



## SUNFLOWER FARMS

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*January 1, 2009*

Happy New Year! We hope this month's newsletter finds everyone enjoying the holiday season with family and loved ones, and using this weather as an excuse to light a fire and roast some chestnuts.

Thanks to everyone who came to our Christmas party. It was a blast to meet so many families of boarders and friends. There are pictures of the event posted in the office.

Congratulations to Aly Senatore and Amir Mazor on their recent engagement! Zissou and Saint must be excited to officially be stepbrothers! Best wishes for your happy, horsey union.

Bristol and Koehler will be out to deworm on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. As always, please look for signs posted in the barns the week before.

Hopefully all of our boarders are aware of our red-tag system for communicating that a horse is to be left inside. We have a second tag that is less commonly used, but just as important. If you have your horse out of the stall overnight for any reason – going to a show or a vet, attending a clinic, having an equine sleepover with his friends – please get a green tag from the office to leave on your stall while your horse is away. This way all staff, especially the night guard, knows that your horse is off the property.

If you use a radio in the barns, please make sure you replace it correctly in the base. A red light should come on showing that the radio is charging.

Our insurance company is requiring us to get new signatures for our liability sheets and boarding contracts at the beginning of the 2009. We will be sending out new packets to all of our boarders. Please fill them out and return them to the office. You can drop them in the bill payment box if you come outside regular business hours.

Arena rules are posted in dressage indoor arenas. If you are uncertain about riding or lunging protocol, please check the sheet in the arena, or ask a member of barn management if it's unclear.

This has been mentioned before, but it is especially important in the winter when gates can freeze open overnight and cause serious problems for horses and vehicles: if you bring your horse in from a paddock, please close and latch the gate behind you!



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**“Anyone who is concerned about his dignity would be well advised to keep away from horses.”**

**-Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**