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LOOKING FOR THOSE FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING –

The geese are flying overhead in their noisy V formations, the trees are beginning to bud, and the horses are finding new blades of grass to munch. It's great to see the jumps back out in the show ring and riders enjoying the tease of sunny days to come.

Thanks for pitching in -- It sure was an icy winter – and sure enough - Alex broke his ankle with a bad slip. Thankfully he is healing well and should be walking soon (not so sure when he will be back on Splash), We thank all of you who pitched in to help with Alex's chores - especially Stephie – raking and watering the rings. Alex is happily feeling dispensable.

First the ice and snow and then the flooding rains –
CAN'T WAIT FOR SPRING.

A Big Welcome to the Barn:

Cloud & Caitlin, Doc & Chris, Kirby & Allie, Snickers Too & Jackie and Katie, Skippy & Asha, and Sue - bringing 13 horses to SVF

Caitlin has been riding at Saddle Valley for 4 years and got Cloud, her dream come true, for Xmas.

Chris and Allie are getting Doc and Kirby ready for the Show circuit and have also been training our horse Guccianna – after seeing her potential.

Katie attended SVF day camp and continued with riding lessons. She inspired her mom to join in – and they now are the proud owners of Snickers (called Snickers too since he is our second snickers in the barn

Asha brought Hop. Skip and a Jump, (AKA Skippy) to SV for the winter – straight from the racetrack. Skippy is a thoroughbred and will be racing a Penn National soon.

Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people. -W.C. Fields

Sue breeds warm bloods and has set up her breeding operation in the left back aisle. Sue and her horses seem to feel right at home.

And Jackie, Kathy, and Sheldon our new stall techs – great job.

And a Big Get Well to Luella

SVF Western Show May 4th

In 2008 we will be having 3 Penn Jersey Horse Show Association shows. We are looking forward to opening the PJHSA show season with our Western Show on May 4th. Our English shows will be August 17, and then the last PJHSA show of the year on September 28th – all Sundays.

2008 Saddle Valley Farm Horse Show Season

May 4th

Penn Jersey Horse Show Assn. Western Show

August 17th

Penn Jersey Horse Show Assn. English Show

September 28th

**Penn Jersey Horse Show Assn. English Show
Participants and observers welcome
Come experience the beautiful vistas, rolling hills and superb facility of Saddle Valley Farm
BBQ breakfast & lunch available**

Baby Update

Some sad news – Macy lost her baby.

Macy was due in early March and we were all excitedly awaiting as her due date approached. Then we learned that she was no longer pregnant. She had lost her baby sometime earlier. With the extra hay she was getting – and the easing up of her lesson schedule – she was simply getting fatter – fooling us all. She is doing fine and getting back in shape. Maybe we will try again down the road.

Nellie is due in June and doing just fine so far.

We are thankful for the surprise we got when we learned she was in foal. We bought Nellie last summer. She quickly became a favorite of everyone – sweet, reliable, and safe. One day she seemed to be colicky. We called the vet – only to learn that she is pregnant – we are ecstatic – especially after the disappointment in losing Macy's foal.

4-H Club Coming to SVF

4-H Mission:

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

Through 4-H, young people become confident, mature adults ready for success in today's challenging world. Studies show that the more than 6.5 million youth participating in 4-H do better in school, are more motivated to help others, feel safe to try new things, achieve a sense of self-esteem, and develop lasting friendships.

Ellie Murdock, an excellent equestrian who boards her horse at Saddle Valley and will be training horses here, is the caring adult who will develop 4-H here. We will keep you informed as this develops, In the meantime – let Elaine know if this is of interest to you.

Stalls Available

Come Check out Our Great Facility

Large Matted Stalls... Daily Turnout

Two Indoor Arenas... Great Barn & Club Room

Trails...Very Nice Boarders... Wonderful Staff

There is something about riding down the street on a prancing horse that makes you feel like something, even though you ain't a thing." Will Rogers

SADDLE VALLEY FARM SUMMER RIDING DAY CAMP

5 DAYS OF FUN WITH HORSES*
Beginner and Intermediate
Ages 8 - 13

Sessions - July 7 - 12, July 14 - 18

July 21 - 25, Aug 4 - 8, Aug 11 - 15

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Early drop-off and late pick-up available

Special Summer Camp Sessions in the planning

For riders under age 8 -

Our camp sessions begin at 9:30 and end at 3:30 - too long for our youngest riders (who start at about 5 yrs old). So we are thinking of one week of half days for this group for the week of July 28th. These campers will learn much of the same and ride every day, learn much of what is taught in our full sessions, and make new friends. It could lead to finding partners for semi-private lessons going forward - a great way to learn - and less costly. We are thinking half days from 9:30 to 12:30 - but are open to input

For riders age 13 and 14 -

We know that teenagers are a special group and - if we can - we would like to get a camp session geared to our 13 and 14-year-old riders. So let us know if this is something you are interested in.

If these sessions are of interest, Call Elaine:

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A lovely horse is always an experience...It is an emotional experience of the kind that is spoiled by words. - Beryl Markhan