



SUNFLOWER FARMS

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Summer is winding down, and the weather is easing into milder temperatures that make for perfect riding days. This beautiful weather welcomes several new boarders to Sunflower. Kristen Becker is bringing her two horses Moo and Frankie, and Marsha Icko is moving in with her thoroughbred Travis. Caitlin, who has been working here this summer, has also brought her horse Huston to board here.

We'll be de-worming with a pyrantel product, often sold under the name Strongid, on September 15th. As always, please watch for sign-up sheets in the barns.

Our last show of the season took place on August 10th, and it was by far our biggest one of the year! To all of the boarders and friends of the farm who spent their Sundays keeping everything running smoothly, a big and heartfelt "Thank You!"

The young Western riders have set up a trail course behind the dressage arenas. Sunflower boarders are welcome to use it! However, if you move an element, either on purpose or by knocking it down accidentally, please be courteous and put it back before you leave so it's ready for the next rider.

To improve communication, we are going to number the turnouts using an address system. We'll name each of the roads to the pastures and then number the gates. We're looking for suggestions from riders for names such as "Mare Lane" or "G Barn Road."

To make night hay feeding more efficient, we are making a slight change. The night guard will distribute hay from a truck instead of having the day workers leave flakes in front of stalls. This will keep the aisles cleaner in the afternoons, and help solve a few issues such as night hay getting wet and dirty from sweeping, or disappearing from in front of stalls. When the grooms put hay in front of the stalls the most nutritious part, the small flake, ends up staying on the floor and never getting to the horses. A new star sticker will be used to denote night hay, and night hay lists in the aisles will be updated. Horses that need wet hay will still get their hay put out in the afternoons to give the hay enough time to soak.

We need help in keeping barn prices stable. Boarders and trainers can help by turning off lights when they leave an area and picking up manure in all common areas, including grooming stalls, ring, and aisle. It is unpleasant to bring your horse into the wash rack and find a pile of manure left by the last horse.



**"There is just as much
horse sense as ever,
but the horses have
most of it."**

-Anonymous