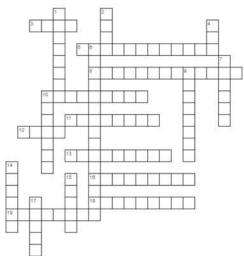
'Hay" Kids! This month we have a crossword puzzle filled with fun Haflinger info and history! It's a tough one, but I know you can solve it!



### HORSE BITS KIDS CORRA

Haffie Spring!

Spring time is a great time for Haflinger Funl



#### Across

- Colts are named for the letter line of their
- 5 Draft or hitch type Haflingers often wear this kind of shoe
- 8 They are known for long, flowing
- 10 The golden horse with the golden heart
- 11 Haflinger coat color
- 12 Inspections award the best four percent of the breed this classification rating
- 13 Haffingers are considered this 'type' of horse breed
- 16 Haffies are great at many things, they are
- 18 This Haflinger Stallion set the high jump record for the breed at over 5'5'
- 19 Haflingers are great at this type of competition, which has three phases- dressage, stadium jumping and cross-country

- This was the first ever horse cloned in 2003, and she was a Haflinger!
- State where the AHR Office resides
- Fillies are named for the letter line of their
- driven dressage, cones and obstacles the nestation and obstacles. Haffingers are wonderful for
- The gestation period for a horse is
- The mountains from which the Halfinger originates
- 10 Tyrolean village for which the Haflinger was named
- 14 Mane and tail color of the halfinger
  - 15 Stallion born in 1874 that became the foundation for the Haflinger breed
- 17 We recognize \_ stallion lines



# You Are Cordially Invited To The 2025 Ashland Haflinger Sale

Join us May 23rd & 24th, 2025 at The Ashland County Fairgrounds 2042 Claremont Ave, Ashland, OH 44805

Friday, May 23rd: Check-In, Live-Streamed Preview, AHR Judges Clinic,
And AHR Membership Dinner and Meeting

Saturday, May 24th: Open Sale Preview, Stallion Presentation, Fun Auction, Live-Streamed Sale (approx. 10am)

The order of sale will be: the Registered Haflinger sale followed by the Grade and Crossbreed sale

Live Stream Info: VICTORIA SHUFFLER Info@HorseAuctionsUSA.com Bid.HorseAuctionsUSA.com

For a Catalog, Contact:

ROBERT EICHER DAI 740-501-9951 330

DAN YODER 330-600-7877

# The Annual American Haflinger Registry Membership Meeting

Please Join us for our annual in-person AHR membership meeting where you will have the chance to catch up with fellow members, ask the Board questions, and gather tons of great information!!

Friday, May 23rd, 2025 6:00pm The Ashland County Fairgrounds 2042 Claremont Ave, Ashland, OH 44805



### 2025 Ashland Haflinger Sale

May 23-24

Ashland County Fairgrounds 2024 Claremont Ave. Ashland, Ohio 44805 Registered Haflinger Sale Followed By Grades And Crossbred Sale

2024 Sale Highlights



Sold! 10,750 to Oregon



Sold! 9,000 to Illinois



Sold! 9,000 to Ohio



Sold! 9,000 to Florida



Sold! 8,900 to Maine



Sold! 8,500 to Virgina

Consignments open Feburary 1<sup>st</sup>, Deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>
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### Breeding Mares - What you need to know

Written by Pamela A Hess, D.V.M

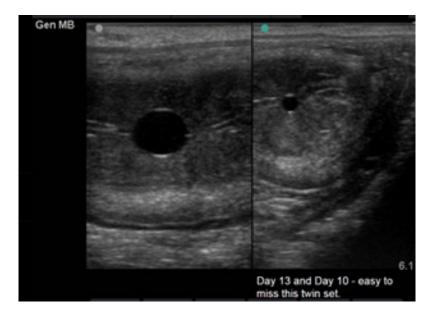
Part 2: Ultrasound Exam for Pregnancy - YES, it is really important!!

Is she pregnant? Did she "catch"?

You have bred your mare via natural cover with your resident stallion, or your veterinarian has bred your mare via artificial insemination. Now the waiting begins. Is she pregnant? In this article, I will discuss the typical schedule for pregnancy checks and why they are so important in the first few weeks of your mare's pregnancy. I will also give you some information on the management of twinning in mares.

Prior to breeding your mare, your veterinarian should perform a thorough exam of her reproductive tract. This may involve palpation, visualization of her cervix (speculum exam) and ultrasound exam of her uterus. This ultrasound exam is very important to "map out" or identify any abnormalities or uterine cysts that you mare might have before breeding her. During early pregnancy, a small intrauterine cyst looks remarkably like a 12 day embryo! For the best management, these cysts should be located and noted before breeding begins.

After breeding, our veterinarian will want to examine your mare with palpation and ultrasound between Days 12-15 after she ovulates. The embryonic vesicle is small and can be easily missed if the ultrasound evaluation is done too early or if the mare's ovulation was delayed. The ultrasound beam is thin, only 2-3 millimeters in width. Careful scanning is necessary not to miss the tiny embryonic vesicle. If your mare had two follicles that ovulated during that cycle, the follicles may not have ovulated at exactly the same time (asynchronous ovulations) so the resulting vesicles from each ovulation will be different "ages" and sizes. One embryonic vesicle might be 10 days old, and another might be 14 days old at the time of examination. If ultrasound evaluation is done only once at 14 days, the earlier embryo might be missed because it was too small to be seen during that single examination. Therefore, repeated exams are necessary to offer the best chance of picking up all embryonic vesicles in the uterus. During the next few weeks, the size, shape and contents of the vesicle changes as the embryo grows. The embryo grows 3-4 mm a day in the first month. I usually recommend that mares be examined by careful ultrasound on Day 14-15 post-ovulation, Day 17-23 and Day 28.

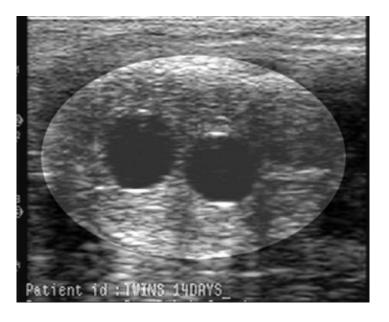




### Breeding Mares - What you need to know

Written by Pamela A Hess, D.V.M

These ultrasound dates are particularly important for several reasons. The embryonic vesicle can typically be seen with careful ultrasound examination of the highly toned uterus on Day 11. It becomes highly mobile on Days 11-15. The embryonic vesicle moves all over throughout the uterine body and horns during this time, and the tone and contractility of the mare's uterus affects this movement. The embryo becomes fixed (implantation) to the uterine wall on day 15-16. If the mare has conceived twins, the vesicles are moving around in the uterus prior to fixation. If they happen to be right next to each other in the one uterine horn (unilateral twins) on the morning of day 13, another ultrasound exam a few hours later or on Day 14 might reveal the embryos in different horns of the uterus several hours later. Sometimes the veterinarian can actually manipulate and push the two vesicles away from each other if they are still highly mobile. When bilateral embryos are in different horns, the veterinarian is able to "pinch" or disrupt one without damage to the other twin embryo in the opposite horn. When they are touching each other or very close in the same horn, it is very difficult to pinch one without damaging the other one, possibly losing both pregnancies. If there are two embryos in different horns of the uterus (bilateral twins), the smaller embryo is disrupted right away, reducing the twin pregnancy to a singleton pregnancy. Disruption of one embryo allows the other embryo to thrive, hopefully resulting in the birth of one single healthy foal.



Now hang on and read carefully here. It gets a little complicated. If the mare has unilaterally fixed twins (two embryos implanted very close to each other in the same uterine horn), some of these pregnancies will naturally reduce by themselves to a singleton pregnancy. Two embryos cannot occupy the same space and get enough placental attachment and nutrients for both of them to survive. One is typically naturally resorbed or eliminated in the first 50 days. If both embryos survive past this time and the pregnancy is allowed to continue, most mares will abort these twins in midgestation during the 7th to 9th months. Because of this predicted poor outcome, these mares should be carefully managed to prevent her from carrying twins longer than 28-30 days. If the mare does not naturally reduce a twin pregnancy that is still present in the same horn prior to Day 28, that pregnancy is best handled by giving the mare a shot of prostaglandin to quickly terminate both embryos and "short cycle" her. The mare will return to heat in a few days and she can be quickly rebred. The good news is that your mare is fertile! Rebreeding her is far better than risking her health by allowing her to carry twins.



### Breeding Mares - What you need to know

Written by Pamela A Hess, D.V.M

Here is the reason why we need to reduce to singleton pregnancies by Day 28. Several early ultrasound examinations are important to allow the veterinarian and the mare owner to make management decisions about the pregnancy before the endometrial cups form. At around Day 35, the mare develops endometrial cups in her uterine lining. These endometrial cups are formed by fetal placental cells that invade deeply into the uterine wall. These structures produce the hormone eCG, or equine chorionic gonadotropin. The endometrial cups persist in the uterine wall from Day 35 to Day 120, supporting the pregnancy by the production of eCG. After Day 120, the endometrial cups will fade away and are no longer needed to produce eCG for the pregnancy. Why is this important? If the embryo dies between days 40-120, the endometrial cups persist and continue to produce eCG, even if the pregnancy is no longer there. The mare's uterus thinks she is still pregnant and she will not come back into heat during this time. The entire breeding season is wasted without producing a foal. Therefore, management decisions about termination of twin pregnancies should be made before the formation of endometrial cups, or BEFORE Day 35 so the mare can be short-cycled, returned to heat, and be rebred quickly.

Mares are not the most efficient producers among our animal friends. Sometimes a pregnancy that was diagnosed at Day 15 might not be visible at day 25, indicating that the pregnancy did not survive from natural causes. She has "slipped" or lost the pregnancy. This is important information for breeding management, so the mare can be watched for a return to estrus or "heat" and be rebred that season.

All mares who potentially ovulate two different follicles on one or both ovaries should be carefully examined for twinning. Twinning is never desired in the mare, as twin foals have a high likelihood of being aborted mid-gestation or if carried to full term, their prognosis for life is guarded. Mares delivering twin foals have a high incidence of dystocia (difficult birth) and might experience damage to their reproductive tract during the delivery of the twin foals. Occasionally, C-sections are required which poses a great expense to the owner and a risk to the life and wellbeing of the mare. Twinning is to be avoided at all costs in every mare. A single healthy foal is the goal!



Prissy's Kauai Penny LPH with her first foal Perfect Wrendition LPH, by Wrendition of Genesis.



## AHR Breed Objectives & Classification

Have you ever been curious about the AHR Classification Program? Have you ever wanted to participate but you aren't quite sure where to start? Here is a "How To" guide on where to get all the information you'll need to take part in a Calssification!

#### How to find the Breed Objectives used to score horses entered in the Classification process:

- 1) Navigate to the AHR Website: www.HaflingerHorse.com
- 2) Click on the "Events and Programs" dropdown then select "Inspection and Classification"
- 3) Scroll about halfway down until you come to the "Results and Resources" heading and click on "Judges Packet and Objectives". This document shall serve as the breed standard for Haflinger Horses registered with the American Haflinger Registry, and is to be used as reference for all Haflinger breed classes at shows and at breed inspections.

In this document are many pictures of Haflingers showing the desired TYPE, HEAD, NECK, FOREHAND, MIDSECTION, HINDQUARTERS, FRONT LEGS, HIND LEGS, CORRECTNESS OF MOVEMENT and OVER-ALL MOVEMENT which make up the 10 criteria for judging a Haflinger.

If you have any questions on Inspection and Classification you can call Dave Ayers who is one of the Inspection Judges and he can assist in answering any questions you may have on these criteria.

#### How to find the Handbook and Application to participate in a Classification:

- 1) Navigate to the AHR Website: www.HaflingerHorse.com
- 2) Click on the "Events and Programs" dropdown then select "Inspection and Classification"
- 3) Scroll about halfway down until you come to the "Results and Resources" heading and click on "Hankbook and 2024 Application Packet". This document shall serve as a guide in prepping yourself and your horse for a Classification along with an application for Classification at the end of the handbook

For general information on Inspection or Classification you can contact Erwin Slabaugh at 440-487-7940 or Kathie Hanson at 218-780-2902. If you are interested in hosting a Classification please see the website for the forms needed or contact Kathie Hanson and they can be emailed or mailed to you.











## Call for Board Nominations

Are you looking to make a difference and better the Haflinger Breed?

There will be more information to come in the following Newsletter as well as social media on the available Board Seats this fall, but it's never too early for Current AHR Members to start thinking about running for a Board position!

Interested members should plan to virtually attend monthly Director Meetings with additional time spent in committee work over thier term. The following four biographical questions are required to be answered in order to run for a Board position:

- 1) Briefly describe when you began with Haflingers and your history with them.
  - 2) Briefly describe the kinds of activities you engage in with your Haflingers.
- 3) Describe past experience in business or other organizational activities that have been meaningful in preparing you to help lead and guide this organization.
- 4) Describe why you want to be an AHR Director and your thoughts on the future direction of the American Haflinger Registry including special, personal areas of interest and specific contributions you'd share.

Responses should be limited to one page.

## Upcoming Events

#### 2025 Ashland Haflinger Sale

May 23rd & 24th, 2025 Ashland County Fairgrounds Ashland, OH

#### 2025 AHR Members Meeting

May 23rd, 2025
Ashland County Fairgrounds
Ashland, OH

#### 26th Annual Great Lakes Haflinger Association Show

July 4th - 6th, 2025 Allen County Fairgrounds Lima, OH



### 2026 Calendar Contest

#### We want YOUR submissions for the 2026 AHR Wall Calendar!!

Photos must be of an AHR registered Haflinger and submitted by a current AHR member. If you would like to submit your photos for possible inclusion in the 2026 AHR Calendar, please see the following guidelines:

-Photos must be high resolution
-Photos must be in landscape orientation (horizontal)
-Email each photo individually to Promotion@HaflingerHorse.com
-Emails must be received by October 1, 2025
-Emails must include registered names(s) of horse(s) pictured, name of owner(s), names of all people pictured, and the photographer's name
-Also include a use release with any professional photos

\*High resolution is 300 dpi or better. Photos must be at least 3300 pixels wide by at least 2550 pixels tall.





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### Pony Bits

**Next Newsletter:** Be on the lookout for your next AHR Newsletter around the first week of June! Show us your BABIES!!! We want to celebrate your birth announcements and look at all the cute baby pictures! Send your stories and pictures our way!! Promotion@HaflingerHorse.com

Pictures & Content:

We're always looking for CONTENT!! If you have something Haffie to share, no matter how big or small, please email Promotion@HaflingerHorse.com to be included in our Newsletter! The AHR is also looking to stock up on pictures of you and your registered Haflinger doing what you love! These pictures would be used on our website, social media, in print publications, etc. so we would need the photos to be high resolution. Please submit your photos to Promotion@HaflingerHorse.com.

\*Emails must include registered names(s) of horse(s) pictured, name of owner(s), names of all people pictured, and the photographer's name. Also include a use release with any professional photos and the phrase "I agree to allow the AHR to use these photos for media purposes".

Suggestions:

Have ideas about what you would like to see in your AHR newsletter? We would love to hear them! Would you like to see more of what other members are up to with their Haffies, or perhaps you'd like to know more about the history of the Registry? The Promotions and Publications Committee is always looking to improve the quality and communication of their newsletter, so please feel free to email any sugguestions to Promotion@HaflingerHorse.com

### Want to Advertise in the Newsletter?

While sharing your news, stories, articles and tidbits in this AHR Newsletter will always be free for members, we also want to give you the opportunity to ADVERTISE! Advertise your business, stud services and stallions, boarding facility, shows, etc.! \*All ads must be print ready\*

\*\*All ads will be in COLOR!\*\*

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