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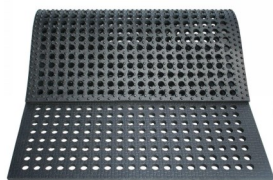
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WINTERIZATION UPDATE 2020

It's that time of year again – Winterization! This year we have some changes that we need to implement due to our agreement regarding the stormwater produced from specific areas of the stables. This year **every stall is required** to have winterization done to ensure that the stable is in compliance.



We will be removing all mats in the stalls, scraping the stall footings to remove all built-up manure, urine, and wet areas. The stall will then be refilled with birdseye gravel, DG, or a 50/50 mix of both (we recommend this one!), and mats returned to where they were. The only exception to this will be for any mats



in exposed areas of the stall not covered by a roof. In those areas, you are only allowed to have mats that provide 33% drainage (see photo). We will do our best to save any good shavings in the stall and return them to where they were at the end of our process. We recommend keeping any shavings on your mats (if you have them)

for the first few weeks after winterizing. This gives the new material a chance to get compressed by the horses walking around.

By completing a stall-o-gram (available on the last page of the newsletter and in the office), you can let us know your material preference, mat placement, and budget for your stall. You can always just tell us to use our best judgment and provide a monetary limit you feel comfortable with. This year we are

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offering a payment plan to spread out winterization costs for our boarders. If you are interested in this option, please contact the office.

Work will start on November 1st in the back breezeway. Please make sure to have your stall-o-gram completed and returned to the office by October 15th so that we can order the right amount of materials. If you would like help filling out your stall-o-gram, or if you are a new boarder and this is your first time with the process, stop by the office, and we can give you a hand.

MUCK BUCKETS ARE EVERYWHERE!

You may have noticed that we have added muck buckets to various areas of the barn. This includes in front of stalls where there wasn't one or where we know the boarder likes to do some extra cleaning. Please make sure that you use the muck buckets if you clean your own stall. We can not have any manure and/or wet or dry shavings in aiseways or other areas outside your stall. If you fill your bucket and still have more materials to remove, you can nicely ask your neighbor if you can use their bucket (*please make sure you have permission!*). If using a neighbor's bucket isn't possible, or if that bucket is also full, you need to take your waste product over to the manure pile yourself. Please do not use the wheel barrels located in front of the office to move the materials to the pile. Those are reserved for people bringing feed and other supplies to their stalls/sheds.



RAINY DAYS AT SERRANO

As you might have guessed, we need to follow even more rules when the skies open up here at Serrano. This year we need to get all of our boarders and trainers involved in the process to ensure our success. In addition to the preparations our staff needs to make, we need all of you to help us in the following ways:

Outdoor Muck Buckets: We will be going

HOMELESS PERSONS ON SCR PROPERTY

SCR has had infrequent unwelcomed visitors for as long as the stable has been operating. These typically are isolated events that occur every so often. After some time, just last month, we had another visitor. We certainly understand how unsettling it is when we encounter a stranger living on the property.

The City of Lake Forest has created a Homeless Liaison Officers (HLO) department to address the homeless situation. This program assigns specific deputies to deal with the homeless population. The officers receive training on how best to work with and help them out of their situation.

If there is a person (or persons) that the staff frequently sees on the property, we will reach out to this special sheriff's team for intervention. If you encounter a homeless person on the property and the office is not open, please do not try to resolve the issue yourself. You should contact the non-emergency police hotline at 949-770-6011 to have the sheriff's department handle the situation.

How to Report Homelessness:

Please make sure to use the appropriate phone number in every case.

- Call 9-1-1 immediately to report a threat to public safety.
- Call OCSD at 770-6011 for non-emergency Sheriff Department response.
- Call 282-5219 to reach the City's Homeless Hotline for other Homelessness-related issues
- Homelessness-related issues
Email the Lake Forest Homeless Engagement and Resources Team (LFHEART):
LFHEART@lakeforestca.gov



SERRANO CREEK REMINDERS

Therapy program turnouts in the arenas are considered a lesson and are prioritized over riders, lungers, and other turnouts.

We have noticed that quite a few **boarders are still driving fast** while on the stable property. We see you! Our staff's favorite show is Serrano TV.



Vaccines are mandatory here at SCR. For your convenience, vaccination clinics are being offered by the following veterinarians this month. Please call them directly to schedule your horse and ensure that if your vet doesn't provide us with a copy of your records, you do!

- Orange County Equine Saturday, Oct 10 @ noon
- Equine Associates Wednesday, Oct 21 @ noon
- Mission Equine Friday, Oct 30 @ 9am

around and turning all of the muck buckets not protected by a roof area upside down to prevent rainwater from collecting in them. If your stall is not in a covered aisle and you do use your muck bucket, you will need to keep the filled bucket in your stall, and the guys will empty it when they clean next. We can not stress enough how important this is for us to all follow. If you feel this is a great inconvenience or a safety issue, please do not put any material in buckets when rain is predicted or during a rain event.

Picking up after your horse: We ask that you remember to pick up after your horse whenever possible. You must pick up after your horse when it is out of the stall on rain event days, no exceptions.

Wash Racks: Wash racks will be closed during our rain event preparations. The staff will be sealing off the drain, and any water you use will not flow into the catch basin. Signs will be posted notifying you that they are closed.

Arenas: Arenas will be closed and sealed as per usual. Please stay out of the arenas until they are opened by the Serrano staff.

Manure Pile: The manure pile will be tarped during our rain preparation. The tarps may not be lifted or disturbed in any way. If you have excess material from your stall, it must be kept in muck buckets inside the covered portion of the stall or in a covered aisle.

We have separately attached a PDF of the new stormwater rules that will pertain to our boarders.

If you have any questions about these rules or are unsure of something related to our rain day procedures, please send us an email or stop by for clarification. We appreciate everyone's cooperation during those few times a year when we get rain.

SERRANO CREEK SOIL AMENDMENT UPDATE



Most of the boarders at SCR know that we produce and sell compost, but did you know that we are registered as Organic Input Material? With this designation, our compost can be used for organic crops and food production. We are also the only equestrian center in Orange Country that has the proper license and permits to produce and sell our manure compost. Our compost has had such incredible success this year! Just last month, our overall to date bag sale reached 100,000! As a



reminder, boarders get their compost at a discount.

BATHING HORSES

We need to ask that boarders make some adjustments when bathing or hosing off your horses. We need to make sure that everyone only uses the designated wash racks for these activities. We also need the horses to stay on the concrete



pads and not on the dirt area around the wash rack. The water in this area is directed into a catch basin to keep it from eventually reaching the creek. Attached to the catch basin is an extensive underground treatment system. Things like fly sprays, lotions, and medications all build up and contaminate the water coming off your horse. This is why it is considered "gray" or dirty and needs to go into the treatment system and not onto the stable grounds. It's also a good idea to use non-toxic shampoos and rinses to reduce the barn's chemical waste footprint.

VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

We are happy to announce the first-ever virtual Halloween costume contest here at SCR. It's open to all SCR boarders, lessors, and lesson students, and it's super easy to participate. Just take a picture of you and your horse in a safe, but creative, funny, cute, or scary costume (please be careful and know that not every horse will let you dress them up). Email the photo to the office, and we will post the pictures on the patio's classroom and office windows. Each image will have a number, and there will be voting ballots available for pick up in the office or tacked to the patio bullet boards. Everyone can vote for their favorite picture in each category by dropping off a completed ballot for each class in the office (slip it thru the mail slot if we aren't around). Winners for each category will be announced in the next newsletter.

- One entry per person.
- Categories: 1-8YS,9-17YS, 18+
- Photos must be submitted by Oct 25th.
- Voting will be open from Oct 26th - Nov 9th.
- Take a picture of you and your horse in the costume. (Please make sure to be safe when dressing up your horse and while taking the picture)
- Email the photo to serranocreekranch@msn.com:
- Subject line: SCR Halloween Costume Contest
- In the email body, have your name and the age group you are entering for.
- Boarders, lessors, and lesson students can only vote once per category.
- Winners will be announced in the November Newsletter

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& Training
(949) 295-4807

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Camps

(949) 354-3603

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Training/ Lessons
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Heart & Soul Horse Care

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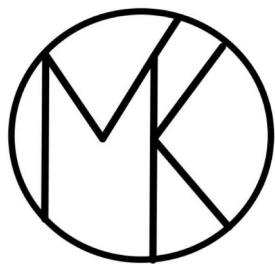
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MKO Performance Horses

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Upcoming Gymkhana Series in Orange Park Acres! Our Students love the support of fellow barn members cheering them on in a local show.

Start time is 10 AM, Located at 6422 E Santiago Canyon Rd, Orange CA 92869

Dates:

OCT.18TH OCT.31ST- Halloween Costume Contest NOV.7TH

NOV.21ST DEC.5TH DEC.19TH

All upcoming Races, Gymkhanas, and Activities are always posted in the Calendar Tab of our Website! <https://mkoperformancehorses.com/calendar>



Look but don't touch!

As many of you know Trainer Meghan is due any day with her baby girl, Kenzlee Kay O'Daly, she won't be out for to long but that does mean we will have a new baby at the Barn! Please be very mindful as her immune system still needs a lot of strengthening to stay nice and healthy, so we ask please look and don't touch, please keep distance.



Also speaking of babies! Meghan's Grey mare Royal who some of you might met in December, had her 6 Month check up and is confirmed Pregnant and is Due late April! Her baby will be brought to the barn after weaning off Royal!



Donkey diet reminder

Please refrain from feeding donkey treats as he is on a diet! He will beg for cookies but also be happy to receive a good scratch on the forehead! **If you have a dire need to give him cookies, please see Meghan and or Konrad and

they can give you a baggie of the Carb Conscious treats that he is allowed to eat! Thank you for keeping donkey healthy for him to life a long life!

Christmas ranch party!

Last years Christmas party was a real success and we are hoping to be able to put one on this year(Covid-19 protocol pending) . Please keep an eye out for flyers and next few months news letter for further information!



Get a Custom keychain of your Horse or Dog for only \$20! Shipping costs extra if needed. Meghan's very talented friend and local competitor is putting her crafty skills to work! She does all animals, logos etc, and does an amazing job! Perfect Gift, make sure to get your order in, in time! See Meghan for info.



SILVER STIRRUP RIDING ACADEMY

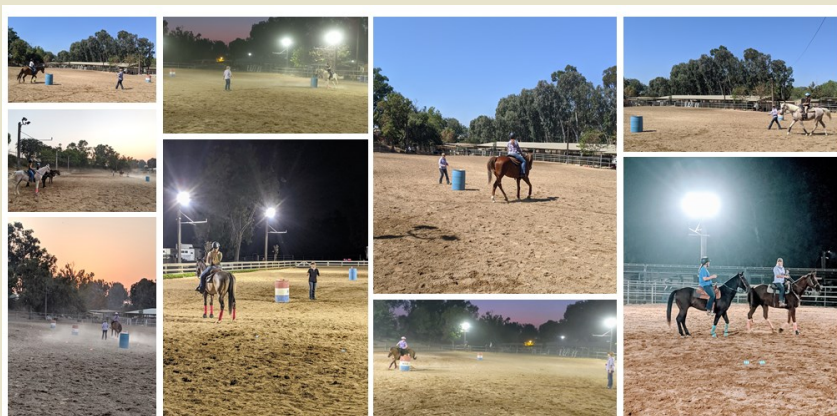


Congratulations to all that participated in our clinic with the amazing Brianna Trepanier! Here are some photos of the amazing time we had over the weekend.. I am so proud of everyone who rode and our super wonderful horses who helped make it possible!

THANK YOU to everyone who came and commented on how much fun it looked like we were having! We definitely were, but it was so lovely to have the positive support of so many friendly boarders!

THANK YOU to all participants for being respectful and polite to our Clinician, and for trying your best at something new and different! SSRA and Serrano were represented so well!

The biggest THANK YOU of all to Brianna Trepanier for coming all the way down! She had her car break down on the drive on day one and still made it just in time to knock out all classes and do an amazing job, then got stung by a bee on her foot on day two but hobbled around the arena all evening with no breaks and never complained once, as a true professional. As advertised, she was kind, a great teacher, fun, and clearly passionate every second of her clinic. What a tremendous gift to have her down to work with us.



OTHER FUN NEWS

SAVE THE DATE! COME JOIN US! Sunday, October 24 at 4pm(more info to follow)... We've had a lot of questions about if we were doing a Halloween event this year due to Covid-19, and it is many of our SSRA students' favorite event of the year... We are doing it! Just a little different so we can have fun and be safe!

Spooky Scavenger Hunt! Sunday October 25, come dressed up (costume MUST have a mask!) and embark around the stables on a scavenger hunt! You will be given an exact start time in order to spread everyone out, and more details will follow. Boarders if you would like to volunteer and be involved in this fun event, we WILL need you! We would like to offer 6-8 stops around the stables with a decorated (simple or elaborate) shed or area where participants can take fun pictures at each stop! Please contact Liza at silverstirrupridingacademy@gmail.com or call 949-364-3603. Please join! We need you to make another unforgettable Halloween!

Don't forget to participate in the SCR HALLOWEEN PHOTO COSTUME CONTEST! Pick your best dressed up photo of the day, or from another day this year, and submit to the office no later than Sunday October 25 in the evening. Winners will be announced in the November newsletter.

We can't wait for all the fun festivities! And we look forward to hearing from everyone soon!

Liza & the SSRA TEAM

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know they have now outlawed clipping whiskers in parts of Europe? One less thing to worry about for shows!



Stall -A- Gram 2020

Stall Number _____ Owner's Name _____

Do What You Think Is Best

Do What You Think Is Best, But Don't Spend More Than \$ _____

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Detailed Instructions:

Cleaning: Remove Everything

Please try to save good shavings

Note a Disposal Fee \$10 (up to 1 tractor scoop) \$20 (More than 1 scoop) is charged based on amount removed.

Materials : _____

_____ Scoop(s) of D.G. (\$49 / scoop) _____ Scoop(s) of Birds Eye (\$49 / scoop)

Additional Instructions:

Stall Map (if needed):



SERRANO CREEK RANCH

WATER QUALITY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

When it rains, water falls upon the surfaces of our equestrian facility and becomes stormwater runoff. There is a potential for stormwater runoff to carry pollutants from the activities that occur at SCR into rivers and streams where we fish and into the ocean where we surf and play. It is vital for our boarders to do their part in implementing the best management practices (below) into our daily activities as well as a heightened awareness before rain events.

Bathing Horses

1. Only wash horses at the wash rack. Don't even think of even rinsing horses on any other part of the stable grounds.
2. Use the least amount of water as possible.
3. Do not remove shut-off nozzles at the end of the hoses - this wastes water.
4. Use the least toxic soaps possible.
5. Before a rain event, the wash rack will be closed to use. If closed signs are posted, do not use the wash rack as the water will drain onto the stable grounds and eventually into the creek.
6. Ensure that horses are bathed on the concrete portion only.
7. All water must flow into the catch basin located at the wash rack.
8. Do not bathe horses on any dirt portion. No bathing water should touch the dirt portion surrounding the wash rack.
9. Immediately pick up any manure or trash and place it in the proper receptacle.

Arenas

1. Some or all arenas may be closed based on the severity of the predicted rain event.
2. If an arena is closed, please do not enter. It has been compacted to minimize the amount of

footing that will wash off.

3. Wait for SCR staff to open an arena for riding. Do not open up an arena based on your needs.
4. It would be best if you inspected the arena footing before riding to ensure that it will meet you and your horse's needs. Different horses and riding styles require different degrees of the footing to be safe.

Stalls: Manure

1. Each stall has been provided a muck bucket for any manure/shavings you may remove. Put all manure/shavings in the bucket.
2. Do not put any on the grounds, aisles, pathways, etc. These must remain clean of manure and shavings.
3. Each day your muck bucket will be emptied when your stall is cleaned. If the amount of manure / shavings is greater than what your muck bucket can hold, you must take the excess directly to the manure pile. As an alternative, with the permission of your neighbor, you may fill their muck bucket.
4. If the manure pile is tarped, you can not take manure to the pile. All manure/shavings then must be kept in a muck bucket. If there is a problem, contact the office for assistance on disposing of it.
5. Before rain events, all muck buckets must be kept under either an aisle shelter or the stall's shelter to prevent rain from entering the muck bucket. For those stalls without aisle covers, your muck bucket must be kept under your shelter. If you feel this is a great inconvenience or safety problem, then don't put any material in the bucket when rain is predicted. Turn the bucket upside down to prevent it from filling with water. Then it is ok to leave it outside the stall covering.
6. Solid rubber stall mats are not allowed in any exposed areas of the stall. Stall mats that have been perforated with a minimum of 33% open space are permitted.
7. Shavings provide both an excellent padding of the stall as well as an absorbent of urine.

Stalls: Waterers

1. It is the responsibility of the owner to clean the waterer as they see fit.
2. Any water collected in the cleaning process must be poured into the infiltration trench of your stall.
3. If your stall has not yet had an infiltration trench installed, check with the SCR office to determine where to dispose of the cleaning water.
4. Eventually, no water (rain or waterer cleaning) will be allowed to leave the boundaries of any stall.

5. Each stall has a water shut-off valve. In the event of a water hose or waterer breaking, shut off the water, and immediately contact SCR staff to repair.

Annual Stall Maintenance

1. Each year between October and December, your stall will be dug out, and any manured/wet areas will be removed.
2. Clean stall footing will be added to replace the material removed as well as to return the stall to the proper drainage.
3. The cost of this work is the responsibility of the boarder and is mandatory to ensure that SCR remains in compliance with state laws.
4. If you notice that any gutter is not draining correctly, please notify the office as soon as possible.

Grounds

1. Please put all trash in trash cans - make sure the cover is in place during rain events.
2. Any manure from your horse should be immediately collected and put either in a muck bucket or trash can.
3. Report any leaks from vehicles in the parking lot.
4. Any feed must be covered to ensure no rainfall comes in contact.
5. Do not drive on dirt roads during or immediately after a rainstorm as this creates mud and extends the drying time.