



## March 2009 Newsletter

March was a busy and successful month for our youth club members. Our youth club members that are showing in academy had a fantastic finish to their winter show season.



### Championship Show Results:

Michaela Kratofil	1 <sup>st</sup>	Equitation walk/trot/canter
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Walk/Trot/Canter Pattern
Carmen Gonzalez	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Walk/Trot on line
Cassie Neu	1 <sup>st</sup>	Walk/Trot/Canter Pleasure
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Walk/Trot/Canter Pattern
Josie Neu	1 <sup>st</sup>	Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Walk/Trot/Canter Pattern
Giana DeSimone	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Walk/Trot/Canter Pattern
Camryn Silverton	1 <sup>st</sup>	Equitation Walk/Trot
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Walk/Trot/Canter Pattern

The following weekend was the awards banquet.

Season results:



During our March meeting Jodi shared information about the horse rescue that Executive Farms is participating in. Nine horses, one goat and a llama were taken by Animal Control and brought to our farm in efforts to save the animals. Many are under nourished and have had little or no hoof care. This has been a great learning experience for the youth club. The youth club has donated to cover the costs of worming all 9 horses. Way to go youth club!! We look forward to when the legal battle is done and we can help place the animals in healthy loving environments. Animal Control is accepting donations to help with costs.

Amie Rowe was our special guest speaker who gave a presentation on tail sets. We learned what they are, why we use them and how to put one on a horse. Learning about tail sets was very helpful for members working on their grooming badge as it is a requirement for the badge.

Club members were divided into 4 groups and each group was given a horse topic to perform. The topics were grooming, dealing with a horse emergency, good sportsmanship and going to your first horse show. The kids did an excellent job filling their roles and acting out their skits.

### **New Instructors**

Amie Rowe will be our lesson instructor on Thursdays. She will be offering private, group and showmanship classes. Amie has an extensive background with horses and is a fantastic teacher.

As the summer show season approaches we will be having other instructors assist Jodi on Saturdays during shows. Please check the lesson board for these dates.

### **Michigan State Horse Expo**

Youth club members Karleigh Pluta, Cassie Neu, Josie Neu and Emmie Neu attended the Michigan State Expo in March. They saw many different breeds of horses, visited vender booths and watched cutting and reining in the arena while Amie Rowe was the spokesperson for ASHAM booth.

## **Head Trainer/Instructor Attends UPHA Instructors Clinic**

Jodi Higdon attended the instructor's clinic at William Woods in Missouri and picked up many new ideas and techniques that she will be applying to our lesson program.

### **New Additions**

We have new additions to our barn. Essie and Puff and owners Lauri Kemp, Anna Kemp and Beth Schollonberger arrived in March. We are so excited to have them. We also had new youth club members join in March, Morgan Garrett, Paige Mardis and Trista Potter. Welcome new members! Don't forget to visit our new bunnies too!

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 5, 2009 at 2:00 PM is our annual egg hunt! Anyone interested in participating should bring 10 filled eggs to the barn. The Easter Bunny will make a special trip to the barn and hide the eggs and the hunt will begin!

#### **Next Youth Club Meeting**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm at Executive Farms

#### **Show Dates**

Check with Jodi or Kelly regarding upcoming show dates. As soon as schedules complete Jodi will send out all info.

Happy Easter!

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