



Saddle Valley Horse Tales

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7 years - WOW

This month marks our 7th anniversary at Saddle Valley. Originally Saddle Valley was a general boarding facility.

It took us all this time to reach our vision of making Saddle Valley a place filled with activities and children (and children at heart). Thanks to all our boarders, students, instructors and staff for helping us achieve our goals.

What Makes Saddle Valley so special? ***Actually, you do!***

Thanks to our wonderful instructors, our lesson program is bursting at the seams. Nancy has been the backbone of our program - having come here almost 2 years ago. Since that time Lori joined in, and after Anastasia left to focus on school, Jenn has jumped right in. Now we added Amber - who is an accomplished barrel racer, and Angela - whose focus is on beginner riders. All enable us to offer a well-rounded program that can meet the needs of most riders. While our main focus is hunter/jumper our instructors have a wide range of talent that runs from dressage to barrel racing.

Regardless of the discipline, our students are doing great -- growing, winning ribbons, making friends and having so much fun. We welcome our more grown up students to come and spend time, get some extra rides in for helping around the barn.

Saddle Valley Girls Club Thrives

A few months ago Nancy created the Saddle Valley Girls Club to foster friendships and knowledge of horses and horsemanship. So Far the Age range is 8-16 and we have 20 members to-date. They meet once a month. Last meeting they planned their first fundraiser to raise money for an outing to Medieval Times in 2011; they are putting together a Holiday Charity drive for a local horse rescue, and decided to have Alex demonstrate natural horsemanship technique at next month's meeting. Members take turns bringing snack and drinks - so it feels like a party.

Moms have fun too. As an added bonus, moms have been having their own little party - making friends, bringing snacks and having a great time getting to know each other. So now kids and moms can't wait until the next meeting. **Thanks Nancy, for great idea and making this happen.**

Winter Day Camp

Some of our summer campers and students have been asking us to hold winter camp. Based on these requests, we are offering 2 camp sessions between Xmas and New Year's week-ends (subject to enough enrollment).

Session #1

Sunday - Dec. 26th -- Tuesday Dec. 28th

Session #2

Wednesday - Dec. 29th - Friday Dec. 31st

10 Am - 3 PM daily

Cost \$175 per session

Campers bring lunch days 1 & 2, day 3 Pizza Party

- Campers Ride 2X /day - one formal group lesson and one fun ride (games on horseback, bareback, etc)
 - Learn all about horses and horse care
 - Do lots of other fun horse-related activities.
- We are excited that Anastasia will return to run camp and Angela will work with her assuming enough enrollment.*

Our indoor arenas and heated club-room will make it fun in all weather.

SADDLE VALLEY Holiday Party



**Sunday Dec 12th
Open House –
11 AM – 2 PM**

***Come make HORSEY ornaments
Trim the tree
Decorate your favorite horse's stall
&
Enjoy Hot Dogs and Treats!***

Horses Training and Sales

Jenn and Lori have been busy finding and training horses to be sold. Currently we offer for sale the following;

Lila is a wonderful 11-year-old Paint Mare. She was originally trained western pleasure/trail and currently riding English. Lila walk-trot-canter under saddle and is started over fences. She has jumped up to 2'6 in good form. Lila is about 90% with her lead changes and is easy to get into a frame.

Willow is a FANCY 7 year old, 16.1 hand Thoroughbred mare with the looks of an Appendix Horse. She has been off the track for 1 1/2 years. Currently walk-trot under saddle. Lunges and has lunged over 2'3 fences in good form. Loads, crossties, good for farrier and baths. Very sensible horse. Needs an experienced rider. Wonderful prospect for any discipline.

Nellie is a 17yr old registered AQHA mare. She is very quiet and sweet. Nellie loves to be fussed over and will stand in the crossties all day. She has been used in an English riding program for the last few years and has taught the basics to many beginners. She is w-t-c and will jump a cross rail but she excels on the trails.

To learn more or keep up with our horses for sale, go to www.saddlevalleyfarm.com or call Alex - (610-248-2366).

Margarita Comes to SVF

Last year our friends Gary and Carol (from LA) came for a visit. Gary went with Alex to go look at a new horse - and who was there but Margarita - a miniature gray donkey. Gary fell in love with her and had to have her. So now you can hear her loud brays from every corner of the farm. You cannot help but smile at the sound. At the time we got her, we were told she was pregnant and were holding a baby-naming contest. But sadly it is not true - she is just fat. Now she is on a strict diet so she stays healthy.

The one who loves Margarita as much as Gary is our dog Stoli. Stoli loves to go over to Margarita's stall and lick her long ears and all over her face. When I send this newsletter out via email - I will attach a little video of Stoli greeting Margarita. Too Cute! We are happy to be boarding Margarita for Gary and Carol and hope it will prompt more frequent visits.

Trail Riding Lessons

Trail Riding lessons are a great horse experience and a wonderful way to enjoy our beautiful scenery and great fall weather. Jeff, our resident cowboy and main guide/instructor, will show you the ropes - making it fun and safe. You'll learn how to steer and control the horse and try out your skills on our lovely paths. You need to make an advance appointment. For more info go to:

www.saddlevalleyfarm.com or call 610-588-8713.

Congrats to new happy, proud horse/pony owners:

**Katie- and new pony Harry
Kelsey-and new horse Chicklet
Jeff - on his new horse Diva**

Welcome to the Barn:

**Nicole and your 4 horses
Sherry and your 2 horses**

Congrats to Tracy on the adoption of Baily.

We are so happy his retirement is with someone who loves him and he's still on the farm.