

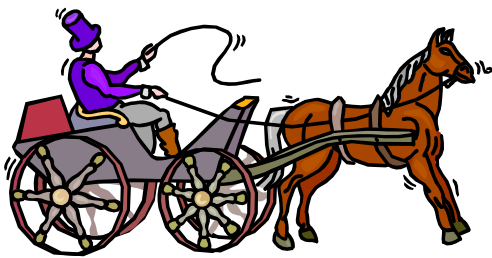
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The 2010 Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday the 22nd of August at the Kalkallo Hotel, 1324 Hume Hwy, Kalkallo, Vic 3064. Members are reminded that membership must be paid prior to the AGM, as in accordance with association model rules payment is required to be enabled to vote for office bearers. Luncheon will again be available for purchase prior to the meeting, for catering purposes if you could please contact the secretary on



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Well winter has well and truly begun, bringing with it some welcome rains which we haven't seen in awhile (and some not so welcome). Hopefully this note finds all our members safe and well and looking forward to the coming show season. We are building towards our championship show once again. There has been a change in the qualifying shows, as Benalla Show has expressed wishes to no longer be a qualifier due to the fact that they are changing their show program and will probably no longer be running the required classes. To make up for this, Cobram Show will be taking Benalla's place. I wish competitors at the 2010 Royal Melbourne Show good luck under the watchful eye of judge Mr Kevin Collins.

If anyone has anything that they would like to see in the newsletter, or any advertisements or stories which they would like to contribute to the newsletter please feel free to let me know

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Educational Weekend

August 7th & 8th

Heathcote Showgrounds

Members Free

New Members Welcome

Camping Available

Bring along yourself and your horse, harness & vehicle and learn something. The weekend will see various demonstrations on a variety of topics from knowledgeable people. Enjoy a BBQ Saturday night, catch up with friends and make some new ones

For further enquiries or to register your interest please contact John Mullenger on 0412 700 068 or secretary@vtdhg.org.au

Membership will be required for participation with all horse activities



What do you use to deliver the cream when you don't have any ponies? Why goats of course

A North Coolgardie Prospector. See horses haven't been the only animals used in horse drawn vehicle. When in doubt grab a camel and try it.



The beginnings of the furniture removalist trade. All it needs is Granny sitting in her rocking chair on top

THE HORSE'S SLAVE
GUY MCLEAN

It's said the horse was born to aid mankind
To work to slave and toil
To carry man from dawn till dusk
To plough and till the soil.

Bred for his obedience
His strength and honest power
Bred to toil for profit
For many countless hours.

Well that may have been true in eon's past
Like the drawings found in caves
But I believe it's time we all admit
That us humans are the slaves

We're the ones that rise before the sun
Not from want, but need
We trudge out through the mud and slush
To give the days first feed.

We remove the rugs and fix the fences
Clean the sludge from water troughs
While our gallant workaholic steed
He just stands and scoffs...

... down the oats and chaff and barley
A menu fit for Kings
And though our stomachs groan and rumble
We're occupied by other things.

Like the hose torn from its fitting
Where the teeth marks left their toll
And you wish you were addicted
Not to horses, but to bowls.

As you stand upon that left front shoe
That was nailed on yesterday
And you ponder how expensive fuel

And you toil at work for a hellish week
But that one hour a day you've craved
On the weekend makes it worth it
So once again, just who's the slave?

We clean his stable, oil his saddle
Fix his rugs and comb his tail
And while he's looking like an Equine Prince
We're looking weak and pale.

But we don't go to the doctors
Or buy those fancy vitamins
We spend our dough on protective boots
To shield his delicate shins.

He has four rugs in the winter
While our jumper's full of holes
His shoes are set each start of month
While our shoes have broken souls

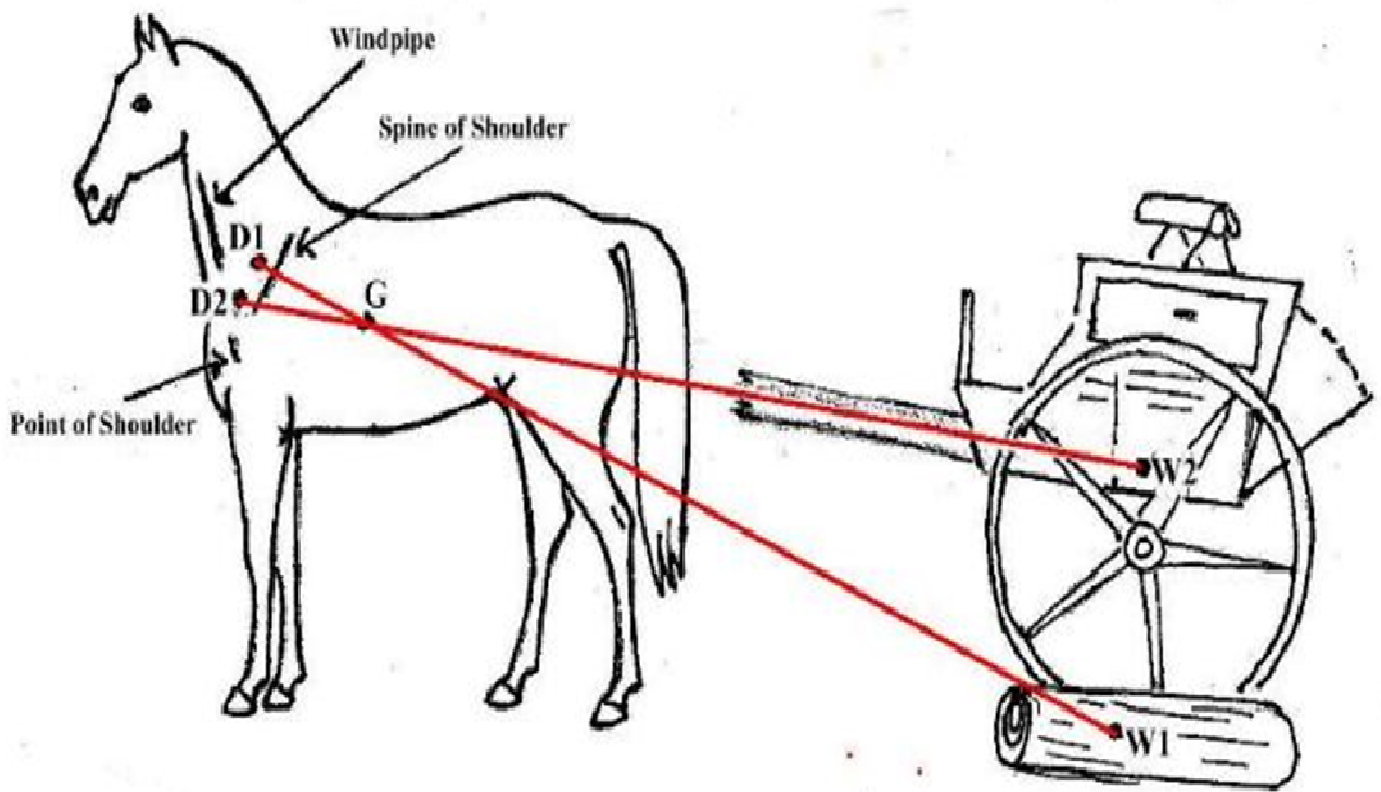
In our cupboards there's no Panadol
Just a shelf stacked high with 'Bute'
And our luxury family sedan
Is a hay filled smelly ute.

Though we toil each day to earn the cash
To throw at Equine whim
We'll never waste it on unneeded things
Like a haircut or a trim

We'll just pull down our Akubra's
Cover up unruly hair
Because our horse will love us anyway
For he truly doesn't care...

...what kind of car we're driving
Or if we're filthy rich with loot
He only thinks of feed bags

Point of Draft In A Collar

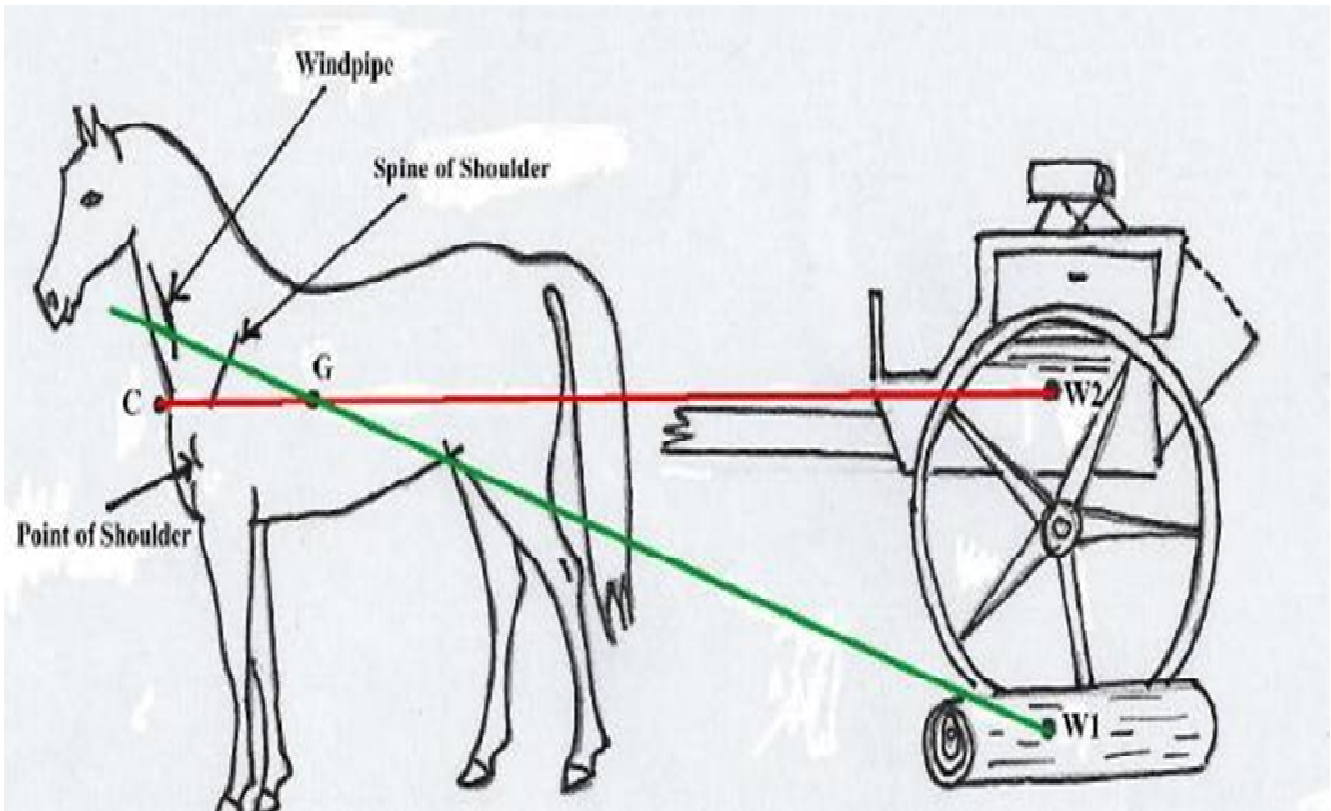


Point G is the centre of gravity of the horse and $D1$ and $D2$ are the ideal points of draft of a collar. Their position is depending on the different centres of resistance, $W1$ and $W2$.

Looking at the picture it is easy to understand that a horse can pull best from a point of draft just in front of its shoulder. This point is found to be in line with its centre of gravity and the drawn vehicle's or object's centre of resistance.

In case of an object on the ground, e.g. a log, the ideal pulling point is located at ($D1$) in front of the shoulder joint. It is in line with the centre of gravity (G) and the log's centre of resistance ($W1$). If the horse pulls a vehicle with a higher-up located centre of resistance ($W2$), the ideal point of draft ($D2$) moves down, towards the point of the shoulder.

Point Of Draft In A Breastplate



Once again G is the horse's centre of gravity and C is the point of draft when the horse is in a breastplate.

If the horse pulls a vehicle with a relatively high centre of resistance ($W2$), the point of draft (C) for the breastplate is nearly in the same area as it would be with a collar.

It is quite near the ideal point of draft.

But if it would have to pull the log with the centre of resistance ($W1$) from the ground, the point of draft (C) theoretically would slip up towards the windpipe and the horse would choke. (see green line). Therefore the breastplate is not good to use for pulling heavy objects low down or lying on the ground.

2010
Victorian
Tradesman's & Delivery
Championships

Sunday Novemeber 28th
Heathcote Showgrounds

Christmas Party
sunday December 12

Jika Farm

495 Donnybrook Rd

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