

Santa Hints 2018



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Holidays tend to sneak up on everyone, but for horsemen, the fall is a busy season of readying the barn, land and animals for winter, while also preparing for end-of-year championships and finals shows. All of a sudden, the gift-giving season is upon us!

Don't panic and grab whatever the gas station has on the end display (although diesel gift cards are always nice). We have a few unique ideas to get gifts crossed off your shopping list so you can get back to stacking hay or sorting winter blankets.



Stocking Stuffers

Small items can be even more impactful than large ones. This year, we have found some thoughtful and exquisite little presents.

Bison Union Ranch Hand Coffee

Not only an appreciated and aromatic stocking stuffer, this coffee is a great host gift to keep on hand for last minute party invites. Maybe they will even ask you back to share their coffee.

This dark roast is blended in America in collaboration with Black Rifle Coffee Co., both veteran-owned businesses, and \$1 from each bag purchased goes to the Working Ranch Cowboys Association Foundation to help cowboys and their families in times of crisis. The Western packaging looks great without wrapping, it tastes great and your purchase does a good deed. Win. Win. Win.

www.bisonunion.com



Horsewright Clothing & Tack Leather Horseshoe Coasters

Continuing the beverage and holiday entertaining theme, protect furniture with handmade Herman Oak leather coasters made with real horseshoes and nails for authenticity. While decorative, the shoe keeps the beverage on the coaster, and you can even customize them with initials or brands to make the gift even more personal.

www.horsewrightclothing.com

Schaefer Outfitter Elkskin Gloves

All horsemen and ranch folk can use a new pair of gloves. They tend to have a lot of singles under the truck seat and in the mud room, but a new pair of Schaefer Outfitter Ranch Hand Elkskin Gloves will put your friends in a matched, clean set.

Thick, soft elk hide is sewn in the U.S., with a keystone thumb, elastic wrist and warm Velux lining to keep hands toasty while operating gates and scooping feed. They are available in sizes extra-small to extra-large.

www.schaeferoutfitter.com



Allred Leather Co. Key Chains & Card Wallets

A new keychain can jazz up your daily commute, whether it's to town or just to the back pasture. These stunning little something are handcrafted by a Texas leather artisan, one by one, and are available in themes to suit various Western styles – from cactus to floral tooling with a unique twist.

Recipients won't mind carrying around their keys with one of these attractive key fobs. Hair-on-hide stitched card wallets are a slim option for those folks that don't like to take everything with them. They're great for cowboys and cowgirls who have their hands full of reins, kids or groceries.

www.allredleathercompany.com

Horsethief Canyon Supply Co. Soap

Ranching is a dirty business. These handcrafted soaps are packaged for gifting with clever names and are made in small batches with olive and coconut oils by a California ranch woman. The scents are reminiscent of your favorite things, including: One Trick Pony, with alfalfa and lavender; The Horse Thief, with oatmeal stout, pipe tobacco and cedarwood; My Darling Clementine, with sweet orange blossoms; and a men's scent, The Man in Black, with craft beer, cedarwood and charcoal.

www.horsethiefsupplyco.com



Junior Cowboys & Cowgirls

The little 'uns like to show their Western style, too. Give your favorite kiddos some holiday love with these cute gifts.

Sheababy Boots

Every Western baby needs a pair of cowboy boots, and Sheababy boots are stylish, comfortable and quality footwear designed by a cowgirl and Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association wife.

Available in baby and toddler sizes, Sheababy boots are leather, with leather soles and easy on-and-off zippers. Leather isn't just a nice-feeling, quality feature, but it also helps little feet develop properly and provides grip while youngsters are learning to walk.

For both boys and girls, Sheababy boots come in adorable designs so that babies can dress like mommy and daddy. Great boots go with everything, even diapers.

www.sheababy.com

Breyer

A favorite of cowgirls for years, Breyer is a classic Christmas gift. And, we won't tell if you play with the toys yourself before Santa comes. This season's standout gift choice is the Breyer Luna bath toy, where the unicorn's hair and markings change color with warm bath water. Don't wait!

www.breyerhorses.com

Classic Equine iPad Sling Backpack

For those techie kids, this sling backpack comes in some cool patterns and has a double cushion sleeve sized to hold an iPad or



small laptop, while still offering enough room for a jacket. The front compartment features handy pockets for easy access to keys, phone and other valuables. A padded sling fit gives the bag security against the body and allows both hands free to load the trailer, pack the truck or even ride.

www.classicequine.com

CC Way Apparel

CC Way is a new Western-themed casual clothing brand with beautiful horse graphic and inspirational message shirts for girls of every age. The Faithful and True t-shirt in icy blue ringpun cotton is great by itself or as a darling layering piece for fashionable cowgirls.

www.ccwayoflife.com



For the Western lady

OK, cowboys! Hopefully you made it to this section and you can find something for the lady of the ranch. Get her something she wouldn't splurge on herself; we have picked a few nice options to make your shopping effortless.

CC Way Apparel

If you're dolling up your little cowgirl in CC Way, maybe mama wants a new casual



top, as well. This comfortable but stylish flowy-fit top “Show Me Love” showcases retro Western graphic flair and looks great to dress up a pair of jeans and boots while running errands or for a quick dinner in town.

www.ccwayoflife.com

Schaefer Outfitter Cheyenne Vest

Always a nice layering piece for those indoor/outdoor days and weather changes, the Schaefer Outfitter Cheyenne is a



24-ounce melton weight herringbone wool vest with flattering seams, elasticized back for fit and a two-way zipper that works great in the saddle. She will appreciate the two handy pockets and quality of this made-in-the-U.S. product, whether she's riding or heading to town.

www.schaeferoutfitter.com

Herring Custom Hats

Cowgirls love hats, but fashion hats can add a whole new look to their wardrobe, as well as instantly fix any bad hair day and turn it into a great style statement. The Yellow Rose is an option from Herring Hats, hand-made in Texas, showcasing a hand-tooled and whitewashed leather hatband.

Shown here in 30x and bone color, this hat is available in different colors and qualities, built to fit and shaped to suit with a campaign or Gus crown. Gift certificates are also available for those pickier cowgirls.

www.herringcustom.com

Fringe Scarves

Created to inspire people to “stick their neck out and tie one on,” Fringe scarves are 100 percent silk for year-round wear. They're made to be worn on the ranch, with a suit, to yoga and everything in between for both fashion and function.

These scarves are available in various



sizes, from the shorty 26-inch square to the long, tall 35-inch. Fresh patterns are sure to please any cowgirl on your list, no matter what their day-to-day life entails.

www.fringescarves.com

Brit West Pebbles Bracelet

Turquoise is a cowgirl's best friend, and these bracelets from Brit West showcase the most stunning hand-picked turquoise stones





paired with sterling silver and braided kangaroo leather for a rustic yet elegant bracelet that is sure to go with anything else your cowgirl might wear – from jeans to a cocktail dress. Turquoise is a timeless cowgirl gift.

www.britwest.net

Cowboys

For the Western man riding the range or herding files on his laptop, a thoughtful gift with rustic touches is a slam dunk on Christmas morning.



Reed Custom Cowboy Knives

Handcrafted in Locust Grove, Oklahoma, each Reed Knives piece is made with the working cowboy in mind. Reed uses a high-speed tool steel to achieve maximum edge retention. The handle material is made from either elk or cow horn, and the grain and color that comes from these natural materials gives each knife unique character.

Find Reed Custom Cowboy Knives on Facebook

Schaefer Outfitter Canyon Cruiser Jacket

A new arrival, this lightweight and warm jacket features 40 grams of insulation quilted into an aviator-style nylon shell that cuts the wind and the chill. Water resistant, this style packs great into a truck or a saddlebag so your cowboy is ready for whatever adventure the day holds. Six large pockets, heavy-duty zipper, snap cuffs and zip-up storm collar make this a top pick.

www.schaeferoutfitter.com



Matt Litz Silversmith Ranger Buckle Set

For the Western gentleman, a one-of-a-kind, three-piece custom buckle set is a status symbol and conversation piece. A hand-engraved sterling silver buckle set by Western metal artisan Matt Litz shows a high level of taste and will become a family heirloom.

Find Matt Litz Silversmith on Facebook



TM Custom Leather Belt

Your fine cowboy will need a strap to show off his winning buckle, and TM Custom leather can

provide a variety of hand-tooled options to coordinate. They can create a belt to fit his style just right.

Find TM Leather & Saddlery on Facebook and @tm_leather on Instagram

Favorite steed & stable

Let's not forget the reason we are called horsemen – our favorite equine partners. While they may not recognize holidays, they will appreciate one of these fine-quality gifts as much as their human does.



Kerry Kelley Bits

Known for his exceptional feel, Kerry Kelley creates functional artwork that is trusted by hard-working ranch cowboys, as well as the top Western performance riders. Your horse will appreciate the balance, and your recipient will appreciate the style of this bit – the 02S12 with roller and floral silverwork.

www.kerrykelley spurs.com

Brandon Ward Saddlery Headstalls

Everyone can use a new headstall, and these hand-tooled beauties from Brandon Ward are gorgeous and sturdy for day work or a spin around the arena. Various patterns and customization are available.

Any horse or horseman would appreciate the fine workmanship on these slit-ear models, which are also available in browband versions.

www.brandonwardsaddlery.com





Holiday Gift Guide



Tumbling J Mohair Tack Cinches

Mohair is known for being exceptionally soft and strong, as well as extremely moisture-wicking, making it perfect for a hard-working piece of tack that is next to your horse's skin.

Tumbling J tightly hand ties and weaves straight and roper-style cinches, along with other tack, out of beautifully colored 100 percent mohair, with stainless steel or brass hardware for the best quality. They have styles ready to ship, can create custom cinches and have gift certificates available.

Find Tumbling J Mohair Tack on Facebook and @tumblingjmohairtack on Instagram

Hands On Grooming Gloves

Grooming is a great way to take care of your horse, while also checking for any sores or rubs, shedding and giving a nice massage after a ride! Hands On grooming gloves keep your hands clean, won't slip when wet and



provide a closer, comfortable grooming and bathing experience for your horses and dogs.

Hair doesn't stick to Hands On gloves, making shedding easier. Available in various sizes for the whole family, your animals will enjoy this gift as much as you will!

www.handsongloves.com



Tenda Shampoo Pods

Why pay for water fillers? These concentrated shampoo pods make an entire bucket of suds – enough to bathe a couple horses or those muddy barn

dogs. Convenient and economical, these pods will make bathing fun, while giving your horses a professional-level spa day. They are easy to use and lightweight for storage.

www.tendahorse.com

Pixio Smart Arena System

This product makes it easy to improve your riding performance without a full-time trainer, helpful friends or even recruiting your kids to hold the cell phone camera still and not film the ground during your ride. This system makes use of a camera mounted on a tripod, a watch that you wear and three beacons to triangulate your location and record your ride.

The robot camera keeps you in frame. The video can then be viewed at home or sent to your coach for feedback. The Pixio makes a great gift for the rider in the family, espe-

cially if you don't want to be the reluctant cameraman.

www.smartarenatech.com

Classic Equine Windbreaker Turnout Sheet

Redesigned to fit even better for 2018, this horse wardrobe staple – useful for various climates and seasons – is a sure win for any stylish equine. Waterproof with high-quality buckles and snaps, the fit is second to none, staying in place even with rambunctious horses.

The great part about this no-fill windbreaker is it can be worn alone on windy or rainy days in spring and fall, or layered over other insulated blankets to increase their weather rating for those really bad winter days.

www.classicequine.com



Happy Holidays to our Quarter Horse News fans. Enjoy the season! ★