



SUNFLOWER FARMS

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November 1, 2008

Happy Thanksgiving! Just like last year, we will be open for a half day on Thanksgiving. If you would like to come to the barn that morning and take advantage of this perfect riding weather, or just let your horse taste-test those sweet potatoes before your family gets at them, we'll be open from 6 am until 2 pm.

Dr Koehler and Bristol Vet will be out on Monday, November 17th to de-worm. Keep an eye out for signs posted around the barns, and please mark whether you would like your horse done.

Barring some truly bizarre weather, we'll be blanketing on a regular basis by the end of the month. Please make sure you have an updated blanket sheet on your horse's stall. For those who were not with us last winter, you can assume that the temperature for the 'Inside/Night' section is 40 - 45 degrees, as that is the nighttime temperature inside the barns irrespective of the outside temperature.

On November 1st and 2nd, Carole Grant will be giving a clinic in the dressage Cover-All. Auditors are welcome, and there is no set fee; instead, they are accepting donations for Equestrian Connection Charities.

On November 17th and 18th, we'll be hosting a Kim Price clinic in the hunter/jumper complex.

It's that time of year again - flu shot season! Take advantage of the farm's inoculation program by signing up on one of the sheets throughout the barn and then come by on Wednesday, October 29th between 10:30 and noon.

We need to keep the gates of empty paddocks closed and latched so vehicles can pass and to help with snow management in the winter. If you use a

turnout after the guys have left, please make sure you close it behind you.

Arena 2 (the old dressage arena) will be closed on Monday, October 28th to renew the sand before winter hits.

All horse owners know that over the years we accumulate an impressive pile of horse stuff. If it doesn't all fit in your locker, you are welcome to use the space above your locker as long as everything is tidy. However, please remember that there is not enough room for boarders to use common floor space for personal storage.

A reminder: because lunging takes up a significant portion of an arena, and because horses on a lunge line may behave differently from horses under saddle, we have some special rules for lunging in the riding arenas.

- Only one horse at a time may lunge in an arena if there are people riding.
- Horses must be under control while on the lunge line, both for the integrity of our footing and for the safety of all horses and riders who share the facility. If your horse is feeling his oats use a bridle, not a halter, for greater control and safety.
- If there is a lesson or training ride in progress, you **MUST** ask the trainer before lunging in that arena. They may be practicing a test, jumping a course, or working with a green horse or rider.



**"I never play horseshoes
because mother taught us
not to throw our clothes
around."**

-Mr. Ed