

## THE HORSE WITH NO HAIR!



New Service!

**Did you know.....**  
*we are now providing reports electronically if you prefer?*  
*Let us know your choice when we call the day after testing to assure we've met your expectations!*

NEW Service!

### **NEW FIT Testing for Hearing Protection**

How well do your employees utilize their hearing protection (HP) both on and off the job? How much protection are your employees really receiving from their HP?  
We have established a new service for our clients. It is called Fit Testing. The purpose is to determine.... *Continued on page 2.*

I have this younger horse who's gone a bit wild having turned into more of a pet than a competitor.....So I bought him an expensive leather halter that said MADE IN AMERICA. A halter is like a head harness to handle him more **safely**. I put the halter on his head and left it on overnight. The next morning I found that he had lost all the hair on his face. He must have had some type of allergic reaction to the halter.

I had the vet out to treat his inflamed skin. I was worried the halter had somehow permanently scarred his palomino face, too. I luckily had saved the tags and called the leather company who packaged it. I wanted my money back and the vet bills paid. The company explained that it is no longer allowed in the U.S. to finish the tanning process, so they have to send the leather out of country. Somewhere in that manufacturing chain, the halter had been treated with the wrong topical oils, a costly mistake. I'm happy to tell you they did pay the bill and his hair has grown back this spring with only limited scarring.

Boy, **safety** can get us at every turn, can't it? I bought the darn halter to be **safer** around him but what a high price to pay, especially for his and my vanities!

As spring brings new life around us, think about refreshing your hearing conservation program with some improvements with fit testing of hearing protection or noise measurements. Please read through this newsletter to learn about some of our new services, especially the report review tele-conference that is complementary.

Be Safe!

Andi Hengen

if the employee is wearing the hearing protection properly. The Fit Test measures the noise exposure outside the ear and also inside the ear canal . This demonstrates the actual attenuation that the protection is providing, that is much less than the published NRR (noise reduction rating).

As we performed this service at one of our clients, who manage a dynamic safety program and clearly cares about its employees, the Safety Manager was surprised at the number of employees who did not wear protection properly. We then instruct them on proper fitting and the majority of users experienced significantly higher protection levels, improving results dramatically.

If you are interested in this service, please call us at **(508) 832- 8484** and ask for Andi or Helene for more detail.



**Did you know.....???**

***If you schedule a tele-conference with Helene or Jennifer, they can review the report with you telephonically to make sure you have understood and completed all necessary follow-up action. For example logging an STS, understanding the calculations, etc. 508-832-8484***

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**Upcoming Safety Related Trade Shows-**

[www.vshc.org](http://www.vshc.org)

[www.connosha.com](http://www.connosha.com)

<https://www.aiha.org>

<http://www.pasafetyconference.com/>

<https://nerc.org>

[http:// www.hearingconservation.org/](http://www.hearingconservation.org/)

<http://www.vpppa.org/education/regional-conferences>

<http://worcestercounty.asse.org/event/>

<https://www.cbiam.com/>

<https://www.nebwa.org/>

**Sitting in front of the speakers at a rock concert can expose you to 120 decibels, which will begin to damage hearing in only 7 1/2 minutes!**

## Helene Freed , our Public Relations Specialist, will be presenting Hearing Conservation topics at the following conferences:

PERMA Conference in Lake George, NY <https://www.perma.org/>

ASSE Long Island NY

ASSE Region VIII in Southbridge, MA <http://worcestercounty.asse.org/event/>

Northeast Recycling in Manchester, NH <http://www.nrra.net/annual-northeast-recycling-conference-attendee-registration-form/>

## Welcome.....!!!!!!

Please join us in welcoming our newest staff person Jennifer Odgren. Already she is fondly known around the office as Jaylynn as now we have two Jennifers. Jaylynn brings 12 years of realtor, customer service, and sales experience .



Her experience is now enhanced by her CAOHC certification. As Hearing Conservation Specialist, Jaylynn's responsibilities include:

- Introducing Industrial Hearing to prospective customers that may need to get into compliance with OSHA / MSHA regulations
- Administrative support for staff and customers.
- Binding and mailing reports.



In her spare time, Jaylynn enjoys spending time with her husband, two children and their family dog Buddy! Thanks for joining us in welcoming Jaylynn to the team.

Please  
Refer!

***Finally, if you like our work please consider referring us to your corporate headquarters or other associates to do more testing for other locations and thanks!***