

# **NORTH EASTERN WISCONSIN MINIATURE HORSE CLUB**

## **APRIL NEWSLETTER**



## **CLUB NEWS**

**We had our general membership meeting last month where we discussed future events, including a clinic with AMHR judge, Jon Wolf. Check out the details on our Facebook page or on the website!**

**To anyone interested in our club or events, everyone is welcome to join our meetings and see what we are all about or share your ideas with us!**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**April 6 - General Meeting**

**@ Splash Pools - 11:00am**

**May 4 - Trailer Maintenance Clinic**

**@ The Paider's Farm**

**May 18-19 - Jon Wolf Clinic**

**@ Ledgerrock Farm**

## **FUN FACT OF THE MONTH Cushing's Disease**

**Any equine can develop Cushing's disease, however miniature horses and ponies are particularly susceptible. Cushing's disease, often shortened to just "Cushing's," is caused by the overgrowth of the pituitary gland in the brain, since the pituitary gland is what controls the release of various hormones, a horse with Cushing's will have unregulated hormone levels which can affect the whole body. The most common symptoms of Cushing's disease are a long, shaggy coat, unusual fat deposits (most commonly in the neck), muscle wasting, and a pot-bellied appearance. Diagnosing Cushing's disease can be done with a simple blood test. While there are no current cures for this disease, there are ways to manage and treat it with a special diet, and often times a drug such as Prascend (pergolide) will be prescribed.**