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Horses out Worming - Strongid. Sign up sheet in barn

George Felder from Sonador Equestrian Arts, said he would come to Coventry once a month to long line our horses.

George is a master at long lining and this will train our horses collection and piaffe, make them lighter off the hind end and more responsive to the aids. Here is a video of him long lining Brach for the first time.

I have other video of Brach doing piaffe too with George long

lining [http://youtu.be/ KEf7pOOK94](http://youtu.be/KEf7pOOK94)

If you are interested in participating please talk to Kristin for prices et all. The sooner we get him out here the better for our horses! I think we need at least four horses to make it worth his time.



Shoulder in. The horse's outside shoulder has moved in and is in line with the horse's inside hind leg. This is a three track shoulder in. Shoulder fore would be just moving the shoulders to line up with the horse's hind quarters. They would not be in.

Shoulder-In & Shoulder-Fore

A shoulder fore is a baby shoulder in. As I describe it, the shoulder fore is bringing the shoulder's fore, and the shoulder in is bringing the shoulders in. Sounds easy! It seems riders are often confused about why it is so important to learn how to move a horse's shoulders!

Simply moving the shoulders is how we put our horse's straight. And why do we want our horse to be straight? So they learn to move equally on both hind legs. And why move equally on both hind legs? So they develop athletically and equally on both sides. Who wants a one sided horse? Basically, all dressage is is the gymnastic training of the horse. Training it to travel equally on both sides of its body and then develop it laterally (side to side) and longitudinally (front to back) by utilizing exercises that straighten and supple the horse. Training dressage benefits all horses whether they compete in dressage, hunters or merely trail riding. However, before we even consider to move the shoulders, we must first learn how to get our horses Relaxed, Rhythmic and Round on the twenty meter circle, in both directions, of course! Then we learn how to ride them straight on straight lines by doing Off the Wall Riding and this usually involves moving the shoulders: "Ride your horse forward and put it straight." Horses do not go straight, you have to put them straight. Here is a very good article going into more detail about the shoulder in and shoulder fore by Shannon Dueck.

http://www.equestriansearch.com/horses_riding_training/english/dressage/dressage101703/

Dates for your Calendar

February 25th weekend - Ken Borden at Timber Ridge Stables

March 4th -**AnimalCommunicator** at Coventry 4pm- Sheryl Blumenthal. Visit Sheryl's website at <http://littleone.us>

Olivia who owns Diamond at Coventry just can't get enough of one horse, every week she rides with Becky Bloom and the Western Pa Middle School Equestrian Team. Last week Olivia qualified to go to the regionals after winning 2nd out of 11 other riders! This is so exciting!



Being strong isn't something you choose to do, it's something you're forced to do when being weak isn't an option

