

# SERRANO CREEK RANCH EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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## Winterization

Starting in early November, we will begin our annual winterization. As a reminder, in past years, winterization was an additional charge levied against each boarder. Now that this charge has been built into the monthly boarding fees, you'll see no special charges in your billing. By ensuring that every stall is appropriately prepared, we can meet our water quality objectives, we also hope that with a standard protocol, there will be efficiencies to be gained. Below are the eight steps each stall will receive to prepare them for the (hopefully) upcoming rains:



1. Only wet shavings will be removed and disposed of.
2. Dry shavings will be set aside.
3. Any mats that are in the exposed area of the stall will be:
  - a. Moved so that they are under a shelter
  - b. If there are an excess number of mats, those extra mats will be put outside the stall
4. Wet stall footing will be dug out and disposed of.
5. Regrading of stalls
  - a. For stalls that have received their infiltration trenches. Any low areas below the top of the bottom rail (or theoretical bottom rail if none exists) will be corrected to restore the proper grade of the stall. If there is loose stall footing material that is too high in some areas, then this material will be used first by moving it to any low areas. If there are any remaining low areas, then a mixture of decomposed granite (d.g.) and birds' eye gravel will be added to restore the proper grade. See #6 for special treatment on and near the infiltration trench.
  - b. For stalls that have not received their infiltration

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# SERRANO CREEK REMINDERS



## Close Stall Gate

Always remember to close the gate to your stall or corral, or leave the gate open on the inside of the stall. Gates left open into the aisle impede traffic and can cause injuries and are more easily damaged.

## Guests At SCR

As a reminder, any guests, lessee, 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.

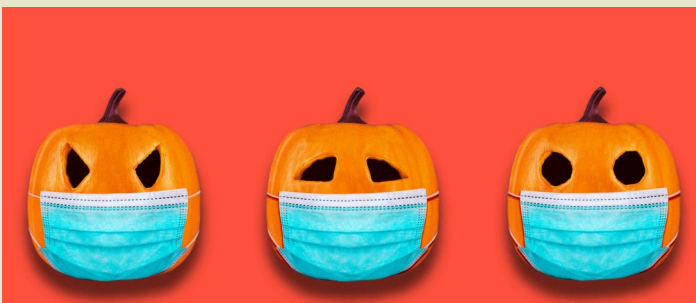
## Wheelbarrows

When using the SCR wheelbarrows, please remember to return them back to the patio so other boarders have access to them.

## Heritage Hill: Fall-O-Ween

Reminder, our neighbor up the hillside will be celebrating Fall-O-Ween on October 15 –17 and 22 –24 from 4:30pm and 8:00pm. Please be aware that there will be a lot of activity and noise coming from the hillside.

***HAPPY HALLOWEEN!***



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trenches. Some minor remedial grading will be performed. Any remaining low areas will receive a mixture of d.g. and birds' eye.

6. If a trench has been installed, that area, plus an additional 2' will receive only birds' eye gravel to facilitate drainage. If the stall has not received an infiltration trench, the d.g. mixture will be used throughout the stall.
7. Any mats under the shelter will be moved, the stall footing will be leveled, and they will be put back.
8. Any dry shavings that were set aside will be returned to the stall and placed under the shelter.

The order of work will be in the following order:

1. Park View Stalls #132-148
2. Serrano Vista Stalls #125-132
3. Back Breezeway Stalls #71-90
4. Arena Vista Stalls #150-160
5. Center Stalls starting #1 and ending with #70
6. Stalls #113-124
7. Front Breezeway Stalls #91-110

## Barn Etiquette Series: Turn Outs



Turnouts are permitted in the front turnout pen, the bullpen, the schooling arena (next to the wash racks), the bee arena, and the back arena only. Horses may not be turned out in the front arena, as it is made of wooden fence that is not as strong as pipe and might not be able to restrain a runaway horse. Please remember that a turnout is permitted in the arenas only if the horse is always attended and only if no one wants to ride or lunge in that arena. We ask that you please do not leave your horse unattended under any circumstances! This is not only to make sure that your horse stays safe, but to avoid people having to track you down if they are looking to use the ring. The Turnout

time is limited to 15 minutes for one horse and if more than one horse is turnout, the maximum turnout time is 20 minutes. We are encouraging boarders to be extremely considerate of the time limited when turning out their horse(s), specially during rush hour arena times. Also remember that 5 out of the 6 arenas on the facility can be used as turnout arenas, as long as nobody wants to ride or lunge there horse. A turned-out horse must be removed immediately when a rider arrives to ride or lunge, no exceptions. Trainers and Instructors' using turned out horses for therapy work are considered a lesson and not as turnout.

## When it Rains at SCR



As the raining season is approaching, we want to take this time to remind the boarders of the Water Quality Best Management Practices. It is extremely important for our boarders to do their part in implementing the best management practices daily at the barn as well as before rain events. Before a rain event, the wash racks will be closed to use. We ask that you please do not use the wash racks as the water will drain onto the stable grounds and eventually into the creek. When rain is predicted the SCR Staff will be closing some or all arenas based on the severity of the estimated rain event. If the arena is closed, please do not enter. Please wait for SCR staff to open an arena for riding. Do not open an arena based on your needs.

SCR provides each stall with a muck bucket for any manure/ shavings you remove from your stall. If you need a muck bucket, please let the office know so we can have one delivered to your stall. It is incredibly vital that all manure/ shavings get disposed into muck buckets. We ask that you do not put any on the ground, aisles, etc. These must remain clean of manure and shavings. Before any rain event, all the 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 stall. If you feel this is a great inconvenience or safety issue, then don't put any material in the bucket when rain is predicted.

## Professional Services Directory



### Leslie Thomson

Western Lessons & 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

### Silver Iris Farms

All-Around English & 3-Day  
Eventing  
(949)395-0932

### 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



*Written By: Tom Ordway*

Laura, Penny & Tom want to thank all of our family at Serrano Creek Ranch for their outpouring of love for us at Bosco's "Passing Over The Rainbow Bridge". The Memorial of flowers, cards and gifts that all of You created touched our hearts and will always be remembered. The support we received, & continue to receive, and the recognition of Bosco's love for all of you was amazing. We want to thank all of those who contributed to Bosco's well being & returned your love in kindness & smooches which made him want to stay around for so many years. He will always be remembered as "The Amazing Horse That Didn't Know His Age"

All Our Love,  
Laura, Penny & Tom



## **Carra Cognac Lived Life Like Someone Left The Gate Open.**

*Written By: Brenda Lettengarver*

Foaled in Fallbrook Feb 3, 1986. Spent time in Kingman Arizona just enjoying being a horse. Trained at San Luis Rey Racetrack and then raced in the Arabian Races at Los Alamitos. She placed second and third a few times, injuring her tendon in her last race and became a brood mare. She had foals in 1992 (Dawid's Delight), 1993 (LP Dancer), 1994 (LP Davida), 1995 (LP Gambler) and 1996 (Orzacognac).

We wanted to buy a horse for Heather, and she wanted an Arabian. At the ranch, there were 8 or so mares and foals in this pasture so we walked in to try riding a few to make a decision. Within minutes Carra walked up to me and nuzzled my chest. Gary said later "I knew I was in trouble".

We bought Stary Nite in April of 1996 and Roger told me while we were coming down to ride on weekends, I could ride Carra so Heather and I could ride together, with the foals chasing after us. It was a blast. Gary saw the bond Carra and I had, so he bought her for me. I told him he never had to give me a birthday, Christmas, Anniversary, etc. gift again, I had my Carra, she was all I wanted or needed.

On weekends, Gary, Heather, and I would go to Los Alamitos and watch our "grandkids" run the races. I was able to ride Davida at the ranch and we saw Gambler win some races.

We moved the girls to Serrano in August of 1997 and began beautiful lasting friendships with so many wonderful people and horses. So many stories to tell and precious memories to cherish.

Carra had so many special equine friends. Some

she left here for the time being and others she is running with now: Her sister Stary Nite, Briahna, Time To, Boogie, Rojo & Holly, Troyana & Abby goat, Schmoo, Tiara & Bonnie, Melvin and Zoie, Tango and Gracie, Slate, Chief and Gigi, Red & Trado, Chip, Lucky, Dash, Rowdy, Amadeus, Jeremy, Charlie, Halo & Tango. (Forgive me if I missed someone)

Heather was able to locate the owner of Divida's son, Holiday Spirit who is 19 now, happy and healthy. She also located Carra's youngest, Orza who was used in the US Forest service patrol in San Diego County. He said she had two speeds, fast and faster! He gave her to the National Park Service in the Great Basin National Park where he rode her for several years and then retired her to pasture. She is 25 now and healthy, enjoying retirement.

Thanks to SCR for being our "Happy Place" and thanks to Dr. P, Dr. Fertig, Dr. Sapp, Dr. Hunter & intern "Dr. Thomson" for all the years of keeping my girl healthy.

Thanks to everyone for your flowers, plants, gifts, hugs, love, and support, it is truly appreciated.

As one friend said, "What a ride you had with her, literally and figuratively." For those of you who rode with us, you know that's the truth! We shared 25 wonderful years together pushing the gate open.

