



Calendar of Events

Pilates in Coventry's lounge every Saturday at 11am. Your first class is free, then sign up for packages for a reduced rate. FMI contact Anita [pilatesanita@gmail.com](mailto:pilatesanita@gmail.com) or Kristin at [blythedale@comcast.net](mailto:blythedale@comcast.net)  
 NEW DATE ~ February 23rd - Robing Birk lessons at Coventry sign up with Kristin leave confirmation check in mailbox made out to Robin Birk  
 February 13 - March 30th -Winter! Only 6 weeks to go! 50 next Wednesday!  
 Feb 26-27 - UpHill Dressage - (Wed-Thur)

Alex Gerding Alex is a German Bereiter, Pferdewirtschaftsmeister and judge. Cost of auditing is \$20/day \$30 for both days.

Horse on Course 2014 Dressage Schooling Shows ~ April 27th; May 4th; June 1st; July 27th; August 24th; September 7th

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**New Rule at Coventry - Please remove your horse manure from the indoor arena. We have never done this before but there are more horses than usual and the manure is building up. I would much rather ride in sand than manure dust. Thank you for taking a few moments to use the pitch fork and pitch the manure on the hill.**

♡♡♡ Also, remember to sweep before going to arena! ♡♡♡



I know some of you have maybe seen this on Facebook, but if not ....Brach and I won 2012 Spanish Norman Registries High point! This is different from the USDF All Breed Award we won.

Very exciting!.. We were gifted a limited edition Spanish Norman Breyer horse!



"Success is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well. "  
 -- Jim Rohn, Motivational Speaker

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little 'extra'." Jimmy Johnson, American Football



Did you know that the creator of the forward jumping seat, Frederico Caprilli, was demoted because of his radical ideas that horses were capable of landing on their front legs after a jump? Caprilli's new ideas and apparent rebellion for the existing accepted teachings saw him removed from his duties as Lieutenant in charge of training the cavalry units, and he was transferred to Southern Italy as punishment. He was later reinstated after an Italian Military Chief tried out Caprilli's "forward seat". (below left pre-Caprilli (backward seat), right Caprilli's forward seat. To find out how to improve your forward seat check out articles on my website and my new book 40 Five-Minute Fixes to Improve Your Jumping available at: [www.murdochmethod.com](http://www.murdochmethod.com)

**It is the year of the horse! Its our year everyone!!! So make your horse some treats ~**



#### Horse Treats

4 cups sweet feed (oatmeal) 3 cups molasses 1/2 cup flour 2 apples grated 2 carrots grated 1/4 cup brown sugar powdered sugar preheat oven to 400 degrees, mix all ingredients, except powdered sugar, roll into 1 1/2 inch balls and press flat onto a greased cookie sheet. bake 15 - 30 minutes. let cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar or raisins, horse like raisins!

#### THINGS YOU LEARN WHEN YOU OWN A HORSE

You should never buy a cheap girth!

People who think they have nothing more to learn about riding, hit the ground the hardest.

The worse a person rides the more likely they are going to blame it on the horse.

The best way to appreciate how another person rides is to get on their horse.

It is not wise to argue with something that outweighs you buy 1,000 pounds

If you're looking for the perfect horse you will never own one.

I've never warmed up to someone that didn't want a walk down to the stables.

Even free horses can be too expensive. Especially, free horses.

No matter how badly behaved you are, your horse always gives you a second chance.

A more expensive horse doesn't make a better one. Losing a horse can break your heart, but it will have been worth it



*Happy Valentines Day!*