

RRRIPES!!! e/o Linda Walter. Please hold off on sending them, folks. Am still swimming in such even now. Thanks for sharing! (?)
'Some words on hoof colors. #1. Gaited & parade horses are usually shown w/blk. hoof dressing applied; whether hoof is grey or white..2. Even the horse has stockings or socks, the hoof is usually grey if horse is solid colored..3. Pintos usually have wh. or lt. gr. hooves if white markings run down from body..4. Apps may or may not have striped hooves although this is supposed to be a mark of the breed..5. I think you'll find more horses have grey hooves than white ones though Nature does funny things..6. Pasos, esp. Peruvians, are usually barefoot (no shoes) therefore the hoof is not painted, only trimmed neatly for show & comfort of horse..8. browns & Palos generally have grey hooves. Both my live Palos. did. My chest. QH stal. had 1 wh. foot & it was the same shade grey as the other 3. Look to the Pintos for more white feet than any other color. This was compiled after cleaning thousands of feet & nailing on hundreds of shoes. Have seen less than 100 white feet in all those years..! Anon.

'Being a Canadian I want to straighten out some Americans & Canadians, about Canuck/Yankee postage & money situations. Please remember it's impossible to use American stamps up here. But we're just as enthusiastic & broke as you guys, so PLEASE don't forget to send an envelope w/10¢ taped to it. I do the same, sending an envelope & 13¢ to Americans explaining myself & have had no problems this way yet. Many times I've received an American SASE for a reply from me but I can't use it. A little understanding & compromising easily fixes this situation. I also know Canadian money is not acceptable in the U.S., but U.S. money IS acceptable here, at slightly less (\$1 Canadian = 97¢ U.S.A.). Please don't get mad at us if we have to send Canadian \$\$\$. It IS exchangeable in some places. I save all the American money I get to try & avoid this & other times send a money order or check, but sometimes it's unavoidable. Don't worry about sending American \$\$ to us. You can use that unexchangeable Canadian \$\$ you get to deal with us, too. Thanks for letting me air this. It's important to us Canucks!! P in Canada. (Ed. I tried to exchange about \$30 worth of currency last week, to no avail. But larger cities' banks WILL take it. Ask! And thanks for letting us here know the feelings about that postage. I'll gladly buy you stamps if you provide the money as I believe in helping out wherever possible. Makes for better relations everywhere, so please be understanding, folks. Thanks!)

'Why do people who sponsor a class think they should get some kind of reward? Just as in real shows the purpose for having sponsors is to save \$\$ & sponsoring is like an advertisement. It helps get your name out. You can have the showholder say anything you want on the results, like I was at a P.O.A. show recently & the 1st class was sponsored by '--- Morgans, owned by Mr. & Mrs. ---, Home of quality Morgans, see them at ---'. It's really simple & you're doing yourself & the showholder a favor. Even if there are shows that don't say anything about sponsorships, I'm sure many will welcome you & maybe if they are really appreciative, they'll reward you. But don't expect it, please. Appaloosa Sue

'In a show you are judging the horse, aren't you? Then how come some folks seem to judge the background? If you stop & think a minute, our shows are to be judged as closely to the real shows as possible. In the real thing the horses are in a ring, dirt, sand & such, no streams, mountains & such in the class arena, right? I'm not saying you shouldn't try to avoid telephone poles, garbage cans, cars, etc. in your pix. But no matter how beautiful the background, it shouldn't be judged--just the horse...! Careful Pix taker (Ed. What I believe some are trying to point out is cluttered backgrounds make it very hard to SEE the horse to judge it in the 1st-place. We are striving for realism, & anything to detract from the horse makes for bad pix. However, if the scenery overpowers the model's appearance, then that is equally as bad. Ever onwards.)