

FEAR FREE HAPPY HOMES

Stacie Boswell's talk was supposed to start at 6pm. Upon our arrival at 5:55pm, we entered the Bob Miller Pavilion to find Stacie, Andie Shockley, and a few others trying to keep a mare up and going. She was found cast against a fence, outside, while in a colic situation. They were working hard to keep her up and moving. Since Stacie had come to give a talk on Fear Free, she and Sid had arrived in her car and she did not have her vast array of vet supplies and equipment at her disposal. In a bit, her truck arrived from Hardaway Veterinary Hospital, with an additional technician. Then, a truck and trailer were secured to take the mare to the hospital. After the mare was loaded and on her way, Stacie regrouped and gave a quick rundown of what we had all been watching, talked about what colic is, what can cause it, and how to handle this type of situation. Then, she moved right into her planned program for the night.

MSU had various horses tied up for hands on practice. Once Stacie demonstrated some of her techniques for approaching horses that need "doctoring", the audience could then venture into the arena and practice what they had just seen. Questions were entertained throughout the evening. Attendance was good, the information was very helpful, and the participants were happy to be there, even on such a cold night. —Janice Cartwright

Facebook announcement:

MSU Equine Science, October 19 at 4:48 PM ·

Our November nightly MSU MAES and Department of Animal and Range Sciences snippet at Miller Stock Pavilion will be held on November 8th from 6-8pm and presented by Dr. Stacie Boswell. All MSU students and the Greater Bozeman Community are invited to attend this free event! This hands on presentation will focus on prepping your horse for veterinarian care. Just bring yourself, shoes comfortable to wear around horses and an open mind! MSU will provide horses and equipment.

A board-certified large animal surgeon with a strong interest in behavior and welfare of the horse, Dr. Stacie Boswell's goal is to make horses' lives better through both physical and mental well-being. Training horses and other equines to accept handling for veterinary injections and procedures is important and is key for success in medical treatment. Dr. Boswell will talk about ways to reduce the fear, anxiety, and stress that equine patients feel about veterinary care and procedures.

Dr. Boswell serves on the AAEP Welfare and Public Policy Advisory Council, and is the author of *The Ultimate Guide for Horses in Need: Care, Training, and Rehabilitation for Rescues, Purchases, and Adoptions*. She is also a collaborative author for *Equine Fear Free®*. The Fear Free mission is to alleviate fear, anxiety, and stress in animals by inspiring and educating the people who care for them.

Dr. Boswell is a graduate of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, and completed an internship at North Carolina State University. From there, she was a post-doctoral research associate in the Comparative Orthopedic Laboratory at Cornell University, and then completed a large animal surgery residency at the University of Tennessee before moving into private practice. She currently practices at Hardaway Veterinary Hospital.

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