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TAR FARMS DIGEST

REMINDER

We wanted to take a moment and remind everyone of a few of the rules around Tar Farms. The rules are there for safety and we want to make sure they are all being followed accordingly.

- If walking a horse around the property, it is required to walk them by either a rope or reins.
- A child under the age of 12 needs to wear a helmet while on horse back.
- Riding double, two people on one horse, is not allowed anywhere on property.
- Areas in front of stall are required to be kept clean and tidy, there is a limit about the amount of shavings in front of pens and stalls.
- Anyone riding on the property needs to have signed a riding release form, those can be found outside the office.
- All horses need to have a filled out information card on the outside of their stalls. This card or sign needs to have the horses name, owners name, and at least one form of emergency contact listed.

Also, to add one more thing from management. With summer right around the corner we ask everyone to continue to be conservative of their water usage. When rinsing or bathing a horse, please don't leave the water running unnecessarily and do your best to be quick about the process.

Thank you,
The management



Boarding barns everywhere seem to have drama. Maybe where you board you experience this. As someone who's worked just about every type of job in a barn as well as boarded, I feel intimately familiar with the complaints of every position from every angle. The tension is palpable in some barns, as an outside instructor walking the barn aisles to the arena - some places everyone is unhappy, from the staff, to the boarders to the horses. Does this sound familiar to you? Often people flee one barn to find themselves entrenched in the drama of another barn. Some barns foster a happier atmosphere than others, but, there is plenty you can do to help foster a happier atmosphere, or at the very least, not contribute further to the toxic culture that many boarding barns have.

Here are five easy things you can do:

- 1- don't gossip. Don't listen to it, don't spread it, don't engage in it. Just don't do it.
- 2- let the barn staff know you appreciate them. Letting them know you appreciate their efforts can go a long way. Barn staff are often overworked and underpaid and they are also too often stuck between blame from the unhappy boarders and stressed management. A barn staff that feels appreciated is more likely to take better care of your horse and you. A coffee, cookies, a Christmas tip, or even just a simple thank you go a long way.
- 3- make your wants and needs clear. Don't assume anything ever - communicate to your barn staff, to the management, and to others what you want. Resentment is so often avoided easily by simple communication.
- 4- mind your own business. Hate the new trainer? Don't use them. Hate what Susie rides her horse in? Focus on your own. Think sally is riding her horse on the forehand, Becky is on the wrong diagonal, Tina is into the newest YouTube wonder? Who cares. Ride your own horse and be nice to other people. Short of neglect or abuse, it really really doesn't matter.
- 5- Lend a hand. Close the gate for someone riding. Sweep up a mess that isn't yours. Do one simple thing each time you're out to help out and you'll be amazed at the changes in people. People work harder when they feel appreciated, supported, and like they are part of a team. If you foster a spirit of camaraderie, others may feel more inclined to do the same.

A great Eckhart Tolle quote: "change the situation, leave it, or accept it. All else is madness." If you hate your barn, leave, or make it better. But don't spread your misery around.

From: Linda Kiernan

REMINDER

This is just a friendly reminder to make sure you are continuing to pick up after your horse! We appreciate everyone who has done their part to keep things clean!





Ashlee Averill Performance Horses

Trainer: Ashlee Averill



Ashlee Averill Performance Horses has had a great month at home! Brea, Sam, Suzanne and many others got to compete in a fun Trail and Ranch Trail experience. This is a great way for us to keep sharp on all of our skills! Those around Tar Farms should come over and give our trail course a try, they are challenging but so much fun!



Speaking of fun, we had three generations all riding together recently! We had Marlene, Myrna and young Blake all out there together! It doesn't get better then that!





WHAT HORSES CAN AND CAN'T EAT

Foods that your horse can eat:



Do not feed your horse:



We have all been there...



Sunshine and a rainbow after the storm



Another beautiful sunset at Tar Farms

Happy St. Patrick's Day





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Gatepost Notes



Ivy Gate Farm kicked off our show season spending two weeks at the Desert International Horse Park in Thermal Ca for the winter circuit. We are so proud of our horses and riders, they all rode great, as you can tell by our ribbon board! Looking forward to continued success for the show year.





Tar Farms Dressage

Things are picking up at Tar Farms Dressage...



This month we had a lovely Girl Scout come by and stock us up on all our favorite cookies, yum!



We have two pretty ladies Audrey and Luna hanging out in the cross-ties.



Sparky is warming up around the track in his matching pad.



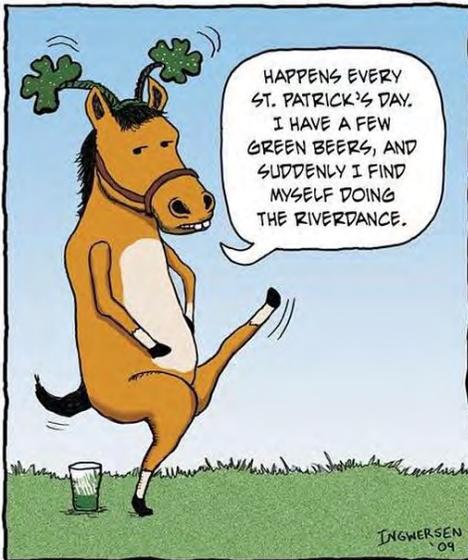
V is enjoying his post ride theraplate.



We had an overall pretty sunny month with horses like Damien enjoying some time in the sun.



JUST FOR FUN



Wait here while I call mother and tell her you followed me home!



I only buy bay horses.

That way my husband won't notice when I add another one to the herd.



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- How long have you been horse riding for?
- My whole life.
- So you're a good rider?



THE MOST ACCURATE PHOTO



ABOUT HORSE OWNERSHIP



NON-EQUESTRIAN: CAN I RIDE YOUR HORSE?

EQUESTRIAN: CAN I CRASH YOUR CAR?



Interesting because I don't own a horse





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NEWSLETTER

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DEADLINE: the first
weekend of each month.



What's your Leprechaun Name?

LAST LETTER OF YOUR FIRST NAME:

A = SPRINKLES	J = CLUMSY	S = GOLDIE
B = DAFFODIL	K = THUNDEROUS	T = PEEVISH
C = FIGHTIN'	L = TATER	U = FEARSOME
D = BUNYON	M = BLEARY	V = POTSY
E = WARTY	N = GREENIE	W = DIZZY
F = TOADSTOOL	O = RUSTY	X = PATTY
G = WOOLY	P = LUCKY	Y = STUMPY
H = CLOVER	Q = FORTUNE	Z = WHISPERS
I = BLARNEY	R = SHILLELAGH	

FIRST LETTER OF YOUR LAST NAME:

A = O'BLAZE	J = McWHISKEY	S = McWOOZY
B = McTAVERN	K = McTURNIPS	T = O'SHIVERS
C = O'RAINBOW	L = O'BOURBON	U = McCHARMLESS
D = McMUFFIN	M = McSMELLY	V = O'WICKLESS
E = O'WOBBLES	N = McCOPPERTOP	W = McSPUD
F = McFEARSOME	O = O'GINGERLY	X = McOUTRAGE
G = O'KNUCKLES	P = McFEVERISH	Y = O'LYN
H = McDOODLES	Q = O'CRANKY	Z = McSULLIED
I = O'LOONEY	R = McKNOB	

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