



Local Calendar of Events

Sue Stepuson - Wednesday jumping usually from 3 - 7pm

April 26 - Horse on Course Dressage (Kristin and Mary Scribing)

May 2-3 - Equi Sports Hunter Show WV.
MHJA Sanctioned

May 9th - **Smoky Valley Farm** Grand ReOpening II

May 10th - Horse on Course Dressage Schooling - anyone want to go?

May 24 - **Coventry Dressage Schooling Show** - Robin Birk Judge
May 30-31 - **Janet Foy** in McDonald, Pa. You must audit this!!!

June 7 - Horse on Course Dressage
June 20th Gusty Dressage Schooling - Kristin judging! Who wants to scribe?

June 20-21 HOC Hunter Schooling
June 22 - Rode trip to Erie? **Hilda Gurney** Clinic??

June 28 - **Coventry Dressage** Schooling Show - Lisa Hall

July 18-10 - Equi Sports Hunter Show WV. MHJA Sanctioned

July 26 - Horse on Course Dressage

July 30-Aug 1 - Reg. HOC Hunter

August 23 - Horse On Course Dressage Schooling

Sept 12-13 - Equi Sports Hunter Show WV. MHJA Sanctioned

Sept. 11-13 - **WPDA Adult Clinic** at Rockin' V Stable

Sept 27 - **Coventry Dressage** Schooling Show - Ingrid Albrecht judge



Coventry boarder Donna learning how to do an emergency rope halter at the Equine Safety Seminar. Jerri organized this clinic for the WPDA and raised \$400.00 for the Large Animal Rescue group!!

~ **Coventry Boarders ~ Please take your blankets home ~**

Here is my latest article from Pet Connections with Anita Buzzy!

Barn Yard Yoga !!!

https://issuu.com/pghpetmag/docs/pittsburgh_petconnections_magazine_/34?e=0

**"You get the best out of others when you get the best out of yourself."--
Harvey Firestone, tire executive**



**Amanda is leasing Matty now and agrees he has some great jumping talent! "Lions and tigers and jumps Oh My! " A photo from her first jumping lesson and they hung in there...
LOL**

Our esteemed Jumping trainer Sue Stepuson and her furry friend Olaff! Where ever there is jumping at Coventry there will be a black ball of fur hanging out



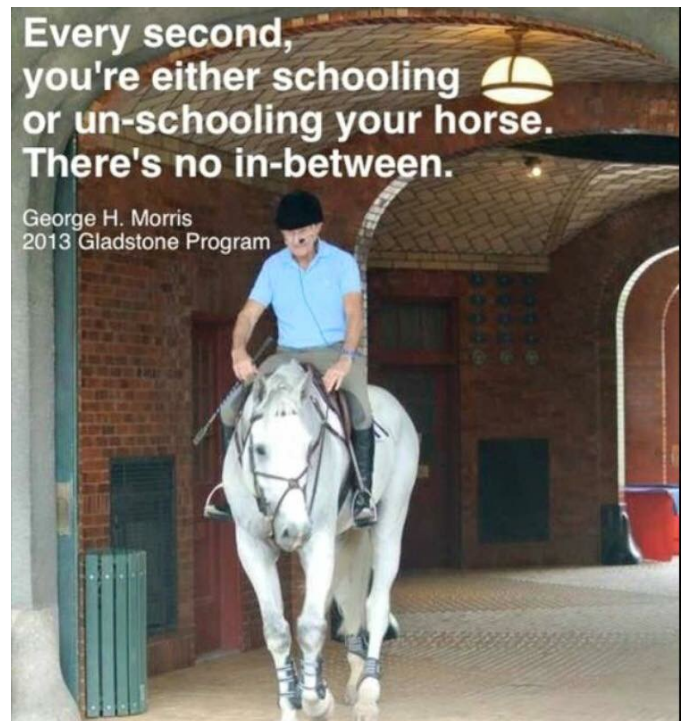
Medicinal Grass for horses and how it relates to lunging!

- Got your attention? The silly things we think of when cleaning stalls. Pasture grass is way more than just grass. It is the life force of our horses' needs! To think how strong they are on merely grass, hay and oats! And ~~~ at Coventry there is GRASS in the fields! Yes, we have to make sacrifices to keep and grow grass in the fields and the fields are looking mighty fine. Just remember, this time of year and when winter weather is horrendous, the horses are NOT out. However, you can have your horse lunged by an expert! Lungeing is NOT just letting off steam but classical training that enables your horse to stretch out its top line and release any tension dot dot dot... Some other benefits of lunging are it's a great way to train a horse to reach into the bit using its top line, develop rhythm, stretching out the back, help to develop a balanced canter, remove excess energy in a positive way, keep joints lubricated and the muscles supple.... Plus, lungeing is extremely affordable! If you want your horse lunged in side reins, we can even do that... Because we care about your horses well being and IF you cannot get to the barn and you don't pay for lungeing, I am more than willing to let your horse loose in the indoor arena! Just text or something. Just because the sun is shining does not mean the horses are out. It could have rained the day before. We will NOT turnout if the fields are wet! And you know what, that is one reason why our horses have grass all summer long when they are out

from 7 pm till 630 am. We get them out after the flies have gone to bed and we get them in before the flies wake up! FYI, I do not lunge everyday the horses are in, I usually get them out every other day or when needed. A lunging package can span from 6 weeks to a year, LOL, it depends on the weather, horse and owner showing up ~ thanks for allowing us to be of service to care for your horse!

Our Organic Garlic will be here today! Who wants to feed their horse garlic?
Here are some facts about garlic. very informative!

Some ABC's of Organic Garlic from www.myfineequine.com
Garlic is a traditional cure for worms and other parasites and has the ability to deter biting flies. Rich in sulfur, garlic will cleanse the blood and then be excreted through the pores of the skin where the sulfur compounds are mildly noxious to parasites. **Garlic is also ideal for respiratory disorders due to its expectorant qualities and is one of the best herbs to prevent and fight infections.** Considered one of the best general tonics, it stimulates the appetite, is rich in B vitamins and sulphur, is a blood purifier, expectorant, and in many cases it can help reduce your horse's appeal to flies. Garlic is also ideal for respiratory disorders, being both an expectorant and having antibiotic qualities it will encourage the expulsion of mucus from the lungs and help with any infection present. Garlic is also an excellent aid to digestion. It supports the development of natural bacterial flora, whilst killing pathogens. **Garlic is an immune system booster and can be used during seasons of change or whenever the immune system may be challenged. Externally: the juice from a cut bulb can be used on cuts, bites, stings, lice and ringworm, as well as tick bites. The garlic is great for repelling flies, gnats, mosquitoes, and helps in the intestinal tract to limit parasitic infestations - it is also a "natural" antibiotic so if there is any thing going on internally or externally it helps to heal the body as well. Because of it's antibiotic, antiseptic and antioxidant properties it's very good for the teeth and gums. Allicin (a sulfur-bearing compound) is cited as the key medicinal in garlic, but garlic contains approximately 70 active ingredients.**
www.myfineequine.com/myfeedmix.htm



Smart Pac sells garlic for \$8.50 a month, or we charge \$10.00 per month for organic garlic or \$55.00 for the season ~ mid April till mid October. Let me know! Nothing like the barn smelling like an Italian kitchen.

