



Winter Rose News



SECOND EDITION

MAY, 2009

This month's newsletter is a little late because Joe had to move horses from Ocala, FL up to their summer home in New York during the first week of May. Rachel successfully qualified her 4 YO filly, Winter Eclipse for the Young Jumper Championships while in Florida and will compete at the Hampton Classic this fall.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"I've spent most of my life riding horses. The rest I've just wasted." --Anonymous

AROUND THE BARN:

- We have moved to the Summer turnout schedule; all horses will be in for lunch and out of the afternoon heat. Feel free to use a turnout if it is not scheduled, but remember you are responsible for water and returning your horse to the stall.
- The large East pen is available for rent during the day in 2 hour time blocks. It has a covered shade area and a 30 gallon water source. Horses may not be turned out together unless a waiver is signed. See Joe or Alicia for details.
- A quick reminder that the arenas are for riding and longeing. **No Turnouts!**

HORSECARE 101:

Handling your horse

Horses are by nature a "prey" animal. Most become docile and quiet if they are well handled; others always remain on edge and require quiet, confident handling. The expression in the horse's eye will indicate his state of mind, revealing whether he is calm and relaxed, or worried and frightened. A worried, frightened horse must always be treated with caution by an experienced handler. He requires confident and kind handling if he is to learn to trust the situation.

When entering the stall, always speak first and only approach the horse when he looks at you with two eyes/ears. Allow him to sniff your hand, halter and lead rope. Go up to the horse's shoulder and pat him on the neck. When dealing with the legs and feet, never kneel or sit. If they are frightened or worried, horses may use their legs as defense and they could strike out with the front feet, deliver a cow kick with a hind foot, kick forward and out to the side or kick out to the back with one or both feet. To minimize the danger of being kicked, never stand behind an unconfident or scared horse!



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AHJA Clinic with Julie Winkel has been re-scheduled for Oct. 10-11, 2009 @ Los Cedros. Please contact Melissa for early sign-up and stall reservations.

The 2009 AHJA Medal Finals have been set for Friday, Nov. 13, 2009 at the CEP Arizona Season Finale I in Scottsdale. This comes as a welcome change for those that have previously commuted to Tucson the past couple of years.

RH Quote of the month: *"We may not always see eye to eye, but we can try to see heart to heart."* ~ Sam Levenson

RH Tip of the month: Remember to check all hanging buckets in stalls and turn outs to make sure any hardware used to hang the buckets i.e double-ended snaps, hooks, etc. point inward, toward the wall, rather than toward your horse's nose. It is very easy for horses to catch a nostril and risk injury otherwise.

FROM THE GROOMS:

Please be courteous to the other boarders and pick up after your horse makes a mess in the grooming or wash stall.

COMINGS & GOINGS:

Sara VanFleet acquired Esperanza, a 9 Y.O. Dutch Mare from Oregon and is in the North barn #16.

Elise Crisafulli brought back Tonto, her Arabian stallion and is in the North barn #7.

Sparky has left to take up residence at a Holstein breeding farm based in Ocala, FL and Albany, NY

Sonja's Goliath moved in to Sparky's stall in the North barn #2.

Spot and Lilly went on a 10 day Parelli retreat with Lisa & Alicia.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 2 -** SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION, WestWorld, Scottsdale, AZ. www.specialolympicsarizona.org/default.asp.
- May 16 -** ARIZONA PONIES OF AMERICAS CLUB SHOW, WestWorld, Scottsdale, AZ. www.azpoac.com.
- May 30 -** BLUE RIBBON HORSE SHOW. Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Double Judged, AZ Horse Lover's Park, Tatum Blvd. just north of Union Hills. Halter, Western, English, open to all breeds. For info call (602) 992-2145 or visit www.blueribbonhorseshow.com.
- May 30 -** SHOW CIRCUIT ALL BREED OPEN HORSE SHOW, WestWorld, Scottsdale, AZ. (480) 488-5711 or www.sundustaz.com.
- June 20 -** BLUE RIBBON HORSE SHOW. Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Double Judged, AZ Horse Lover's Park, Tatum Blvd. just north of Union Hills. Halter, Western, English, open to all breeds. For info call (602) 992-2145 or visit www.blueribbonhorseshow.com.
- Sept. 26 -** HUNT CUP SEPTEMBER, WestWorld, Scottsdale, AZ. A great way to start off the fall show season ... an affordable one-day Hunt Cup show! Don't worry about the heat ... with two covered arenas at Westworld, who cares that it's still 90+ degrees out! Both hunter and jumper classes will be offered!

OPEN BARREL RACING, Wednesdays, Arizona Horse Lovers Park, 6-9 p.m. For info (602) 534-4656.

SCOTTSDALE SADDLE CLUB GYMKHANA. Once a month at Phoenix Equestrian Center/Reach 11. Kathy Libonati at (623) 566-8732

FOR SALE/TRADE:

Lesson horse needed for novice/intermediate riders. Must have good temperament, quiet, and be comfortable jumping 2'6". Please contact Melissa Duven @ 602-819-3442 if you know of any possibilities.

For sale: 17-1/2" Beval Butet close contact saddle, regular tree and flap. Barely used, in *MINT* condition! \$2600 call (602) 819-3442 to try.

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