



Lead On

Courage Reins Farm Quarterly Newsletter



Winter 2009

At Courage Reins Farm, horses help children experiencing cancer find hope and courage amidst life's hardships.

Howdy!

Just wanted to let you know that we had three and a half feet of snow here at the farm during the last big storm. Twinkie was walking in snow past her belly! It was lots of work carrying buckets of water from the house and trying to push the wheelbarrow through the snow. The roof of Northern's shelter collapsed under the weight of the snow, which he did not like very much. Quackers the duck spent most of his time trying to keep up with one of the dogs, Candy, and perfected the art of flying! We were disappointed that the caroling party had to be canceled but we will try again next year.

In spite of the challenges, the snow was beautiful and all the horses rolled in it to take a winter bath. We had lots of family time together sledding, playing board games and celebrating Christmas.

Each of the horses got a stocking filled with fresh apples, horse treats, and apple licorice— Santa made them feel very special! Our Bingo for the Barn fundraiser will be held on March 28th at the Sky Valley Education center in Monroe. There will be a total of ten games and the prizes will be cash. I hope you can come join us between 6:00 and 8:00 PM for a fun family event. There will also be a silent auction featuring Breyer horses, a quilt raffle, and snacks to munch on. Check out our website for more events on the calendar, www.couragereinsfarm.org.

Hope you are all doing well! We're looking forward to seeing your smiles at Bingo! Miriam

Picture Gallery— Courage Reins Farm in the snow!



Farm Spotlight—Northern

Northern is a 14 year old Pony of the Americas/ Arabian gelding. He has been with Courage Reins Farm for several years now, and has given rides to many of the children who have visited the farm. Northern came to us from a loving home. His current rider had outgrown him, and he needed a job. Before coming to Courage Reins Farm, Northern competed in hunter/jumper shows such as the Evergreen classic, and even competed in three-day eventing. He



has quite the repertoire, and we are lucky to have him here at the farm! Northern is very patient with the children, and he is a favorite with many of our visitors. His mellow disposition and small size suit the children just perfectly. Northern's favorite activities include eating treats, going for rides down Courage Trail, sleeping in the sun, and getting into mischief.

Be sure to check out our upcoming events:

-Bingo for the Barn fundraiser on March 28th
A fun evening of Bingo with cash prizes, raffles, and a silent auction

-Courage Reins Farm annual Open Barn on May 23rd
Come visit the farm, learn about our program, and meet the horses!

Complete details can be found on the "News and Events" page of our website at www.couragereinsfarm.org

We hope to see you soon!



Courage Reins Farm Arena Funds

Hi there, this is Woody! I thought that I'd take a moment to update you on the status of our arena fund! We currently have \$4000 of the \$8000 that we will need to put in a new riding arena. We're halfway there!

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed so far. Currently, we are limited to dry-weather riding. All of us horses (and the humans, too!) are looking forward to a new all-weather outdoor riding arena that will allow us to have children come to the farm and ride year-round!

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www.couragereinsfarm.org

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