

IRISH RUN FARMS

Spring News

2008

Spring is finally here!!! Can you believe it? After such a long and bitter winter, I am none too sad to see the grass, ride in the outdoor arena and go for a trail ride in the park. Please come join me! Here is the latest news from IRF:

Welcome back to Jennifer Nellans! Jennifer and her husband Bill and daughter Lily were the previous owners of what is now Irish Run. She has two large and mature draft horse geldings named Tronto and Darby – look for them in the back lot. I think they knew instantly where they were when they arrived last Saturday.

The Show Season is upon us! The first **Irish Run Fun Show** was a rousing success. Everyone had a great time and we hope to have another one soon. One of the highlights was Kristen's boyfriend Chris winning the 'Ride a Buck' class on Porky. His platinum wig added a nice touch. Irish Run cleaned up in the ribbon department at **The Moingona Hunt Schooling Show** last weekend in Slater. Our own Rae was the show steward, and I must say that is was the best run Moingona Show I have experienced (I may be a bit biased). Karen and Ellie, Carrie and Spicer, and Katie and Indy all picked up lots of blue and red ribbons. Virginia and Pride were a little less impressive – we still have a few differences of opinion to work out. Kristen worked the entire show, doing whatever needed to be done and Ava and Tati helped out on Saturday with the jumps. We missed them on Sunday, but understand that Ava was busy judging the Stillwater Stables Schooling show! Congrats and thanks to everyone who participated.

Upcoming shows include the **Valley Park Schooling Show** the weekend of April 19-20 and the **Mason City 'A' Shows** Talk to Rae for more details if you want to ride or watch. Rumor has it that Tati may ride in her first **Grand Prix** at the Mason City Spring Show on May 11. That would be cause for an **Irish Run Road Trip** to cheer her on! Watch the board for more details.

Maffitt Lake Farms will be hosting a clinic with **Bobby Dreyer** on April 11-13. Rae has negotiated a group rate for the stable, so if you want to participate let her know. Bobby is a great clinician and this is a wonderful way to improve your riding.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IRISH RUN!!! Irish Run will be 2 years old on May 1, and that class for a **Celebration!** We will kick off the festivities with a park ride for all interested at 2:30 p.m. on **Saturday May 3**, to be followed by a BBQ and bonfire. Mark your calendars!

April is the month for **Spring Vaccinations**. Clients of Dr. Appel had their vaccinations and had their teeth checked on April 2. Dr. Kipper is coming on April 16. If you have a different vet, **please arrange to have your horse vaccinated!** It is imperative that the barn remains on a schedule for the health of all the horses!!! If your horse needs to have their teeth floated, please arrange for this too. I know, the horse dentist is more expensive

than the people dentist, but tooth problems can manifest themselves in serious ways (problems eating or taking a bit). Love your horse and he/she will love you.

Attention All – **the electric wire in the back lot is really hot!!!** Michael walked the perimeter, repaired the fence, replaced all of the insulators and installed a new charger so **it will rock you!** Visitors from the park were climbing the fence to visit the horses, without a thought so we felt it was a necessary reminder to all.

I have a few other plans and improvements in the making involving gravel and fencing. The schedule is very fluid and we are at the mercy of the weather, but thank you for your understanding in advance. Hope to see you at the barn!

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