



## 2018 UNITED STATES PONY CLUB'S RESEARCH PROJECT FAIR



Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation sponsored the 2018 United States Pony Club Research Project Fair, which was held during the 2018 USPC Equine Symposium & Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, January 24-28. The Research Project Fair provided Pony Club members of all ages the opportunity to expand their equine knowledge.

The 2018 USPC Research Project Fair featured four categories:

- Individual Experimental Project: Hypothesis-driven project conducted by an individual Pony Club member. Project must incorporate experimental methods to test hypothesis and determine conclusions.
- Group Experimental Project: Hypothesis-driven project conducted by a group of Pony Club members. Project must incorporate experimental methods to test hypothesis and determine conclusions. Groups may range from pairs to an entire Pony Club.

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- Individual Literature Review: Non-experimental project in which an individual Pony Club member conducts an in-depth analysis and synthesis of existing literature on a specific equine-related topic.
- Group Literature Review: Non-experimental project in which a group of Pony Club members (from pairs to an entire Pony Club) conducts an in-depth analysis and synthesis of existing literature on a specific equine-related topic.

### *Pony Club: Challenging Creativity*

Judging the research projects envisioned, performed and presented by members of the Pony Club revealed a combination of Club members' devotion to the animals and an understanding of how research and creativity can improve their care.

That members have the intellectual energy to explore improvements for the future while cherishing the care of their horses today is a heartening phenomenon to recognize.

We salute the leaders of the Pony Club for fostering an atmosphere which generates such inquisitive possibilities. Grayson-Jockey Club is pleased to be able to promote and encourage these young minds as they make their way to tomorrow's progress.

Dr. Johnny Mac Smith  
*GJCRF Veterinary Consultant*



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Experimental projects and literature reviews could be about any topic related to horses and/or Pony Club. Research projects explored a broad range of topics, including the effects of different wound care strategies on healing time, comparison of the shock-absorbing qualities of different arena footing materials, effectiveness of different leather care products, and experiments to determine which fly spray works best at repelling flies.

This was a great challenge and opportunity for children to learn more about their horses, expand their knowledge on a certain topic, share their findings with other Pony Club members, and have a better understanding and appreciation for equine research and its necessity all while educating them about the work Grayson does and philanthropy!



Present as judges were Dr. Johnny Mac Smith, Grayson's veterinary consultant, and Foundation Vice-President Jamie Haydon (*above*), In addition to winners' awards. Grayson provided educational gift bags to all research participants.



## RESEARCH PROJECT FAIR RESULTS

We congratulate these first place winners:

### Individual Experimental Project – 8 & Under (Display Only)

**Madeline Oller-Vornberg**

*Brier Bank Farm Pony Club Riding Center, N. Central Prairie*

### Individual Experimental Project – 9 – 10 Years

**Madelyn Moore**

*Brier Bank Farm Pony Club Riding Center, N. Central Prairie*

### Individual Experimental Project – 14 – 17 Years

**Janna Scholtz**

*Deep Run Hunt Pony Club, Virginia*

### Individual Experimental Project - Horsemasters

**Michelle Misegades**

*Brier Bank Farm Pony Club Riding Center, N. Central Prairie*

### Individual Literature Review – 11 – 13 Years

**Alaina Morrissey**

*Hinkson Valley Pony Club, Midwest*

### Individual Literature Review – 14 – 17 Years (Display Only)

Lindsey Allen

*Sandia Creek Ranch Pony Club Riding Center, S. California*

### Group Experimental Project

**Silver Stirrups Scientists (S-cubed)**

Elizabeth Criswell

L. Mahaley Gann

*Silver Stirrups Pony Club, Red River Region*

### Group Literature Review

**Yahooligans!**

Michaela Frye

Sabrina Williams

Lila Entwistle

*Mill Creek & Southwinds Pony Clubs, Midwest*

## NEW TRIBUTE PROGRAM

Over the years many horse lovers have contacted us wishing to donate to research in memory or in honor of their beloved horse(s). Some have also wished to pay tribute to a friend or a horse for which they feel emotionally attached.

Our new Tribute program allows you to pay tribute to a favorite horse and tell a horse's story. You can simply donate in honor of your horse or a friend's horse, or you may wish to remember a horse by donating in his or her memory. The Tribute program has three different levels as follows:

- With the Best of Breed Level (\$30 donation) a horse's photo will be displayed, along with the owner's name and story on our website tribute page.
- With the Reserve Champion Level (\$50 donation), along with the photo display, a tribute bracelet with the name of the horse is also included.
- The Champion Level (\$100 minimum donation) will include the photo and a special tribute gift.

If a donation is made on behalf of a horse owned by an individual other than the donor, there is an option to have the bracelet sent to either the horse's owner or the donor.

Donations may be made by mail or online at our website [grayson-jockeyclub.org](http://grayson-jockeyclub.org) under "donate now". The option to add a small paragraph about the horse and upload a photo is available. If a photo is not available, a special icon will be placed on the site.

Donations may also be mailed. For more information please check this link.



*Kim and Laura Little have donated in memory of their beloved horse, Wilma in the name Dr. Mark Phillips*

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