



SUNFLOWER FARMS

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November 1, 2007

Happy Thanksgiving! This month at Sunflower we welcome Amy Vredevoogd's new horse Rodin into E barn, as well as two more horses with Chrissy Renz in F barn.

We have Blanketing Information Sheets available in the front office. Please come in and fill one out for your horse, even if you never want them blanketed. This will give us an easy way to make sure your horse is wearing the correct blanket both inside and out.

At this time of year when the temperature drops and it gets dark earlier, our electric and gas bills skyrocket. We need your help to turn off unused lights, and remember that our horses do better in temperate conditions rather than hot conditions at this time of year. This effort will affect all of us as to how much and when we have board increases. Many barns in the area have instituted a heat surcharge because of the high energy cost. We do not want to get to that point.

We have finished our work to improve the indoor arena footing! The limestone bases were checked and found to be level, so we simply took out and replaced the footing in both of the indoor dressage arenas. Please help us keep this footing nice by cleaning up after your horse when you're done riding, and remember that there is no turnout or uncontrollable lunging in the indoors. Bucking and leaping horses can dig holes into the base, creating unsafe footing.

To make sure we have muck buckets for our afternoon riders, we have color-coded the buckets by barn. Please help keep them where they belong.

Dr. Koehler will be de-worming on Nov. 12th, and Bristol will be out to de-worm on the 13th. Sign-up sheets will be going up on each barn. Please remember that you must actually sign up for de-worming for the vet to be able to do your horse.

The brown tabby kittens in B/C have names! Through the magic of the democratic process, they

have been christened Tango (the lighter female) and Cash (the darker male.)

The last weekend in October, we hosted a clinic with Dr. Judith Shoemaker, a well-known veterinarian. She worked on several Sunflower boarders, and may be back next spring if you missed her this time.

The BHC trail ride has been rescheduled for 10am on Sunday, Nov. 11th. If you're interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the office. You must sign a liability form for both Sunflower and our neighboring property's trails to participate.

On November 17th and 18th, we'll be hosting "Saddle Fitting for your Horse" with Dr. Kerry Ridgway.

We have a photographer working with the barn to create professional horse portraits against a backdrop. If you are interested in a portrait for yourself, or as a Christmas gift to a loved one, please contact the office for further information. We also have more med boxes available, if you are looking for a Christmas gift for your fellow boarders!

Sunflower would like to personally thank Molly S, who was witness to an accident where a semi crashed into a van carrying four of our grooms. Molly vouched for the guys and helped them communicate what had happened, and then drove them home. Thanks, Molly!

If you haven't done so yet, please take a moment and sign up for our Sunflower email list. Just send a blank email from your account to:

news-subscribe@sunflowerfarms.info



They say princes learn no art truly but the art of horsemanship. The reason is the brave beast is no flatterer. He will throw a prince as soon as his groom.

~Ben Jonson