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HORSES IN CYBERSPACE

Your guide to what's equine online

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OK, you've got your computer and modem hooked up and your software in place. What do you do next? Touring the World Wide Web is like heading out into a major metropolitan area without a map or a guidebook. You might bump into a cool restaurant, a neat bookstore, or a fabulous museum just by accident; but there may be something even better around the corner that you know nothing about. So if you don't want to waste time aimlessly surfing websites (although there is something to be said for that), there are ways to get where you're going in an efficient manner.

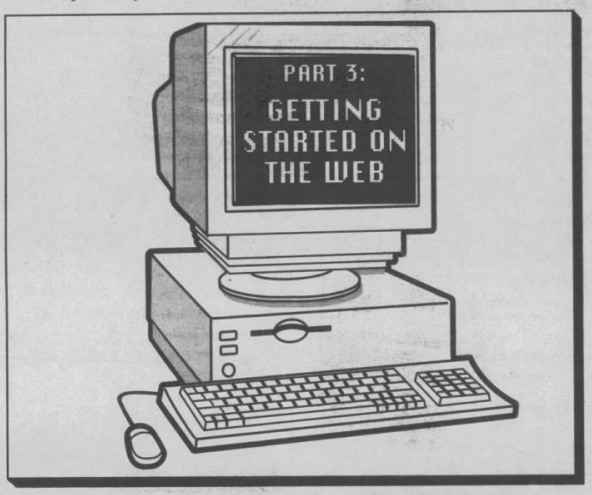
Most major bookstores carry literal Yellow Pages of the Web, organized by subject heading. You can prowl through magazines, hoping to find one of those tiny-print listings of website names, some of which look like a weird kind of CIA secret code. Of course, like any printed material, a good number of those voluminous listings are bound to be obsolete by the time you get around to making a visit. For something a little more up to date, you can use the various search engines offered by your Web browser (such as Netscape) to poke around until you find what you're looking for.

But there is a better way.

In my time on the Web, I've found that one of the easiest ways to get around is to let someone else do the legwork for you. For almost any field of endeavor, there are websites that not only offer information on their own but also provide links to other sites that offer similar or related information.

Most Web browsers offer you the ability to "bookmark" sites—allowing quick repeat access—and it's a lot easier to mark a few of these "index" sites than dozens of individual ones. Most of the keepers of these sites are on an endless quest for new listings and work to keep the ones they have neatly arranged and updated. Like a massive game of connect the dots, each link leads you to another, which leads you to three more, which lead you to four more, and on and on. But with an index site, you always have a home base.

In time, as you learn which sites appeal to you, you can bookmark those. But for someone just starting out, here's a quick trail guide to keep you from getting lost on your search for horses in cyberspace. Many of these sites are graphics intensive and are best viewed with Netscape 1.1 or higher, although some do offer text-only versions. (Note: All website names, or URLs—user resource locators—begin with the standard prefix http://.)



Equinet (equinet.com/): This site offers horse news, listings of horses to sell or buy, products, services, property, travel information, letters from readers, and links to other equestrian sites and veterinary-medicine sites. It also offers opportunities for advertising.

Equine On-line (www.equineonline.com/): This site is heavy on Thoroughbred information, with some Quarter Horse info thrown in. It offers Equine On-line exchange, a marketplace for seasons, shares and horses; the American Quarter Horse Association home page (www.aqha.com/); the home page for the Breeders' Cup Thoroughbred races (www.equineonline.com/breederscup/index99.html); Equibase Company (www.equibase.com/), the Thoroughbred industry's central database of racing and pedigree information; the home page of racing's Jockey Club registry (www.jockeyclub.com/); The Jockey Club Information Systems (www.equineonline.com/tjcis/index.html); and the home page of the Performance Horse Registry (www.equineonline.com/phr.html), for Thoroughbred and half-Thoroughbred sport horses.

In addition, Equine On-line has pages for career opportunities, a calendar of upcoming events, racing-related organization phone numbers, a glossary of equine terms, links to other horse-related websites, and a listing of farms and trainers.

HorseWorld (www.horseworld.com/): This Kentucky-based site offers a link to the International Museum of the Horse in Lexington (www.horseworld.com/imh/imhmain.html), which offers equine art, information, and links to virtually every other museum (equine and otherwise) on the World Wide Web. Also on HorseWorld are the National Cowboy Hall of Fame (www.horseworld.com/nchf/) and the Kentucky Horse Park (www.horseworld.com/imh/kyhp/hpl.html).

HorseWeb (www.horseweb.com/): This Tucson, AZ-based site offers pages of horses, products, and services, and a search service to allow you to find what you want. There also is a complete page of listings. HorseWeb offers a guest book for visitors to sign in and says you can create your own HorseWeb page with "HorseWeb Page Maker."

Among the long list of links offered from HorseWeb are The Horseman's Advisor (www.spyder.net/horseadvice/); the American Miniature Horse Association (www.minihorses.com/amha/); Thoroughbred Times magazine (www.thoroughbredtimes.com/); the United States Dressage Federation (www.missouri.edu/~jourkap/usdf/frontpage.html); and PoloNet (www.cts.com/browse/polonet).

These are but a handful of the almost 150 links devoted to Articles/Literature/Publications, Breeds, Boarding, Clubs/Associations, Events, Facilities, Internet Horse Resource Pages, Personal Pages, Places, Products, Services, Sports/Disciplines, and Travel.

The Hay.Net (www.freerein.com/haynet/): Listed as "an exhaustive list of horse sites on the Internet," Hay.Net offers a "Pick of the Week" (the week I looked it was Ride! On-line at www.ridemag.com/), 1996 Olympic Games, General Resources, Veterinary Resources, Stable Management Resources, Publications, Newsgroups, Mailing Lists, Special Interests, Clubs and Associations, Breeds and Associations, Regional Directories, Horse Shows and Events, Horse Racing, Model Horses, Personal Home Pages, Commercial Resources, Horses for Sale, Classified Ads, Stallion Services, and a variety of Internet Search Engines. Useful and lively descriptions of each subject heading are available on the main page.

The Hay.Net's maintainer, Karen Pautz (jourkap@showme.missouri.edu) is also responsible for the USDF page mentioned earlier and is under construction on Karen's Guide to Dressage.

The Equisport Virtual Equestrian (www.equisport.com/vequest): Described as "your information source for the horse in sport, specializing in English and trail riding," it offers information and links on Three-Day Eventing, Dressage, Show Jumping, Endurance, USET, USCTA, USDF, AHSA, and AERC (American Endurance Ride Conference), along with a variety of local organizations. Also included are Trainers, Horses, Stable Management, Transportation, Veterinary Information, Magazines and Books, On-line Magazines and News, and Videos.

Underneath a heading called The Trade Show is a listing of equestrian goods and services.

Next month, we riffle through the racks of online publications.

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