

# Coventry Equestrian Center



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Horses out every night this week, yeah.

*Evelyn Susol Clinic* scheduled for July 25th and 26th is in less than twenty days. I have three checks for people reserving their ride times. I need all entries by Friday July 10th in order to not cancel the clinic and to be sure we have enough riders to run the clinic. Thank you.

Horse on Course dressage schooling show in Saxonburg - I have two riders interested in the HOC show for Sunday on July 19th. Entries are due to HOC by July 13th. Please let me know so we can plan hauling.

Mingo Creek Farm in Finleyville is having a MHJA jumping show. We are going. We will go up Saturday and stay over night school and show Sunday. Let me know if you are interested.

## UpComing Events/ shows

7/18-19 Horse On Course Dressage Schooling Show, Saxonburg PA [www.horseoncourse.net](http://www.horseoncourse.net)

7/ 25/26 - Evelyn Susol Clinic at Sonador and Coventry

7/ 26 - Mingo Creek hunter show & we are going

7/31-8/2 WPaPHA B Rated Hunter/Jumper Show, Horse on Course, Saxonburg PA - [foxxhollow@zoominternet.net](mailto:foxxhollow@zoominternet.net)

8/23 - Coventry WPDA Dressage schooling show.

8/8-9 WPDA Summer Sizzler Dressage, Grand Haven Stable - Jefferson OH [www.wpdadressage.org](http://www.wpdadressage.org)

**Worming is now, incase you did not hear.** The recommended wormer for June is Strongid and July / August Equimax take your pick. Canon hill is rotating Strongid for every other month. Mark off when you worm your horse in the barn. Thank you.

*Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.* – Soren Kierkegaard, 1813-1855, Danish Philosopher



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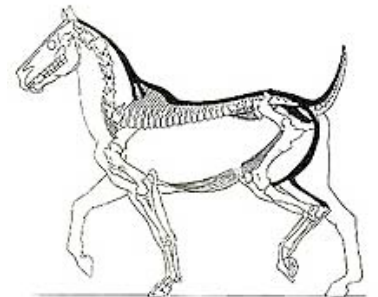
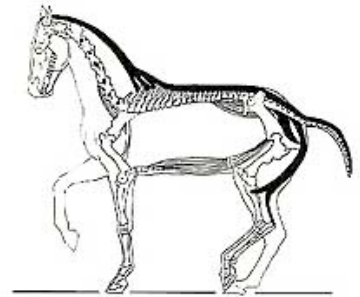
Dr. Deb Bennett, is a equine guru, who wrote several books, used to have a series in Equus magazine and now has this great website. Believe it or not, I rode with Dr. Deb Bennett, and still have the video tape, Imagine that?

The top horse to the right is "under & up hill." This is developed through gymnastic training of the horse, hmm is that dressage? Some horses are built more naturally uphill, others are developed through correct gymnastic training. Some horses merely need progressive training, others need rehabilitated from previous "faulty" training.

The horse below is what is called hollow backed. The back or top line is not rounding under and lifting the rider's seat but is hollow. What is the best way to develop a good top line for your horse, riding it on the bit, or round at the poll and stretching!

Deb Bennet's explanation of the pictures below ~

These skeletal views make it clear why collection is defined as "a particular posture that makes weight-bearing easiest for the horse." In collection, three key points along the vertebral column arch upward: (1) the loins coil (2) the part of the back that would be under the saddle arches upward (3) the base of the neck is raised relative to the loins. Horse A produces an ideal piaffe, a highly collected trot-in-place; horse B trots forward completely "upside-down" -- an example of anti-collection. Both images are taken directly from photos of real horses. Notice how different the placement, weighting, strike-down, and swinging of the legs is in A vs. B. This illustrates a law: vertebral dynamics govern limb dynamics, or put more simply, whatever the back, neck, and loins are doing governs what the limbs can do.



(Skeletons above & info below is from Dr. Deb's website [www.equinestudies.org](http://www.equinestudies.org). Stuff written to the left side of the skeletons is K. Hermann's input. &, you thought I liked biomechanics! Dr. Deb is a biomechanics queen. Her 3 books "Principles of Conformation Analysis," are classics!

