With the country being on lock down due to Covid 19, R&T had an amazing turnout for the Virtual Ride & Tie and Equathon. 174 participants

Annabelle Ungaris  and Louisa Compton with Sara Boelt pretending to be the vet.

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Learn from a Mentor

Mentors are a group of people dedicated to growing the sport of Ride & Tie by introducing (or re-introducing) people to the sport. Located throughout the country, mentors are the Association’s “local experts.” They are available to answer questions, give advice about what to wear, how to prepare to successfully finish a race, provide opportunities to practice ride & tie, and help team newcomers with experienced people.

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I finally had to opportunity to share my love of ride and tie with some of my younger riding lesson students. I am always talking to them about ride and tie and how fun it is. Quit’n Quarantine was the perfect opportunity for this.

I wanted to kids to experience as much of a ride as possible. I figured out a 4 mile trail to use and marked it with flags to give the kids the opportunity to follow the trail for themselves. I drew up a map for them and we had a ride meeting. I gave them ride cards and we did a mock vet check.

My friend and one of my ride and tie partners, Andrea Bassett agreed to help as a second adult. We took out the first group on Saturday, May 9. We used Aastro, TBopp, and Buddy. Aastro and TBopp have done numerous ride and ties and Buddy is a good lesson/trail horse. We teamed up to where an adult was with the kids at all times. Andrea and I rode Aastro. My students Annabelle Ungaris and Louisa Compton rode TBopp, while Bailey Estes and Addy Hartman rode Buddy.

We started the ride with an official yellow ride and tie hat drop. Andrea and I encouraged the kids to ride their own ride and communicate with each other. It was fun to listen to them. We went through periods, where we were all together, and where we were separated and the kids got to tie their horses. They were good about helping each other with stirrups and mounting when we were together. They communicated and found good tie spots. I have to say, I was super proud of them.

Annabelle said it was a fun experience with friends in the woods. Louisa said she had a great time and was really proud of herself. Bailey enjoyed the break from her daily life during COVID19. Addy was so happy after the ride. All of their parents shared these thoughts with me.

Then there was round 2 on Saturday, May 16. Andrea agreed to help me again and one of my long time students, Ella Davis did it with us too. We did the same with this group that we did with the first group. Again, Andrea and I rode Aastro. Ella teamed up with Avery Browning on TBopp and Julia Guerry-Lewis teamed up with Abbey Browning on Buddy. Abbey and Avery’s mom, Lisa tagged along on foot and was able to run with each of her girls. This group of kids were equally as fun to listen to. They did a great job communicating with and helping each other.

All the kids told me that they would like to do one again. I am hoping to get them to a ride in the future.

And finally there was round 3, but I didn’t participate. Two of my longtime older students, Ella Davis and Sara Bassett did a 4 mile on TBopp on Thursday, May 28. They have several ride and ties under their belts as they have participated in several with me.

It was so much fun with everyone to share my love of ride and tie.
Having fun while in quarantine.

Hannah Dollyhite riding Pepper
9 Mile R&T

Debbie Hansen - Bernard and Lorraine Whislern did the 2-mile run and the two mile ride, on mustang Abby, to honor all the high school kids that didn't get to go to prom. They did the 5-mile ride and four mile run on prom day. They even dressed up for it and it was pouring down rain as you can tell they had a blast.

Gunilla Pratt and Afsaneh Amini did the 9 mile virtual R&T on Mika. Mika knows the routine and is so good she does not even need to be tied.
Holly Neu completed the virtual Equathon.

Ammy Kerrigan completed the virtual Equathon.

Sadie Booher(6) and Evelyn Booher(4) training for 4 mile ride and tie on Roxie. Watch out Ride and Tie world!

Sadie Booher and Evelyn Booher

Sarah Krueger standing on her horse because she can.

Dave Venable, Rhonda Venable, Julianne Cyr and Christopher Lang each completed the 19 mile equathon.
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50 Years of Madness
Rules of the Race

Compiled by Annette Parsons

Fifty years ago, in 1970, Jack Johns, then a public relations director for Lee Strauss & Company, sought a novel and unorthodox way to promote the company’s line of rugged outdoors clothing. Little did he know that his idea of running or horse racing originated into a race that changed the lives of thousands of people who competed.

Ride & Tie was born. The first race took place in Novato, California, where the horse had only one horse between them and needed to cover the same distance. They split miles, with Willey leading and Willey taking the lead back and forth. The horse was allowed to walk or run, depending on how fast they moved. The winner was the first to cross the finish line.

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THE DISTANCE DEPOT
Ride and Tie 2020 Summer/Fall
as of July 24, 2020

- No Frills/OD Weekend: Jul 24-25, Star Tannery, VA
- Summertime Blues CANCELLED: Aug 22, La Grande, OR
- Iron Mountain CANCELLED: Aug 28-29, Cripple Creek, VA
- Crazy Daze of Summer: Sep 5-6, Spokane, WA
- Hector Half Hundred CANCELLED: Sep 12, Hector, NY
- Big South Fork: Sep 11-12, Oneida, TN
- Chesapeake Fall: Sep 18-20, Fairhill, MD
- Sauratown Mountain: Sep 25-26, Pinnacle, NC
- Coolest: Sept. 26, Cool, CA
- Tiger Turnout CANCELLED: Oct. 10-11, Clemson, SC
- Fort Valley: Oct 23-24, Fort Valley, VA
- Trace the Trails: Nov. 7-9, Athens, TX
- JD's Carolina: Nov 28, Patrick, SC
- Gallop on the Greenway: Dec. 31, Jan 1-2, Ocala, FL

Go Dave you got this!

Not exactly the first R’n’T in Denmark. But Corona-lockdown-Midsummer. The rider is only 10 years old, and not allowed to ride alone on the roads, so her mother is walking/running alongside.

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Chris Lang hauling supplies to finish line

Rick Koup

Adrienne Richards on After While Crocodile and Barb Mathews

Melissa Hoose on Dakota
Nature is a tool to get children to experience not just the wider world, but themselves.

-Stephen Moss