



Session 1 Newsletter -2019

Session 1 saw more rainy days than the program has had in many, many years!



The arena after one of the many rains!

What rainy days do allow us to do is learn lots about our horses, such as anatomy, colors, markings, even health care. And, we get to deepen our bond with our horse through grooming, taking them for walks, and feeding them treats. Here are just a few examples of some the great times we had this past session:



Clockwise starting top left: Chandler and Chance out for a stroll; Best Boy appreciating Ace's treats; Cecily works on her form on Boss the mechanical horse; Andrew, Alex, and Reid groom Dante under the watchful eye of instructor Grace; Gracie and Arya turn Best Boy into a work of art!

Horse Show Date!

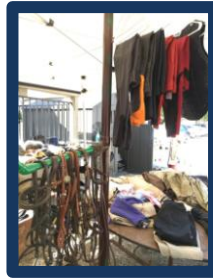
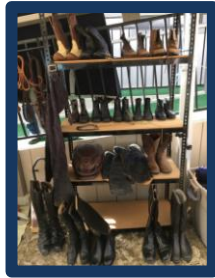
We are excited to announce that we have a horse show date set!

Mark your calendars for Saturday June 22nd! Although exact times are set by the number of participants, running time is usually around 9:30am to 2:00pm.

What is the horse show? A wonderful annual event where our riders get to show off their riding skills for family and friends. Every participant gets a themed shirt, ribbon, and trophy, all thanks to our generous sponsors.

Sign ups and other details will go out in early May, so keep an eye on your email!

Tack Sale

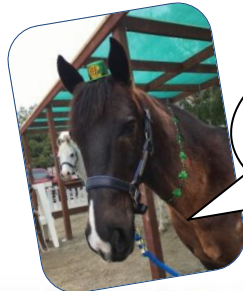


As you may know, our average lesson costs over \$150 to provide, while our fee to riders is much less than that. Along with grants and generous donors, one way we fundraise to help cover the difference is with our twice a year tack sale.

Pictured above is just a small sample of the amazing inventory we've had in the past – all of it donated! Which means 100% of the proceeds go directly into the program. If you have family or friends who may have quality horse items to donate, or maybe need some quality items for the equine in their lives, let them know about upcoming next tack sale:

Saturday March 16th 9am-1pm at the TR Offices & arena

It's also a good place to pick up riding shirts, pants, even boots for your rider. Boots are an important part of the riding attire, especially for riders becoming more independent!



*Support the tack sale
and keep me in treats
year round! . . . and shoes, and
grain, and a clean bed. All that
good stuff!*

The other impact the rains had were in our horse's stalls. Heavy rains and runoff left stalls deep in mud, and often covered in water.

Thanks to some generous donors, including a grant from the Cohen Foundation, and some hard work from both our maintenance department and Martin from the Equine Hospital, those days are over!

Several loads of decomposed granite ("DG") were used to raise and slope the stalls so water runs off away from the stalls, and we were able to purchase mats that are not only cushy for the horses to walk and lay on, but also preserve the DG, helping it to stay level for many years to come.



Desi enjoying the soft bedding in his refurbished stall!

We'd like to send a big "THANK YOU" to ALL our program donors and sponsors! Without their generosity, our program wouldn't exist! Thank you so much!