


Horse Tales

Issue 18

Fall 2008

“Summer” Arrived on June 21st –

This may seem obvious – but the special arrival on that day was our new foal. Her name is Summer and she is now 4 months old and growing by the minute. Nellie, her mom is experienced in these matters and is a wonderful and nurturing mom.

Summer is happy to put her head in the halter each morning for the trip to their pasture and has gotten the hang of walking on a leadline. In fact she has already learned the signal for coming to you used in the Parelli natural horsemanship program.

Since she was born in mid afternoon with lots of folks in the barn, from birth she has been around lots of people and seems to enjoy the contact and attention.

Two other foals were born at Saddle Valley in August and are doing just fine too. It’s fun to see all three mares and their babies in the pasture together each day.

Macy is due in March

We are excited that after a miscarriage last year, Macy is pregnant again. Macy, a Paint, was bred with , a Warmblood with a beautiful copper mane. So we can’t wait to see the foal.

Penn/Jersey Horse Shows ... Can’t Rain on Our Parade

Saddle Valley hosted 3 Penn/Jersey horse shows this year - two English and one Western. It’s been fun to get to know many of the competitors and their instructors – who have come back year after year. It was also fun to see some of our riders compete and enjoy the day.

Up to our last show on Sept. 28th – we had always lucked out with great weather for our shows. We finally got caught with a rain filled day.

We really appreciate the help and stick-to-it-ness of all our show volunteers – especially:

Anastasia (ring master)	Herbette (secretary)
Karen (show secretary)	Kelsi (jump crew)
Matt (gate and jumps)	Shauna (jump crew)
Stacy (announcer)	Tracy (secretary) &
Stan (chef extraordinaire)	

2008 Camp Season

Camp was great this year. We had 4 sessions – each one full. Our counselors – Janeth, Kayla and Priya – did a great job and the campers were all terrific. Each session ends with a horse show and BBQ for campers and their family and friends -- so that the kids can show them how far they have come in just one week.

Special Session for Ages 6 and 7 will be continued for 2009

Camp usually begins at age 8. But this year, because we have so many very young students, we had a special camp session for 6 and 7 year olds. They were great campers, were serious about learning and did a terrific job in their show.

O, for a horse with wings	-- William Shakespeare
A good horse should be seldom spurred	-- Thomas Fuller
No one can teach riding so well as a horse	-- C.S. Lewis

Cat Neutering Program

"There's No Such Thing as
A Sterile Barn Cat"

We learned this the hard way this year. After 4 years of having just 3 barn cats and an occasional stray – all of a sudden we were inundated with cats and kittens. We had cats everywhere and litters cropping up all over the barn.

We finally instituted a massive neutering program. Thankfully overseen by Stephe Gale, with the help of NoNonsense Neutering / Lehigh Valley Animal Rights Coalition, the SPCA of Easton PA, and some contributions from our barn staff – we managed to neuter 15 adult cats. That is an awesome accomplishment.

"In ancient times cats were
worshipped as gods --

They have not forgotten this."

We also found homes for all their adorable kittens. We found a new mama cat last week and her kittens. We will work on neutering her and –if anyone wants a very sweet kitten – please call me
(Elaine 610-588-8713)

All the cats are back – and we continue to feed and care for them – but thankfully – the kitten explosion is over.

It's rare – but some people have cats
and actually go on to lead normal lives.

(By an anonymous dog owner)

We sure do love our cats – but enough is enough – maybe too much?

Calm Horses Bought & Sold

Pablo – This issue's featured horse - is a 3-year old gray Quarterhorse. We are excited about his prospects as a lesson horse because of his superior temperament. He stops cold in his tracks when something makes him nervous. He's very smart, willing to learn, and has a rocking horse cantor.

Our better riders have been using him for their lessons and he is learning his job. He will be ready for beginners by spring.

If you are looking for a quiet horse for trail riding or to teach as a hunter – he's great. \$1800 currently (price will increase as does his training)

Other Great Horses for Sale:

Missy- 8-yr old Chestnut QH

Mare – 15.1 hands

Sky- 8 yr old gray gelding

warmblood cross – 15 hands

For the details, visit:

www.saddlevalleyfarm.com

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