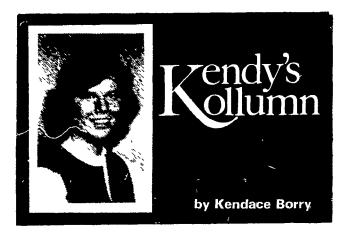
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In a certain 4-H horse club, there is a pony that is affectionally known as Godzilla, the wonder pony Godzilla is treasured for his ability to teach the 4-H'ers more through experience in a year's time than anyone could learn by lecture in a lifetime.

Godzilla is one of the fastest things on earth--he can sneeze, bite, scratch, and flick his tail in your eyes--all in less than a second's time. The first time he was approached to have his long hair trimmed for a show, he managed to kick two people, bite one, sneeze on three, and make four happy who bet ten to one that his ears wouldn't get done.

He's the only horse I know that can see with his head straight up. He lines a bead on anybody who dares set foot in his territory. At certain times, unsuspecting people who have wandered into Godzilla's pasture have been seen vaulting three rail fences with great speed, while Godzilla stands at the rails with a shirttail hanging out of his mouth.

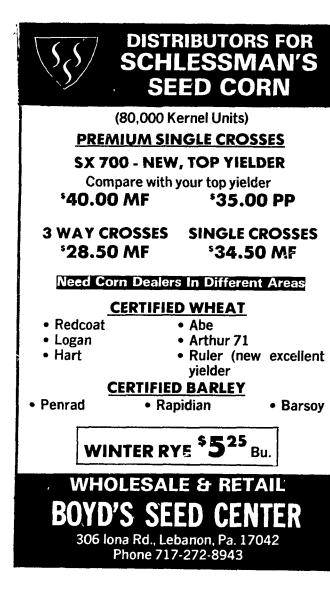
Riding lessons with Godzilla became so exciting that the retired couple living across the street from his ring would come out on their porch to watch. Neighbor kids would ride their bikes down to the ring and all barn work would come to a halt while everyone appeared to see the circus Godzilla held the world's record for stampeding out of the ring.

At shows, concerned members of the club would huddle together, holding hands, biting nails, and warning anyone within hearing distance that Godzilla was entering the class. Nobody would relax until the class was over and Godzilla and owner were still in one piece.

Before Godzilla came along, safety was something members talked about around horses, but never practiced. It is amazing how careful those who came within the distance of Godzilla's many varied actions have become

The 4-H members agree, however, that the best time of all season is when Godzilla's owner, in tears of frustration, asks her leader to try and ride the pony

With trembling knees and her heart in her throat, the leader approaches the beast There



Godzilla stands, glass eyes glaring, waiting to begin battle

Meanwhile, the word quickly passes through the crowd that war has been declared and the more enterprising club members prepare to sell tickets to the acton

The leader climbs on, and around the ring they go Godzilla has three basic speeds, - crawl, full gallop, and a sideways leaping action that leaves his audience in awe He uses the three in various combinations to protect his image and prove he's as mean as ever

And yet, when he is returned to his owner, who affectionally pats his head while the leader shakily heads home to wonder why she is still alive,

## Judging teams rank 10th and 11th

MADISON, Wisc. - Two dairy judging teams from Pennsylvania placed 10th and 11th at the World Dairy Expo held in Wisconsin last week.

Placing 10th out of 36 teams was the group from Penn State University coached by Warren Poage. To come up with the 1960 points it took to rank 10th, the team placed 10th in oral reasons, 32nd in the Jersey competition, sixth in Ayrshire, first in Guernseys,

23rd in B1 own Swiss, and 29th in Holsteins.

The 11th place team from the Commonwealth was a group from Delaware Valley College, Doylestown. The groups placed 21st in reasons, 14th in Jersey judging, 18th in Ayrshires, 12th in Guernseys, 26th in Brown Swiss, and 10th in Holsteins.

The coach for the Delaware Valley team was James McCaffree.

Know Where the Activities Will Be? Read the Farm Women Calendar.



Godzilla, the wonder pony, knows that he has kept another day with 4-H from being boring and added his own special excitement while demonstrating to all the fine arts of horsemanship.

And after all, isn't that what having a horse is all about?



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