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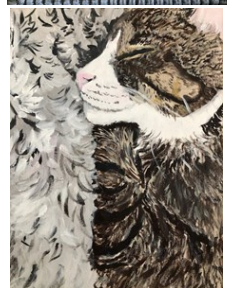
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THE TALENTED ARTIST AMONG US

Have you noticed all of the beautiful horse paintings that have been appearing throughout the stables? They are the work of a young, talented artist among us. Saanje, along with her mother, owns Cinnamon and Sundance over in the pipe corrals. Even though she has always had a fascination with art, she only started painting last year. She does horses and other types of pet portraits.

Some of you may know that Sundance came from a rescue called Faith Animal Rescue in Texas. This non-profit organization helps provide a new opportunity for animals that go through the Bowie Auction in Texas. Saanje donates the profits from her paintings to this rescue and the Laughing Pony Rescue down in San Diego. She has established a strong relationship with both rescues and can help select a horse, donkey, or mule that she would like to save using the funds she raises. She can track where these rescues go and follow up on how they are adapting to their new homes.

Saanje has combined her passion for art with her love of horses and contributes to a great cause. If you would like her to paint your horse (or any other pet), track her down here at the stable, or you can leave a message for her with the team in the office.



SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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IT'S TIME TO DECLUTTER!

With the cooler weather approaching, winterization isn't very far away. To prepare, we need for everyone to clean up the area in front of your stall. You

can have one Rubbermaid/lifetime approved feedbox, a metal trash can, a stall pick, a rake, and a broom. Please ensure that any hay or feed deliveries are put away within 24 hours (or sooner). Shavings should be added to your stall or put in a different storage area within 48 hours. If you have a larger stall, you can store a few shavings bags as long as you have “stall front acreage” available.

BARN ETIQUETTE SERIES: DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS

This month’s entry is about the driving and parking rules at Serrano. The speed limit for the entire property is 5mph, but you should use common sense and slow down if it requires it. For the safety of our horses, boarders, and guests, please remember that they have the right of way. If you are driving on the property and horses are being walked or ridden on your route, please stop your vehicle until the handler/rider lets you know that it’s ok to pass. There should always be enough distance between you and the horse so that it does not spook. Please do not “creep up” behind a horse and “ride its tail” anywhere on the property. When driving a trailer through the facility, please remember that they can become a source of disruption for the horses, so please go slowly and be aware of the horses around you.

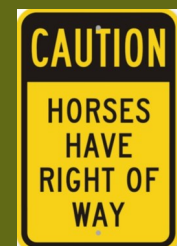
We are also asking trainers to remind their students’ parents to adhere to our speed limit. We are reminding all the compost customers that they need to do the same. If you see someone “speeding or being unsafe,” you may *nicely* ask them to slow down or call the office.

Riders/handlers should not spend any more time in the parking lot than you need to get your horse safely to and from the front area. If you see someone trying to pass you in the parking lot, please make sure that you do your best to get to the barn area as quickly and safely as possible. While walking your horse through the parking lot, remember to be aware of cars backing out of spaces, as they may have an obstructed view.

Next up is parking. Parking is only allowed in the designated areas (Veterinarians and other service providers are excluded). If you need to unload feed or other items, please remember that you need to return your vehicle to the designated parking lot. And that means once you have finished unloading, not after you are done caring for your horse. If you need to have an exception for this rule, please make sure that you contact the office to get the official ok. We will give you a parking pass that you can put in your windshield that lets other boarders, trainers, and guests know that it has been ok’d.

DRIVING AND PARKING AT A GLANCE:

- Speed limit is 5MPH or slower depending on situation.
- Horse and humans have the right of way while in driveways and parking areas.
- Parking is only in designated areas, unless unloading, loading or by special permission.



SERRANO CREEK REMINDERS

WATERERS

Please make sure that you are cleaning your horses waterers. We've gone around and will be contacting owners that need to take care of them. We do offer a waterer cleaning service now. Please look at the August 2002 Newsletter or contact the office for more information.

STALL SIGNS

Great big thank you to all the boarders that have added the emergency contact signs to your stalls. We are about 50% there. We really do need for you to add that information in case of emergencies. Don't forget that we have a template in the office and can help you make a sign.

GUESTS AT SCR

As a reminder, any guests, leasers or people that are helping you take care of your horse are your responsibility when they are on SCR property. It is the responsibility of the owner to have their guest read, understand, and sign the SCR Safety Manual and release form, which is available in the office.

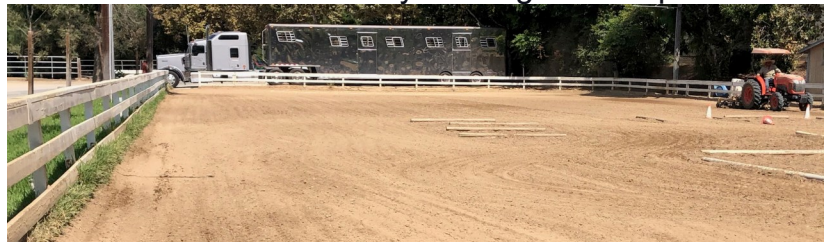
ARENA WATERING STRATEGY DEMYSTIFIED

Many of you have asked about how we determine the amount and frequency of watering for our arenas. We get questions about the rings being wet in the mornings and dry in the evenings (particularly on low-humidity days). The first thing we'd like for you to know is that we have a stringent water budget that was set by our local water district. If we go over our allotment, we get fined anywhere from 10 to 1,000% of our usage!!! Why is this important? Because watering the arenas is one of our biggest budget busters for our allotted amount of water.



To help us stay within our budget, we have developed a new set of processes and procedures to provide the arenas' with optimal moisture content. We have installed special valves on each of the arena waterers to independently control them using a special computer program. We continually monitor and adjust the settings to provide the most effective and efficient coverage for the arena footing based on the current weather conditions.

We water at night because that is when we have the highest available water pressure and allow for the water to sink undisturbed into the footing and evenly distribute itself. We tractor the arenas mid-day to bring the wet product below



the surface up to the top. 9.9 days out of 10, this method has proven over time to be a very effective way for us to provide minimal dust for our evening riders.

Days with low humidity, high heat, and/or high winds may cause the moisture to evaporate out of the footing earlier than expected. This can lead to dustier conditions as the day goes on. We do our best to stay ahead of these days by increasing the watering times overnight, and we try to tractor a bit later in the afternoon on those days.

Our own Matt has written a great in-depth piece on this topic that is available in the office for you to read.

What can you do to help? On those days where the arenas are a bit wetter in the morning, please avoid the sections where it may be a wetter (typically where shade hits the arena). We are trying to provide a less dusty arena

experience for the remainder of our day/evening. On those rare days, when the property is experiencing dryer afternoon conditions try treating it like it's just another weather-related day. If possible, maybe work on exercises that kick up less dust, or get some quality one-on-one time with your horse by going for a nice hand walk. If you turn out your horse, you can allow your horse to just leisurely play in the turnout without encouraging them to run. We suggest that you avoid turning out groups of horses together (therapy and group lessons don't apply).

LOST AND FOUND

The guys found a pair of black glasses/readers in the front area. Come by the office to claim them if they are yours!

CLASSIFIEDS

We are adding a section to the newsletter where you can post horse related items you have for sale or that you are looking for. If you have something to add, please let the newsletter team know.

LESLIE THOMSON TRAINING

Leslie organized a day trip in August to Fiesta Island, a horse-friendly park located in Mission Bay, San Diego. Everyone had a great time! Some of the horses were a little nervous with the water at first. Once they got used to the water, some of the horses had a great time splashing around while others were content just relaxing in it. A few of the ladies took an exploratory trail ride around the park. Learning to navigate this new experience together was a great team-building exercise between riders and horses.



Professional Services Directory



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& Training
(949) 295-4807

Silver Stirrup Riding Academy

Beginning English, Western, and
Camps
(949) 354-3603

MKO Performance Horses

Western & Barrel
Training/ Lessons
(949) 351-4706

Heart & Soul Horse Care

Western Lessons and Horse Care
(949) 246-2466

Tom Betts-Aranda

Dressage Lessons
(949)291-8262

Brave Grace

Equine Inspired Growth and Healing
(949) 371-6240

New Flight Counseling

Equine Assisted EMDR
(949)793-9264

Simple Horses Sense

Equine Assisted Counseling
(714)468-2512

SILVER STIRRUP RIDING ACADEMY



Silver Stirrup Riding Academy Highlights

Student Highlights

- ◇ Congratulations to our students Nick and Matthieu on passing their Level 1 Tests!
- ◇ Congratulations to our student Kristy on starting her very first lease with the lovely Lady!
- ◇ Congratulations to little Ciara (age 6) on her first accidental canter! It was a great ride! Thanks Oscar ;)
- ◇ Speaking of Oscar.....
CONGRATULATIONS to our little Reagan on her new boy! Oscar now belongs to the Ford family and we couldn't be happier for everyone involved!



Did You Know?

The band of soft tissue on the top of the wall of the hoof, right below the coronet band (much like our cuticles), is called the periople? What a fun word!

Other Fun Stuff

We are **HIRING!!** We have a waiting list for new students a mile long, and we want them to join our awesome program.. but we don't have room! We have **VERY** high standards, but if you know anyone who has at least 6 years horse experience, is extremely responsible and professional, a hard worker, and is reliable and great with people, please contact us!

silverstirrupridingacademy@gmail.com or
(949) 354-3603

If you haven't already, please check out our social media! You can find us on Instagram, Facebook, and our own YouTube channel just by searching Silver Stirrup Riding Academy. We post fun videos, pictures, and have fun contests! Check it out!

See y'all around the barn! -The SSRA Team

Brianna Trepanier Barrel Racing Clinic Saturday, October 3*

This will not be advertised to outside riders, but open to anyone at Serrano!

About our Clinician:

*WPRA California circuit finals champion

*WPRA Ca rookie of the year

*multiple pro rodeo wins

*Ram National Finals Qualifier

*Las Vegas All in Race 1D champion

*Fastest time of the 2017 American Semi Finals

*2017 American Rodeo Qualifier, finishing Top 5 at AT&T stadium

Brianna Trepanier is not only an accomplished and wonderful rider, but also a kind and genuine person! She always puts her horses' well being first. Liza and Brianna have worked together on different projects, which is why we are so lucky to have her out! She sticks mainly to training and competing and doesn't teach much, but we know from experience (she has visited to teach a clinic for us before) that she is a great teacher and we are so excited to have her back.

Here is a link to one of her runs.. <https://youtu.be/bzWdjAC1WgE>

Sign up by

email: silverstirrupridingacademy@gmail.com

Or stop by and talk to Liza any time if you have questions!

*Times will be assigned once sign-ups are completed

