

February Message

Even though February is relatively short month, for us horse-folk it can seem like FOREVER. The days are short, the nights are long, and the weather is often too inclement for riding. I think of this as my “dormancy period” because much of what I love to do gets put on hold while winter plays itself out for yet another year. While it can make me impatient, I try to appreciate this weather-imposed hibernation period for what it is – a time to rest, restore, and renew my enthusiasm for the sport I love. Just when I think I can’t stand it another day, I will notice a jonquil or hyacinth blooming and I will know that winter has rounded the bend and that Spring is not far away. I will survive; I always do; and so will you!

Our March “Do Over” Show comes up early (March 9) so start making plans now to come and show. Show managers Jolie Pressler and Lorinda Hays are hosting the show at the Circle C Stables, which proudly presents its brand new indoor arena for the occasion. Check the calendar for more information about this fun and educational opportunity which allows each rider to ride a test, get the judge’s commentary, and then ride the test AGAIN in an effort to improve the previous test’s score.

As the show season encroaches, now would be a good time to check WHEN you need to have your horse’s Coggins test and vaccinations done. It is never a good thing to get to a show and discover that your horse’s Coggins test has expired two weeks ago! And here is a pondering question: Have you sent in your ODS/GCC dues for 2008? If not, now would be a great time to do so!

Here is a cheerful parting thought: Daylight Savings Time is extra early this year. yep, on March 9th we’ll again have that wonderful extra hour of useful daylight! Until then, stay warm and keep smiling!

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