

June, 2008



# Portola Pastures

**Happy Summer!** This is my favorite time of year! Several people have asked me if it is hard to to get things accomplished when the kids are out of school. Although this may be a bit true, I would not have it any other way! I love having the boys around. Cory, my youngest, and I have been out riding on the trails twice this week. The expression on his face and surprise in his voice when he said, "Wow mom, my feet finally reach the stirrups!" was priceless. I hope that all of you have great memories with your horse(s) during these longer days and warm nights!

*Happy Trails - Betty*

**West Niles Virus** has been detected in the San Mateo County. West Niles is a virus transferred to horses and people through mosquitos who in turn get it from migrating birds. If a horse is infected with the virus it can not spread from horse to horse. Although the West Niles Virus is not a mandatory vaccine required here at Portola Pastures, we do recommend that you consult with your vet. To help prevent the growth of the mosquito population, Portola Pastures will use mosquito dunks in the larger troughs. These dunks look like small doughnuts, are all natural, and do not harm the horse in any way. If you see one in your trough please do not discard. If you have any questions or concerns please call, 650-854-4476. Thank you.

## Summer Events

Please mark your calendar for the following events:

**July 13th - Schooling Show** in the upper arena. Shoestring Farm's will be presenting a summer schooling show on Sunday, July 13, 2008 at 9:00a.m. The judge will be Susan Dorsey. There will be events for all levels and ages of riders. New this year are Western Pleasure classes! This show is for Portola Pastures Boarders and students of trainers only. If you have ever thought that this might be something you would like to do, now is the time! Even if you decide not to enter the show please come by to watch. It's a lot of fun! For more information, contact Pam Russell-Daly at: [www.mvous.com/shoestring](http://www.mvous.com/shoestring)

**Kids Camps-** "Own A Horse For a Week" is the motto for these week long camps. Mon.-Fri. 9am-1pm. Contact Liz at (408) 429-3679

# Emergency Fire Safety

If there is a fire on the ranch here are the protocols;

#1 - If you see smoke, flames, etc., call 911. Then call the ranch emergency number 650-269-9808 or 650-854-4476.

#2 - The safest places on the ranch are the sand arenas. If a fire occurs, the horses that are nearest the threat will be moved to the sand arena in A section as a first choice, and the sand arena in the lower section of the ranch as a second choice. The round pen and turn-out arena would be the next in line. In order for this to happen as quickly as possible halters need to be available near your horse.

#3 - Horse haulers will trailer the horses to a safe local facility. This would only occur as a very last resort.

\*Helpful ways we can be proactive;

Please have halters available. This is especially important for pasture horses.

Create a phone tree for those with trailers and emergency horse handlers. If you own a trailer and would like to be put on an emergency contact list for emergency evacuation and emergency horse handling PLEASE CALL BETTY 650-269-9808 ASAP. or E-MAIL [ebcarlson@aol.com](mailto:ebcarlson@aol.com)

It's good to be prepared!

## Little Reminders...

*Any requests for stall improvements or fix-ups need to be made to Eric and Betty. We really want to save Jose from any unnecessary burdens. Please do not approach him with any requests Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

*Please do not bring large items on the ranch without permission. We've had problems with bath tubs, large pieces of old wood, etc.*



*The wheelbarrows and rakes and things we see around the ranch are privately owned. If you need to use them please ask first and return. It is better to have your own and be sure to label.*

*Thank you.*

# Rate Increase Effective August 1, 2008

Starting August 1st, 2008, the boarding rent will increase. There will still be a \$5 discount if payment is received before the 5th of the month, a \$5 late fee if received after the 12th of the month, and \$20 late fee for a month missed. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. Board checks need to be made out to Portola Pastures. Please note the following changes:

	<i>Old Rates</i>	<i>New Rates</i>
<i>Paddocks</i>	<i>\$365</i>	<i>\$375</i>
<i>"C" Section</i>	<i>\$320</i>	<i>\$330</i>
<i>Double Corals</i>	<i>\$550</i>	<i>\$560</i>
<i>Small Pastures</i>	<i>\$280</i>	<i>\$290</i>
<i>Large Pasture 2</i>	<i>\$240</i>	<i>\$250</i>
<i>Large Pasture 5</i>	<i>\$260</i>	<i>\$270</i>

*Trailer space will remain the same. \$50/month.  
Please make trailer checks out to Eric Carlson.*

*Thank you.*