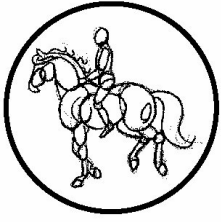


# EQUESTRAINING



## ADVENTURES!

### Furred & Feathered Friends

*Above:* Chai, Patrick and Angel making friends with zoologist Nate's hunting hawk.

*Right:* Young steers at the Ranch are curious about people and friendly with the horses.







*Nathaniel Koshak was caught checking out the view from atop the big bales. Each one can weigh up to 1400 lbs!*

## Our Open House

held on Saturday, February 19th, was a warm & wonderful day! Many familiar faces were there along with new horse lovers, too. Carolyn conducted tours of the barn and exercise study and introduced Ranch horses while Star was heading up the tour to the nearly 20 acre field where the Equestraining horses hang

**“Life’s possibilities are best seen from the back of a horse!”**

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out. They were all at the gate waiting to greet old and new friends. Anna Kopriva joined the walking tour with Henry, the tiny mini, who was an instant darling of the visitors and Star’s horses, alike. Back at the barn, lots of cake, coffee, hot chocolate and conversation completed this delightful morning.

EquesTraining Lesson Schedule On & Off!

February and March have begun to feel a bit like the movie Ground Hog Day, with low winter temperatures and snow returning time after time! The good news is that Spring isn't far away now, and the sun gets up earlier and stays up a lot later. The horses are already working on sleek summer coats and shedding their winter hair. These fur babies can be different from one day to the next when the weather is so changeable. They can be very frisky on a blustery cold morning and rather lazy on a sunny warm afternoon. Riders beware....

If the temperature is below 32 degrees and it is cloudy or snowing, classes will be rescheduled. If it is bright and sunny, it can feel much warmer and be comfortable for riding. So, the best idea is to *check with Star if in doubt about your class meeting* on a particular day, as conditions can change rapidly sometimes. Also, since the Ranch is in the rural Palmer Divide climate zone, it can be several degrees cooler and getting more snow than the Springs, at the same time of day or night.

This first week of March was pleasant and we have enjoyed riding lessons up until Saturday 3/5 in the afternoon. Driving in that morning, the sun was out and I saw bluebirds flitting across the road ahead. Before Noon, the wind was blowing in an icy fog and it was frigid. And so it goes for unsettled March!

**NO CLASSES MARCH 19-27**

**BECAUSE STAR WILL BE OUT OF TOWN**

**CLASSES RESUME MARCH 28 (*weather permitting*)**



## Scheduled Events:

**3/14-18**    Bad Weather Makeup lessons, Spring Break Specials

**3/17**        St. Pat's Birthday party for Patrick & Chai

## Summer Camps:

**5/30-6/2**

**6/28-6/30**

**6/6-6/10**

**7/5-7/7**

**6/14-6/16**

**7/25-7/28**

**6/20-6/24**

**8/2-8/4**

\*\*\*Current EquesTraining students have priority in selection and the Introductory placement lesson is not required. Please check with Star concerning eligibility for a possible working-student summer situation\*\*\*\*



## VAULTING CLASS

**Saturdays**

**9:30-11 am**

**Gymnastics** on horseback taught in a structured, safe and progressive program.

**Who it is for:** any young person who enjoys horses and doing something fun and different with friends.

**And for:** any rider who wishes to gain more confidence through improving balance, agility and coordination.

***Details on classes & camps:***

**[www.EquesTraining.com](http://www.EquesTraining.com)**



## Pictures Wanted:

If you have a photo of yourself with one of the horses that you really like, please make a copy and give it to Star to add to our collection!

Happy Trails,

*Star, Carolyn, Nate*

*and the Herd*

## Happy Trails to You

by Dale Evans

Some trails are happy ones,  
Others are blue.  
It's the way you ride the trail that counts,  
Here's a happy one for you.  
Happy trails to you,  
Until we meet again.  
Happy trails to you,  
Keep smiling until then.  
Who cares about the clouds when we're together?  
Just sing a song, and bring the sunny weather.  
Happy trails to you,  
Until we meet again.

