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LEC Fall vaccinations

October 6th

9:30 AM



Welcome to Volume 1

"No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle"
–Winston Churchill.

It is safe to say, Dancing Horse Farm is not wasting any time! All you have to do is take a look at our Lesson Board, our full barn and our educational programs to see Winston Churchill would be pleased...and so are we!

Our mission to provide an environment of learning, health, and happiness to

our equine and human clients is foremost when formulating innovative ways that encourage our clients to learn & evolve.

With an ever-increasing clientele, it is essential that everyone is aware of the many ways DHF is growing and educating our community. With this monumental undertaking, we have created the **DHF Newsletter!**

Inside will have: Boarding

Announcements, Training & Lesson Updates, Informational Articles, Lindsay & Jen Special Interest Forums, Upcoming Events, Show Results and any other items of note that are important to share with you, our clients.

If you have any suggestions, please share them with us. Enjoy our first volume. Happy Reading!

Barn Banter

DHF is expanding each day and we continue to support the mission of providing exceptional care for our equine companions. When changes are needed, we will use several different communication mediums to make sure everyone has essential information.

One way to share information is this Newsletter! We are very excited with this new venue and believe it will ensure timely information exchanges. It's just one more way to further

strengthen our DHF community.

We recently posted several Policy Changes and Announcements. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

An overview of the major changes would be:

- **Turnout safe halters are required**
- **Bedding is to be distributed by DHF staff**
- **Helmets are required**

• **Online payments for Board**

Specifics can found in the 9/08 Policy Update distributed and posted by both Tack Rooms & the Lounge.

We have also had to say good-bye to some DHF staff - college was calling! Please take a few minutes to introduce yourselves to our new staff. They are trying very hard to learn the needs of each horse – our support would help ease the transition.

Thank you!



“A horse gallops with his lungs, Preserves with his heart and wins with his character.”

~ Tesio



Finn

Lesson Announcements

Our mission to provide an environment of learning, health, and happiness to our equine and human clients is foremost when formulating innovative ways that encourage our students to learn and evolve into equestrians.

With an ever-increasing and diverse clientele, we strive to be supportive of everyone's abilities and schedules. At this time we are:

1) Uniting riders who have closely matched skills into **Group Lessons**. By riding together, riders expand their horse knowledge, and improve their riding ability. Jen's Openings are Wed. 4:00 or Sat. 3:15. Call Jen or Lindsay *TODAY* to sign up!

2) Offering **Theory Lessons**. Student and instructor will delve into in-depth theory discussions about dressage, jumping,

horse care, competition readiness, trailering, conditioning, and more.

3) Implementing a **Punch Card System** for buying blocks of lessons.

4) Using **Two-Way Headsets** for students and instructors! They facilitate clear, concise communication and allow 2 lessons to be taught at once.

Website Wonders

For those of you who frequently refer to our website, you will be seeing some changes soon. For those of you who haven't surfed our site, it's time!

Our site is by far the most comprehensive equine facility site in our area and maybe even beyond. That is not by accident – it is very important to us that everyone know how distinct our farm and its

staff truly are.

We are asking you, our wonderful clientele, to enhance it with your own images. We are adding new pictures and videos to our Media Gallery and would love use your favorite pictures/videos of you and your horse enjoying DHF! Maybe in a clinic or lesson? In one of our shows? Or competing with us at a USDF show?

If you have pictures or videos you'd like to share, please burn them to CD/DVD, indicate how you want the photo/video credit to read and drop them in our payment box! Keep checking the website

www.DancingHorseFarmOH.com.

Any questions, email Megan Sweeney Megan@DancingHorseFarmOH.com.

Show Results

Ohio Dressage Society USDF

August 11, 2008 - Dancing Horse Farm has done it again! Everyone did an amazing job at the Ohio Dressage Society USDF show! Lindsay and Orion came home with all blues.

They are now qualified for Region 1 Championships at both First and Second levels in just two weekends of showing!

6 year old Lisalotte didn't get a score below 70.5% and is now qualified for Regionals at Training, First and First

MFS.

Halley and Finn earned the highest scores they have ever received at a recognized show!!

Congratulations to all!

Education and Fun

Thanks to everyone for helping to make the Joan Bolton clinic such an amazing success! Everyone was impressed with Joan's eye and ability to clearly communicate with the riders. Her teaching skill was very impressive to everyone involved.

**Joan's Next Clinics:
November 21-23 and
January 23-25, 2009.**

We were very lucky to have had **Sandy Howard** back at DHF in the midst of her very busy show season.

Participant riding slots filled quickly and as usual, auditors and participants alike, learned a great deal in one weekend.

If you did not get a chance to ride this time, Sandy will be back so keep watching the DHF Events Calendar!

If you participated and would like to share your feedback or break through moment from Sandy's clinic, please write to Megan@DancingHorseFarmOH.com.

For just pure fun, mark your calendars for **DHF Halloween on Horseback November 1-2.**

Last year's costumes were so creative! Bumble bees, My Little Ponies, a Knight, a princess or two and the list goes on...

Please check website for

entry forms, prize lists and other information. www.DancingHorseFarmOH.com.

Keep Learning and Growing!



If you have a quick note for DHF Staff, TEXT US!

Goal Gathering

A recent article offered good advice "equestrians need to be clear in their communication with horses and this requires the ability to be decisive..."

In the business world, decision-making is crucial to success. If you can't make decisions or plan where to go, you will not grow. In riding, it is the same. If you visualize and clearly communicate your goals & dreams, then you can achieve them.

DHF is challenging its

students by asking them to dream, to set goals, to clearly communicate what you want from yourselves, from each ride and from your horse.

At your next lesson, take a few minutes to share your thoughts with your instructor. Document them and create measurable goals. Be sure to track your progress and let us know how you are doing.

Here are some starting points:

- Identifying the correct

diagonal or lead

- Raising your body awareness
- Improving the horses overall balance and ability to perform
- Troubleshooting your horse's resistance
- Improving Test Scores or Show Performance

No matter your level, there is always one part of your riding that you would like to improve. DHF can help – your instructor will have forms for you to complete.

Helmets should be replaced every three years because their protective qualities dramatically decrease as the materials age. If your helmet is more than three years old (or if you have no idea how old it actually is), it is time to replace it!

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Warm Welcome

DHF would like to extend a warm welcome to new community members, horse and human alike!

Megan Sweeney will be handling the office work for DHF. Some of you may have already received emails or calls from her. This will free up Jen to teach, train, manage and care for our horses!
New Horses and Boarders in

Barn One:
Angie Dyer & *Charlie*
Amber Adcock & Danielle Bartos with *Gangster*
Greg Hammer proud new owner of *Indy*
Amy Fisher and *Callie*
Sarah Wheeler and *Riley*

In **Barn 2:**
Lori Aman, proud new owner of *Breezy*

Kara Mastern and *Lueka*
Karen Borne and *Sjolling* (training horse from Jen's sponsor in Texas)

New **Dancing Lesson Horses:**
Noble Prince DHF - Spanish Norman
Inga DHF - Thoroughbred
Cinnamon - Mustang Pony
Teddy - Trakehner cross
Joker DHF - most adorable Miniature Pony x Shetland

First Love

Do you remember your first horse or pony? Maybe it was your very first or it was the first one with whom you fell in love...It is a memorable time, whether your are 3 or 103. A few of our boarders are experiencing those

memorable moments right now...

We are thrilled to welcome Sarah Wheeler's amazing new Belgium/Arab cross, *Riley* and Kara Mastern's loveable *Lueka*. Others are proud new owners of DHF

horses: Lori bought *Breezy*, and Greg now has *Indy*!

If you see any of these people gazing adoringly into the distance, you will undoubtedly understand.

Congratulations!

Last Words...

"Anyone without a sense of humor is at the mercy of everyone else." - William Rostler

We found this quote quite by accident and just had to

include it.
Life in general requires a sense of humor but horse ownership demands it.

Hope you enjoyed this first volume - we had fun putting

it together. Keep your sense of humor; treasure your moments with your horse and Happy Riding!

FYI

For Sale

If you are selling tack, clothing, or any "horse stuff" contact Megan@DancingHorseFarmOH.com
It will be included HERE in the next month's newsletter!

PLEASE!

If you need additional services from LEC (i.e. teeth, sheath), then call them before the appointment date of October 6th.