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Halloween Hullabaloo

"All horses deserve, at least once in their lives, to be loved by a little girl."



DHF Halloween on Horseback Weekend showed just how much all of our "little girls" love their horses. If you haven't had a chance to peruse the beautiful photographs from Pete

Demott, make sure you see them at <http://pdemott.smugmug.com/Horse%20Shows> - the days are separated accordingly and there is a discount available. In turn, if you have any photographs to share, make sure Megan has a copy of them!

Creative costumes and stunning performances made the weekend fun and successful.

Although the competition was

tough, DHF Clients dominated the top spots in all classes, even though both horse and rider were in creative attire.

Sunday's treat would have to be the Ribbon Class. Picture this: Jen and Lindsay riding the goats while DHF Staff giggle their way around the arena doing their best to control their horses while desperately holding their ribbons. The laughter could be heard in the outdoor arena!

Barn Banter

As predicted, DHF has completed the fall-targeted improvements.

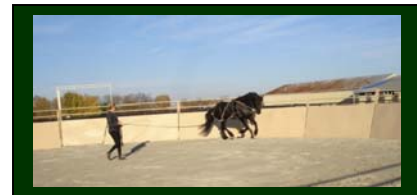
Jen and Lenny are excited to announce that the "LUNGING ARENA" and All-weather Turnout are ready!

Riders won't have to work around lunging horses in the indoor anymore and our horses benefit too!

The new Lunging Arena

will replace the Indoor Arena as an all weather turnout area in incimate weather. Owners can now provide horse-playtime without the risk of damage to horses and/or the indoor mirrors.

These additional all-weather turnout areas will be extremely useful during the winter months when we can't use the pastures due to mud or ice.



Jen and Sjoling testing the new Lunging Arena, photo credit L. Hall

"A man should not be allowed to be President who doesn't understand hogs or hasn't spent time around a manure pile."

~ Harry S. Truman, 33rd President

Nutrition, Part Two

With winter upon us, it is important to consider our horse's nutritional needs. As temperatures drop and pastures lack needed nutrients it is important to make necessary changes to our equines' diet.

As temperatures drop below the comfort zone (30 degrees or lower) there is an increase in needed energy. This energy is needed to maintain body temperature, the colder the temperature the more calories are burned by the horse. If the horse is not given enough feed to increase energy production they will begin to lose weight and their overall condition will suffer.

To supply the horse with the energy needed to be comfortable during the winter months it is best to supply the horse with as much forage as they can eat without wastage (1.5-

1.75lbs of forage/100lbs body weight). Fiber is a key component to the horse's nutritional needs in the winter. The reason why fiber is such an essential staple in the horse's winter diet is how it is utilized. The breakdown of fiber happens through bacterial fermentation. The bacterial fermentation of fiber produces a lot more heat than regular digestion and absorption, which allows the horse to be warmer. It is not always necessary to add in grains during the winter unless the horse's condition deteriorates.

Water consumption can be a concern as the temperatures continue to fall. Water consumption is just as important in the winter as any time of year so we must take a few extra measures to make sure our horses stay hydrated. A decrease in the consumption of water

will bring an increase in the risk of impaction colic. The following are tips on how to keep your horse hydrated through the winter:

1. Add salt or electrolytes to grain daily
2. Bran mash on a regular basis will help to increase water consumption but has little nutritional value
3. Heated water buckets allow the water to stay a consistent temperature and will not freeze (horses tend not to drink water that is too cold)

NOTE: A nutritional expert from Kalmbach feeds will be visiting the farm to take a look at our horses.

As always, if you have any concerns relating to your horse's diet or nutritional needs, please make time to speak with Lindsay.



Gauging Interest

We have lots of ideas for you, our clients, but want to make sure there is interest before moving forward with details. We need YOU!

Our ideas are as follows:

- 1) Having a **nutritionist** evaluate our horse's nutritional status and needs

- 2) Host Ellen and Karen from Borné Saddlery for a **saddle fitting** seminar
- 3) Inviting an **Equine Dentist**, accredited by the International Equine Dentist Association, to present the benefits of his practice.

Some presenters require a minimum number of participants; therefore pre-registration will be required.

Contact us TODAY if you are interested in any of these events!

Education and Fun

Our next dressage clinic is **November 21-23, 2008 with Joan Bolton**, USDF Gold and Silver Medalist, short-listed for the Pan American Games and 2000 Olympics, and student of Sandy Howard and Gunter Seidel.

Everyone LOVED riding with Joanie when she was here in July. The Cost is: \$150 for a single ride, \$285 for two rides, or \$400 for one ride each day. Participants can ride Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday.

As always, clinic participation priority is given to DHF students. Participant registration paperwork and payment are due to DHF at least one week before the clinic. Make sure to indicate session day/time preference on the Participant Form.

Auditing Fees: \$25 per day
Discounts: 20% discount for 4-H or Pony Club members

All required forms are available on our Web site:

<http://www.dancinghorsefarmoh.com/forms.html>.

Keep watching the DHF Events Calendar for more exciting events!

If you participated and would like to share your feedback or break through moment from any of our clinics, please write to Megan@DancingHorseFarmOH.com.

Keep Learning and Growing!



Photo credit: R Sim

Did You Know...

Did you know that we have an **Equine Dentist** who would like to visit the farm? His name is Gary Biggerstaff and he resides in North Carolina.

Gary is a member of the IAED, International Association of Equine Dentists (IAED) with clients that include Tom Brockaw and Robert Redford. He travels the US to meet with his clients and would be visiting Ohio in spring 2009. The conversation we had was inspiring and encouraging – he truly has the horse's best interest at heart.

To investigate the IAED background, take a look at the website. The following

are excerpts from the site:

"The certification candidates will be examined in their knowledge of *Gross anatomy* - identification, location and function of bones, muscles, arteries and veins, nerves and salivary glands, *Tooth structure, Principals of mastication, Terminology, Aging, and Dental prophylaxis*

After successfully completing the written examination and skull evaluation the candidate will have the opportunity to perform a full dental procedure under full supervision on a test horse.

To maintain any certification status, members are required to attend at least one

continuing education venue every 2 (USA) or 3 years (international).

Dental procedures are to be done with the utmost humane consideration for the horse, and with the intent to enhance their future health, comfort and well-being."

If you are interested in having Gary perform your horse's next dental exam, please contact Lindsay. We will be collecting names for his much anticipated 2009 visit."

For more information about the IAED, the website is as follows:

<http://www.iaedglobal.com/guidelines.htm>

Winter Blanketing Instructions should be regularly updated. Please check your Stall Card to make sure instructions are specific & legible for DHF Staff. We want to make sure we keep your horse warm and dry this winter season, so please provide only **TURNOUT** rated clothing for your horse so that it is tough enough to withstand our Ohio winters!!

Dancing Partners

Congratulations Lynda Sappington & El Paso Aricos aka "Ricos"

DHF would like to congratulate Lynda Sappington on the purchase of El Paso Aricos (aka Ricos). Ricos is an Azteca gelding with a sweet personality and third level training.

3 days after his arrival, the newly matched pair won the Training Level 2 test at our Halloween Show!

Look for this pair as they continue to learn and compete together.



Photo Credit: M. Sweeney

"I wanted to take this opportunity to THANK YOU, all of your staff and clients for the hospitality, professionalism and kindness in making my horse and I feel so welcomed. I rest peacefully at night knowing my girl is receiving fantastic care.

I also to thank you for all of your support and teaching. Cal and I received our best dressage score ever last weekend of a 33 Training Eventing test. High point in the Area 8 Adult riders. 8 for down centerline where we are normally wiggly. :)"

~Amy Fischer

Thank You

" I would like to thank all of my friends at DHF for signing my card along with further contributions.

I am extremely blessed to have everyone's friendship. I looked at myself very 'hard in the mirror' while in the hospital and realized how much I cherish the little

things in life that I didn't before, simply because I over looked them. For example: Fall leaves turning color, the peacefulness of the horses grazing in the pasture, being in my car with the windows down and the music on, the taste of fast food, the comfort of my own bed, etc. As a

reminder to my friends who reminded me of their friendship, don't forget about the small things in life; things are so precious as your friendship. Thank you."

~Sincerely,
Angie Dyer

New Photographer

We have a new photographer, Peter Demott! He took beautiful photographs at our Halloween Show. Of course, Lindsay's beauty shines through in the very first

photograph – curlers and all!

Take a minute and enjoy the creativity of the DHF Community and the determination of the DHF riders. Peter's website: **Dressage Show:**

http://pdemott.smugmug.com/gallery/6433699_Vzy5G#407605196_5Lsq

The Costume FUN Show:
http://pdemott.smugmug.com/gallery/6444858_h3ycC#408441098_oyHtY



For Sale

If you have items for sale, contact Megan via email and we can list here for **FREE!** Currently for sale:

Trailer

2003 Sundowner C-575 Two horse straight load gooseneck with dressing room (7'6" tall), all aluminum construction with many upgrades. See picture to the right.

Asking \$12,500
Contact Jen: 937-532-3108

2 Saddles

1) 17 1/2" Passier dressage saddle (formerly Orion's), medium wide tree and has Freedom Panels. This comes with a **Girth**, 26" shaped leather girth. Asking \$1500. Contact: Jen

937.532.3108

2) 17" Kincade dressage saddle, \$250. Contact: Sarah Wheeler 513.503.0237

2 **Bridles**, one brand new! Cob/Arab size dressage bridles. Used \$60, new \$85. Contact Sarah Wheeler 513.503.0237



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Special Feature



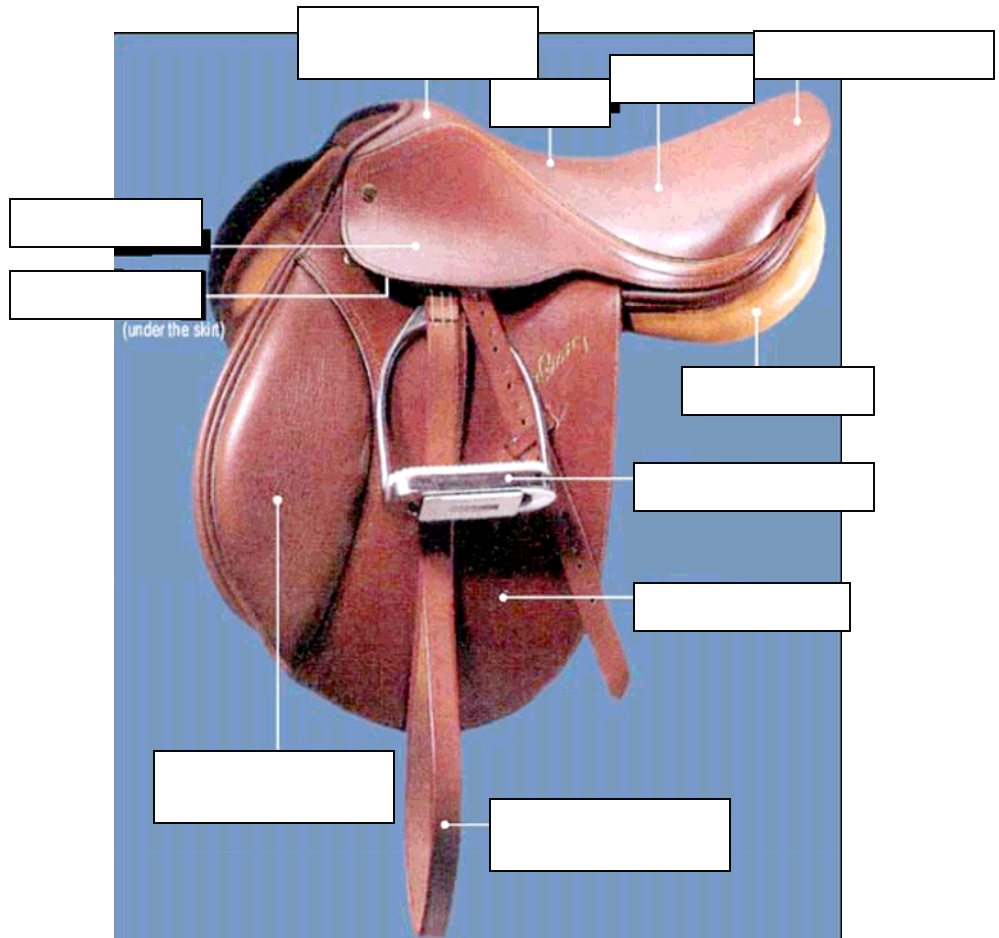
As part of our ongoing effort to maintain an educational environment for our DHF Community, we are dedicating the last part of our newsletter to our younger

clientele! Take a minute to complete the attached pages.

Bring your answers (and your questions) to your next lesson!

Have fun!

Label the English Saddle Parts



English Saddle Parts Word Search

Resources: The United States Pony Club Manual of Horsemanship pages 247-248, 253-262

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BUCKLE GUARD	GIRTH LOOP	ROLL POINT	SADDLE FLAP	TAB SKIRT
CALF BLOCK	GULLET	POCKET	SADDLE PAD	STIRRUP BAR
CANTLE	STIRRUP IRON	POMMEL	SEAT LEATHER	FLAP
		STIRRUP		
		SWEAT		

Name: _____