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TRAILERING TIPS

TWISTER TRAILER: Trevor, tell us about your number one "must" for hauling horses?

TREVOR BRAZILE: Well, the first thing that comes to mind is having a vet box along. Hauling is stressful to the horses, and there is always a high chance of injury or sickness. You never know where on the road this can happen, so I always make sure to have Bute, Banamine, Dex, antiseptic, wraps, and a whole emergency first aid kit along for the horses in case of a little colic, allergic reaction, cut, or anything else. Of course, make sure you are comfortable and trained by your vet before you use any of this stuff, or you can make things worse. It's always a good idea to get trained in emergency first aid by your veterinarian if you plan on hauling a lot.

TWISTER: What else do you think is important in your successful trips with horses?

TREVOR BRAZILE: I think a clean trailer is very important, cleaning out the shavings and replacing them after every trip. I use a product called Bye Bye Odor, and I think that helps with the ammonia smell, which keeps the air as clean as possible. The ammonia is really hard on their lungs. I also make sure to take the horses out every 6 hours to walk around and get water, and I let them have hay in the trailer all the time. Sometimes I bring panels along if there aren't stalls at a rodeo so they can have some space to lie down and move around.

TWISTER: Do you wrap your horses' legs?

TREVOR BRAZILE: No, my horses all haul pretty well, so I don't use wraps when I haul.

TWISTER: Do you do anything special when you are loading the horses?

TREVOR BRAZILE: Well, typically my head horses are the biggest ones, and there is more room in the last stall, so I haul my biggest horse in the rear of the trailer. I also keep the butt windows open usually for air flow, but I leave the head windows either closed, or at least leave the face bars up if it's really hot. I don't like the horses to get their heads out while I'm driving, and stuff can fly in really easy.

TWISTER: What are your favorite features on your trailer?

TREVOR BRAZILE: Well, I have a side load, and that lets me have a huge zero radius rear tack. I really like all that space for gear.

TWISTER: How many horses do you usually haul?

TREVOR BRAZILE: Well, usually two head horses, a calf horse and a steer horse, but this year Shada (Mrs. Trevor Brazile) is going to have a barrel horse going sometimes too.

TWISTER: Do you haul your own horses? How do you get to so many rodeos?

TREVOR BRAZILE: Well, sometimes I haul my own, this year I will have someone hauling June through August because there are so many rodeos that I have to fly, and I don't want my family to be alone. If there are a couple rodeos at once, sometimes we send horses with Patrick's (Smith, his roping partner) rig to one rodeo and another set of horses in my rig to another show and then we can fly. And we can borrow horses at some of the rodeos, too. That makes it easier.

TWISTER: You haul a bumper pull with a bus. How is this different than pulling a gooseneck living quarters trailer with a truck?

TREVOR BRAZILE: Well, with a family, it is sure nice to have that extra space with the bus, and when you are driving, someone can make you a sandwich or whatever. I think the bumper pulls follow really nice behind a bus, you don't have to turn as wide. But when you get to a rodeo, the bus is not as convenient as a truck, you know, just unhook a truck and go. The bus is kind of parked. And with the kids, it is nice to have a place to go back and hang out, this year we all have baseball gloves, so I think we will get some catching practice in. I might get a basketball goal on my next trailer so we can shoot some hoops!

TWISTER: Thanks for your time Trevor and we wish you a great season!

TREVOR BRAZILE

This Trailing Tips article, brought to you by Twister Trailers, interviews Trevor Brazile. Of course, this cowboy needs no introduction, Trevor is the leading money earner in the PRCA, 16 time World Champion, and has pretty much won everything that can be won, while hauling his horses across the country for most of the year, covering up to 50,000 miles in a season.

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