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DHF Lesson package:  
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## Warm Welcome

We are thrilled to announce that we have **hired a Barn Manager, Karen Dale.** Welcome, Karen!

We are most grateful to Karen for being willing to step in and take over the day after Lindsay's heartbreaking accident-the timing of her hire couldn't have been more fortuitous for DHF since Lindsay needs some down time to recuperate from her injury and upcoming surgery. We need Lindsay healthy and happy!

Many of you have probably met Karen either at DHF or when she worked at the Tack Trunk as the Assistant Manager for 8 years. Karen

brings to DHF many years of business management, staff supervision experience, plus experience in running barns and teaching beginner riding lessons. We are very excited about Karen joining our team.

It has always been the plan to hire a full time Barn Manager once Lindsay's lesson business grew enough to occupy a large percentage of her time. It is so exciting to announce that Lindsay's lesson program has *exploded* in popularity! At this moment, she no longer has the time to handle the day-to-day management and staff supervision duties! The

DHF community is growing in leaps and bounds!

Lindsay has done a wonderful job fulfilling her role as DHF's Assistant Barn Manager and will remain as such. Karen is coming in to off-load the managerial duties from Lindsay and the two will work in lieu of each other's absences from the farm.

**Please give Karen a hearty DHF welcome** when you see her and feel free to contact her anytime. She can be reached via cell or email: **Karen Dale: 513.933.0343** or [Karen@DancingHorseFarmOH.com](mailto:Karen@DancingHorseFarmOH.com)

## It's a Girl

Our little surprise has arrived! We purchased Cinnamon (a 6 yo BLM Mustang pony from the Nevada range according to her freeze mark) as an addition to our lesson program last summer and she came with a surprise bundle of joy.

About two months ago, we couldn't figure out why she kept getting fatter and finally had the vet out when her belly got pointy on the bottom! The vet confirmed that we had a little baby Cinnamon on the way.

April 4th, 2009, Cinnamon delivered Spice, a perfect little filly between breakfast feeding at 7:20 am and 8:00 am when the morning stall cleaning staff arrived. She apparently finished breakfast and decided to start her day with a little baby girl =)



Spice is very sweet and both mommy and baby are in perfect health. The vets

remarked today that you couldn't tell that Cinnamon had delivered a foal, because she looked like a normal mare in every way thanks to that tough, independent, self preservation of the Mustang. Now, if we could only figure out how to create those super Mustang traits in my warmbloods!

You can see more pictures of little Spice and her proud mommy on the DHF FaceBook page: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=73729&id=707106817&saved#/profile.php?id=707106817&ref=name>



## Barn Banter

We are proud to introduce a new incentive program to our valued clients called **DHF Bucks!** There are several ways a DHF client can earn DHF Bucks - used like real cash at DHF\*! Once earned, just drop the "DHF Bucks Certificate" in the payment box to pay for any DHF service like lessons, board, show coaching, clinic fees, etc. (\*not redeemable on DHF Logo Gear).

There are two ways to earn DHF Bucks: **(1) Client Growth Program:** If a current DHF client (lesson or boarder client) sends a friend who decides to join our lesson program and takes at least 6 lessons, the client will get \$25 DHF

Bucks per new lesson student.

If a current DHF client (lesson or boarder client) sends a friend who decides to move their horse in to board and stays for at least six months, the client will get \$300 DHF Bucks per new boarded horse!

**(2) Bright Ideas Program:** We are always looking for ways to improve our farm's efficiency and effectiveness and invite our clients to join in. If you have a good idea for improving DHF or something that would help you or your horse, drop your idea off in the white Payment/Suggestion Box. If we implement your idea, you will earn \$25-100 in DHF Bucks depending on

our perception of the value of your idea.

**Becky Carson has earned \$25 DHF Bucks** for her Bright Idea of "Vet Boards" enabling clients and staff to document the nursing care needs of their horses and providing a place to leave notes for vets. Look for these new boards in Aisle 2 of both barns.

**Sheryl Regel has earned \$25 in DHF Bucks** for her Bright Idea of a "Suggestion" box so that clients have a way of communicating with management, personally or anonymously.

**Congratulations!  
Keep thinking!**

### DHF Stats

Since we rolled out the new DHF website in late September 2008, we have had over *3300 visitors* from the US, Canada, the UK and 7 other countries.

March had 765 site visitors. The newsletter had 53 users spend over three minutes viewing the DHF News.

Current email distribution consists of 150+ families and each month we have more people requesting to be included.



## Advertising available in the DHF Newsletter!

### Why should you advertise with DHF?

- 150+ families will view your ad & the distribution is growing
- Exposure includes monthly emails, our popular website and in print for DHF Bulletin Boards in two barns
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Business Card	\$5 / \$10
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Full Page:	\$20.00 / 25.00

*These introductory rates are available until June 2009 issue.*

The deadline for advertising copy and payment is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for distribution the following month. Send copy to:

[Halley@DancingHorseFarmOH.com](mailto:Halley@DancingHorseFarmOH.com)

Payment to: DHF

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## In Memory of Inga

We write to you from a very sad heart. As most of you know, our eventing and beginner lesson instructor, Lindsay was competing in an event this weekend with her horse Inga. We still do not have all the details, but what we do know is that Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> during the cross country phase, Inga died from what appeared to be an aneurysm while running on a stretch in-between jumps. When Inga fell, Lindsay was catapulted off and broke her right collarbone.

When you love horses, you love them all. It matters not the breed, the size, the color, nor the temperament... sometimes you are fortunate to find a

horse that has the same dreams as you. For Lindsay, that horse was Inga. Her tragic death has left a hole in our hearts. Inga will be missed by all of us.

Lindsay will return to New Mexico for the next 1-2 weeks to recover with her family. Since she is not ready to talk about this, we have posted a "feed-sack" card on the front of Lindsay's apartment door for notes of encouragement. Lindsay's email address:

[Lindsay@DancingHorseFarmOH.com](mailto:Lindsay@DancingHorseFarmOH.com) and her parents' address is: 24 Vista De Luna Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87508. Please take a minute to write to this wonderful young

person who has suffered a great sadness.

We are taking up a collection for Lindsay to help cover the costs of Inga's final veterinary expenses and to do something nice for Lindsay. If you'd like to donate money toward these efforts, please drop a check in the white payment box, payable to "DHF" and in the memo field "for Lindsay".

Thank you for everything you do for DHF in the both easy and the difficult times. You are the best clients/friends/family anyone could ever hope for and we sincerely appreciate you sharing your love and lives with us.



Notes of encouragement can be sent to Lindsay's email address: [Lindsay@DancingHorseFarmOH.com](mailto:Lindsay@DancingHorseFarmOH.com) or her parents' address: 24 Vista De Luna Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87508.

Gift Donations can be dropped in the DHF payment box, payable to DHF with a memo "for Lindsay"

## BORNÉ SADDLES . . . LOCATION, LOCATION, *LOCATION!*

By Karen Borne

I know that sounds pretty funny coming from a saddle manufacturer but **location** is key when it comes to the selection of materials used in our saddles.

Did you know, for example, animals that live in hot climates such as Spain or India will tend to produce hides that are dry and become brittle which can eventually lead to cracking? If I was in the business of manufacturing saddle soap this would sound wonderful, but I'm not.

At Borné Saddlery we purchase animal hides from Europe, primarily Sweden, Scandinavia, and France, due to the more moderate climate. We want our leather to stay supple and offer more longevity to our consumer. The hides are imported from these countries in their original form and tanned to our specifications in the United Kingdom. For this reason we have more control over what happens to the hide once it is shipped to our manufacturing facility.

Another interesting fact is that in these more moderate climates the animals are not subjected to as many bug bites and barbed wire is against the law, so our hides are not as prone to imperfection as other hides. Speak to one of our clients and the first comment usually made is one of praise about the quality

and craftsmanship of our work. I attribute this in part to the choices we make in our material selection.

Wool choice is just as key to Borné Saddlery as the hide. Obviously, the panel is the area that is designed to fit on your horse's back and what goes in that panel is critical. Any qualified flocking person can tell you stories about poorly flocked panels that would raise the hair on the back of your neck.

All Borné Saddles are flocked with 100% lambswool, but not just **any** lambswool. We purchase our wool from Pringle of Scotland Mills, which is one of the finest wool mills anywhere in the world. Pringle is known for luxury fashion knitwear such as cashmere (yes, your horse deserves the very best)! I would invite you to read more about the history of Pringle of Scotland at <http://www.pringle-of-scotland.com/>.

The reason our Saddler selected Scottish wool is, again, location. The wool is sheared from Scottish Highland Sheep and is not prewashed so it stays in its purest form. Scotland is a very wet country due to the amount of rain and the wool is already moist (as opposed to

a dryer climate where the wool holds no moisture). When your horse sweats into the panel, the additional moisture helps the wool to hold its form and not break down which can lead to excessive balling and compression. When wool is dry, the sweat from the horse is absorbed more quickly which leads to compressed panels and unhappy horses. **All wool will shift and compress over time** but we look for wool that will hold its shape as long as possible. Our beautiful wool is also approved by The British Wool Society [http://www.britishwool.org/index\\_main.asp](http://www.britishwool.org/index_main.asp)

Often we will send saddles to clients with several billeting options. Your horse's girth groove determines which billets must be used to avoid the saddle sliding forward or backward. The general idea on billets is that you want them parallel to your horse's girth groove. If you are not sure which billets to use on your horse I am always happy to make a recommendation.

Thanks to all of you at Dancing Horse Farm for being so supportive of Borné Saddlery! I feel like you are my horse "family" and I look forward to many years of serving you.

*Submitted by Karen Borne  
Owner, Borné Saddlery*

We are proud to announce that DHF Summer Camp will be open summer 2009!

There will be two weeks, one for intermediate riders (June 29 - July 2) and one for

beginners (July 13-16).

Look for registration to open in April! If interested, contact [Lindsay@DancingHorseFarmOH.com](mailto:Lindsay@DancingHorseFarmOH.com).

Summer Fun is Here!

**DHF Summer Camp**

## Introducing ProAdvantage

An integral part of the DHF exceptional care promise is good nutrition. We are constantly reviewing feeding options to ensure DHF boarders receive exceptional quality grain and hay.

Our recent research has uncovered ProAdvantage, a grass formula diet balancer. There are two types: Progressive Nutrition and Envision Classic.

The Progressive formula is a pelleted feed and the Envision is the fortified fat supplement (extruded mini nugget) that serves as a dressing for extra calories.

In just 30 days and using less grain, DHF has noted improved appearance in the DHF horses on ProAdvantage! With ProAdvantage's highly

concentrated formula, horses eat less grain but reap greater benefits.

A ProAdvantage Nutrition expert will be here on April 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM to give a Nutritional Lecture and then do individual evaluations throughout the day. Together, we will create individual nutritional plans for every client.

**Special Offer to DHF Students:**  
**At the DHF Spring Fling, Jen is offering Show Coaching for FREE!**

## What Do I Do?

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This is not a simple question because my work depends on the "body" before me. No two bodies are alike and no two lives are either.

I have a varied background because different touches and techniques work for different individuals. My background includes a BA in Zoology but it also includes lots of workshops, clinics with many different practitioners. I have been working for 23 years. Most people are familiar with massage but this is very little of what I do. I am a TEAM practitioner but this also is a small portion of what I do. My focus is balance, symmetry, efficient function, awareness, loss of tension and ease of motion. I aim for this with any Body but I am always mindful of moving the individual toward this, as the

## The Joker

Isn't he cute? Look at him...he's so tiny! These words are that Joker hears each day as people pass his stall/pasture. However, he is that dynamite in a small package!

It has been the plan that Joker would learn driving...because he is so cute and would look fantastic in his driving gear. And so

body is able. For as bad patterns, tension and asymmetry were not created overnight, they do not change in a day.

Change is my focus.

Getting that individual to a place where stress and strain are handled with greater ease and less discomfort is my focus. The techniques I use are varied and the names may mean nothing. I use

the training began...

The picture to the left is Joker in training. And they look great...but this is the calm before the storm.

Within a few minutes, he spooked and created havoc with Jen's face, her body and his little body during an involuntary Jen-ejection from the fun, new easy entry *and* exit carriage!

## by Linda Booren



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them because my Body responded. I find them helpful in creating change. I integrate everything. I have done this so long much of what I do is my own. I use most Alexander, Feldenkrais acupressure, trigger point, cranial-sacral, rieki, eutony, Cohen methody, Somatics. Nothing works for all and the more tools I have, the more I can undo stress, strain, imbalance, discomfort and tension.



Joker in training...  
 Photo Credit: DHF

Thank you, everyone, for your help and concern.



## Stay Connected

The best way to be an integral part of the DHF community is to **stay connected!** [www.DancingHorseFarmOH.com/features.html](http://www.DancingHorseFarmOH.com/features.html) has monthly *Features* like **Announcements, Policy Changes, Fan Club “How To’s”, Industry Updates, Reminders, Clinic Notes, DHF Workdays, and DHF Staff Trainings.** Get on the DHF email list TODAY: [Jennifer@DancingHorseFarmOH.com](mailto:Jennifer@DancingHorseFarmOH.com).

## DHF and Showing

**Volunteers** are needed for DHF Events and Shows. Please contact Megan if you are interested: [Megan@DancingHorseFarmOH.com](mailto:Megan@DancingHorseFarmOH.com)

Congratulations! You have maintained your training throughout the winter and it is time to demonstrate your skills!

That’s right: You’re ready for a horse show!

The challenge of testing your new skills will be fun and rewarding. At DHF, our primary goal is to make sure you experience **both**.

If you are just beginning your horse show career or just need a reminder, DHF wants to help. Posted on the website [www.dancinghorsefarmoh.com/forms.html](http://www.dancinghorsefarmoh.com/forms.html) are some helpful hints:

- Show Coaching
- Showing 101

- Show Checklist

**Show Coaching**, a lesson and/or warm-up with your trainer on show grounds, is invaluable. If you would like to schedule a lesson with a DHF Instructor at the show grounds, please review the policies and costs AND sign up ahead of time. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the lounge so competitors can sign up for schooling assistance and lessons at shows.

**Showing 101** is the “reality check” for our younger riders. It evaluates Feasibility, Finances, Scheduling, Inventory, Preparation, and last but not least,

Show Time to confirm that both horse and rider are indeed ready for the thrill and commitment of a show.

**Show Checklist** is maybe not a complete list, but certainly a comprehensive list of how to pack and plan for your trip to the show grounds. Items for the horse, the rider, the stall, the trailer and more are listed on this form!

As always, early planning and clear communication with your trainer is appreciated and should avoid scheduling conflicts. Everyone should have fun at the show – don’t let lack of planning create an emergency and dampen the show spirit!

## Show Season is Here

There is only ONE true Spring Fling and it is right here at Dancing Horse Farm! **May 2-3, 2009 is DHF's Spring Fling Weekend.**

We promise a fun, educational atmosphere where experienced riders and newcomers are all welcome.

This year is our first Combined Test and we will have a Technical Delegate,

Cathy Jacobs, on the premises. As always, Dressage, and now CT classes, will be on Saturday with Fun Classes on Sunday. DHF's Spring Fling Dressage and CT Show is **sanctioned by DLSC, TDC, and MODA.**

Our dressage and CT judge will be Nancy Baker, USDF "L" Grad. Our very own Jennifer Truett will judge the Fun Show.

Showing will be in the 100' x

220' outdoor and 75' x 200' indoor arena with ample warm-up areas available. Stalls are available for \$30 with a separate \$10 stall cleaning check *required*.

Entry forms and Prize Lists available at: [www.DancingHorseFarmOH.com/forms.html](http://www.DancingHorseFarmOH.com/forms.html). Forms can be completed online and then printed. This practice is encouraged to avoid entry errors.

No less than 48 hours before the show, Ride Times will be posted at <http://www.dancinghorsefarmoh.com/dailySchedule.html> and emailed to competitors who have provided a valid, legible email address. Mail a copy of horse's negative Coggins, the Entry and payment to: Megan Sweeney, 6720 Deerview Drive, Loveland OH 45140.

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Both **Prize List** and **Entry** are attached herein.

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### Trailer

2003 Sundowner C-575 Two horse straight load gooseneck with dressing room (7'6" tall), all aluminum construction with many upgrades. Asking \$12,500 Contact Jen: 937.532.3108, available online:

**Other:** Mattes correction pad. Dressage, white, large. Barely used. \$175. Contact: Lori 513-573-0777

### Bridles

1) Sabre Cordoba cob-sized black dressage bridle asking \$250. Contact: [Abraxan@yahoo.com](mailto:Abraxan@yahoo.com).

### Saddles

1) 17 1/2" Passier dressage saddle and a 26" shaped leather girth. Asking \$1500. Contact: Lynda [Abraxan@yahoo.com](mailto:Abraxan@yahoo.com)

2) 17.5" County (made in England) Dressage saddle, \$200. Contact: Lori 513-573-0777

### For Details Just Click:

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