



## SUNFLOWER FARMS

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*November 1, 2009*

Happy Thanksgiving! We have several horses to welcome this month, including a few familiar faces. Barb Overbey and Bobbie Gordon have brought Mara and Flyer back for the winter. We also have three new horses joining us: Ziggy with Ariel Univer, Big Ben with Susan Laskey, and Sebastian with Danyel Butler.

We do have a few weather-related concerns. First, if you have not yet had a chance to complete a blanketing info sheet, please take a moment to stop by the office and fill one out. The outside weather indicated on the sheet refers to the wind chill temperature, and for the inside instructions please be aware that the barns are typically around 40 degrees at night regardless of outside temperatures.

This has been policy for a while and everybody has been great about it, but we'd like to remind boarders to please close and latch pasture gates behind you when you bring your horse in. It is especially important in the winter when gates can freeze open overnight and cause serious problems for horses and vehicles.

Bristol and Koehler will be out to deworm on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. This time we are using Equimax, the ivermectin/praziquantel combination.

Dr. Henry, the equine dentist, will be at Sunflower on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the office if you are interested in having him look at your horse.

You may have noticed signs with new hours of operation posted in the barns. Tuesday through Friday have not changed, but we are now closing at 5 PM on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. These hours are generally very quiet, and this new policy will allow us to turn off lights and arena heat earlier to keep costs down.

We have closed the road behind the dressage Cover-All to vehicles for the safety of our riders. If you need to get to the other side of the property, please use the road on the south side of A barn.

Finally, our newest barn cat Frankie has been jumping into unexpected places and wandering into other cats' territory, so we're going to have to find a new home for him. He's very sweet and people-oriented, and he is litter box trained. If Frankie is your favorite barn kitty, now is your chance to make him a lucky house cat! Please contact the office if you'd like to add this loving furball to your family.



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**"Gypsy gold does not  
chink and glitter. It  
gleams in the sun and  
neighs in the dark."**

**~ Saying of the Gladdagh  
Gypsies of Galway**