

# The Lakefield Lead Line

News from Lakefield Farm



## Barnside



Is that bells we are hearing in the barn? If Lisa and Knightwind are around, it very well could be! Lisa is getting Knightwind accus-

tomed to sleigh bells and she has been jingling around the barn and the fields, getting Knightwind prepared to pull her newly purchased sleigh. Lisa is probably one of the few out here that is looking forward to snow! She'll be out there singing "Over the River and Through the Woods"

Yes that was Don up on the roof of the barn, not Santa Claus. I think he is just trying to give me a heart attack. He says he is just trying to fix the roof. Don't they have lifts for that instead of ladders?

Thank you everyone who took the time to check out the new website and give us wonderful compliments. We are very excited about it and hope to continually add content that will make it more interesting. I understand if you give our site a Google +, it helps us in the rankings. (whatever that means) If you are willing to do that, it would be greatly appreciated! Now my next project is working on the business facebook page. My excitement of what I want to do with it gets com-

pletely dashed when I attempt to do anything. I am really facebook challenged. If anyone has helpful hints for me, I will gladly take them. Once up and running, I am hoping that it will be a place we can all share ideas as well as websites, books, videos etc.

Check out our calendar. We have some great "Back to the Basics" classes scheduled in January. February we plan on having a "Know Your Horses Vitals" class offered by Fredonia Vet Clinic. Don't forget to tell your friends about "Welcome to the Wonderful World of Horses Class". This class covers a lot of information which doesn't get covered in regular lessons.

Don and I wish everyone a terrific holiday season. It is one of our favorite months. Stay safe and warm and take time to enjoy the moments without getting so caught up in the whirlwind.

Rosanne

Please make sure you change our e-mail to [horses@lakefieldfarm.com](mailto:horses@lakefieldfarm.com) or [rosanne@lakefieldfarm.com](mailto:rosanne@lakefieldfarm.com) as the earthlink.net address will be going away!

## The Education of the Babies: Dreamer, Cashmere and Drifter

Now the education has truly begun. We introduced Dreamer and Cashmere to the herd before Thanksgiving. We started with the horses we knew would be kind to them, Hoss, Joe, Poe, Husky and of course Cashmere's older half brother, Drifter. All went well. Over the course of the next couple days, we put the rest of the herd with them, except for Cutter and Cinnamon who we felt got a little aggressive when we introduced Drifter. Everything was still going well. Now was the test, we put Cinnamon and Cutter in with them. To our surprise, Cinnamon loved them, but the biggest surprise was Cutter, who would spar ever so gently with Dreamer and let him win. He would let Cashmere kick him or just stand with them wherever they would go. It is interesting to watch the personalities. At this point, Cashmere is a bit shy but loves to eat hay or grain. Dreamer looked and seemed to be the more delicate of the two, with Cashmere being the bolder. The opposite seems to be the case. Dreamer's favorite past time seems to be sparring. It doesn't seem to matter who it is. The most impressive part is he is very good at it as Sally Moskol can attest. She told me that he brought Drifter to his knees. I must say, I didn't believe her until I saw him do it to Joe. No small feat in either case.

Drifter, our long yearling is 14'3 hands and growing. I'll be breaking him out this spring. I have had him saddled and stood up in the stirrup and he's pretty comfortable with it. From everything Rosanne and I see working with him, he's going to be a very special horse.

And the journey continues . . . .

## Horses and Riders of the Month

### Horse and Rider of the Month: Madi Kasun and Star

Madi and Star are a terrific pair. Madi at only 8 years old is a great little rider and a member of the Equestrian Team. Star, who is 20 years her senior, was offered by Rosemary to be used for practices. Well, they have made quite a team. Star with her infinite wisdom has picked up on exactly what Madi is asking her to do and they are doing pivots like they've done them together for years! The chemistry between the two is beautiful to watch. What a wonderful opportunity for both of them. Congratulations Star and Madi.

### Star out of the Box



Usually, I use my December column to give my thoughts on appropriate holiday presents for the horse. This year, I would like to take the opportunity to say good bye to an old Lakefield friend, my dog Kati. Well, I suppose she really wasn't my dog; she belonged to my human, but she spent many hours with me on trail rides. One of us came back fragrant and clean, the other smelly and dirty. Kati was never a girl to turn down a roll in anything stinky; no water was ever too brackish for a swim. As for her choice of snacks, well, you don't want to know.

You probably still can hear our human's voice screaming, "KATI, get out of that, NOW!" You may also recall Kati, sopping wet from a bath given to try to counter her stench from a roll in any sort of scat, sadly confined to the car. Still, there was no one Kati didn't like or failed to greet, even if the feelings weren't reciprocated. I was never fond of her tendency to lick my nose when I bent down to give her a close look, but I tolerated it. She could be a pest and a pain and occasionally, a thief, but she was happy in everything she did. So, remember her the first time it snows, it was the only clean thing that ever interested her. Make an angel in her memory—Twink and I will.

*Star*



### Our Sympathy:

We would like to extend our sympathy to Rosemary who lost her dog this week, Kati Fox. She was a wonderful golden retriever, who in her younger days spent many hours at the barn playing with Spur (Leanne's dog), the chickens (although I don't know if they thought it was play), and always was happy to say hi to the humans at the barn.

## You Can't Always Follow a Recipe—Don Korinek



We have a group of friends that get together once a month with each

couple taking a turn at hosting a month. Well November was our month so we came up with an idea of having four teams of four people, giving them a table full of food stuffs and each team had to make an appetizer, salad or soup and then a main dish. There was a time limit but no recipes and we called it "Hell's Kitchen". In this group are some very good cooks, some even competed in cook offs. We had a tossed salad with just oil (no vinegar), a soup with tomatoes and chopped shrimp (that's it) the appetizers weren't bad but a little flavorless. The main courses

were better but not as good as I would have expected from this group. What most of the teams felt their problem was that there were no recipes.

That's how I feel we should look at horsemanship. We need recipes; recipe for getting your horse from the pasture, recipe for leading a horse, recipe for lounging a horse, but we must have our recipes at our mental finger tips, not on a cheat sheet. We do that by redoing the process over and over until it becomes second nature. As an example, let's look at my recipe for getting a horse from the pasture; as I walk towards his left shoulder, I expect him to turn his head towards me while lowering it to prepare to accept the halter. That's my recipe, but what if as I arrive, none of this happened. In fact he turned his head away from me. By doing that, I feel he said "you best change that recipe". In an instant I must decide

what to do. Two things I shouldn't do, is stand there and wait or reach around and put the halter on in spite of his action. Maybe what I should do is step back and think of a better way of doing it today, but wait, he just pinned his ears. He needs a lead rope across the behind. We must be able to think, adjust or change to fit a given situation on different days. Today I may need to step back and approach with a softer feel. Tomorrow I may have to be a more dominant leader. Julia Childs said "A recipe is only a guide line." Don't get stuck in a drop down flow chart. Mentality we must be able to feel our horse's attitude, change it if it doesn't fit ours, and help him become a willing partner. Just like in cooking, we may have to add or subtract amounts of seasonings so it is palatable for all concerned.

## "Back to the Basics" Classes

### **"Back to the Basics" Classes:**

We are offering an excellent opportunity to learn more about horsemanship in the warmth of the barn lounge. Each class will be about 2 hours. The last half hour may be with a horse or horses depending on the topic and group.

#### **Leadership—Saturday, January 7, 9am-11am**

- What does that mean?
- How do you become a leader?
- What does it mean to the horse?

This should be a very interactive and interesting class with a lot of excerpts from different trainers & clinicians

#### **Building Trust—Saturday, January 14, 9am-11am**

- Does your horse trust you?
- What things do we do that could break that trust
- What can be done to gain trust back or to just improve what you already have

#### **Open Question Forum—Saturday, January 21, 9am-11am**

- Bring your questions, problems, observations etc.
- Discussion on everyday situations that affect everyone at some point in their horse journey
- Find ways to help you through situations - what is the common thread?

This will be an excellent opportunity to learn from us as well as others who may have been through similar situations.

#### **Habits—Saturday, February 4, 9am-11am**

- What are some of your habits? Are they good or ????
- What are some of your Horse's Habits?
- What little habits can we change that will go a long way in improving your relationship with your horse?

You may have habits you are not even aware of, but your horse is!

#### **Register by e-mailing: [Classes@lakefieldfarm.com](mailto:Classes@lakefieldfarm.com)**

\$25.00 per class, everyone is welcome!

## Arena Etiquette

As the weather changes and everyone will be spending more time riding indoors, it is a good idea to brush up on arena etiquette. As always, we welcome riders in the arena even while we are giving lessons, but it will make everyone's ride more pleasant if we all try to follow some basic guidelines. If you are not sure what type of pattern the instructor is having the students do, don't hesitate to ask.

- **Mount Out of the Way:** Mount and dismount in the center--not on the track
- **Watch for riders:** When entering or leaving the arena, make sure that you are not cutting in front of a horse on the track. Try to time it so you do not get in the way.
- **Left shoulder to Left Shoulder:** Riders should try to ride in the same direction. If this isn't possible then the left shoulder to left shoulder rule should apply.
- **Clean Up:** Clean up the arena after use. Clear out manure, put away jumps, trotting poles or pylons. Leave it the way you found it or better.

### Safety

- **Keep A Horse Length Between:** Don't crowd other riders and keep at least a horse length between you and the horse in front of you. This keeps you at a safe distance from being kicked. Also when there are riders working on both the inside and outside track, leave enough passing room that one horse isn't able to bite or kick at the horse on the other track.
- **Keep all doors or gates closed.**
- **Be Aware:** Be respectful if another is having problems with a horse, is riding a young horse, or is a beginner or timid rider.
- **Give Right of Way:** Be generous giving right of way even if it is not technically the correct right of way.
- **Don't Ride Alone:** Ride, especially when jumping, with a buddy.
- **Don't Get Caught in the Dark:** Be aware in stormy weather at night that electrical outages can happen. Our arena lighting can take a long time to come on once the power has gone out leaving you in the dark.
- **Always Ride Safe:** Wear a helmet and proper boots and ride in control.
- **Ice and Snow Hazards:** Be aware that if there is snow or ice on the roof it often slides down making a scary noise. Some horses may spook at this.
- **In an Emergency Get Off:** If a rider falls off and a horse gets loose, all riders should dismount.

## Welcome to the Wonderful World of Horses

I will again be offering the 4 part class which has always been well received and is the perfect introduction into horses whether you are an adult interested in getting into horses yourself or you have a child that is interested and you would like to learn more about what the horse world has to offer. This is a very interactive class and covers a broad range of horse topics. We will cover things such as breeds, styles of riding, stables in the area, cost of ownership, care, opportunities in the horse industry, as well as resources to further your knowledge. Our first offering will be on Tuesday evenings starting in January from 6p-8p. The dates will be January 10, 17, 24, and 31st. Let your friends know that this will be available if you think they may have an interest. Call 262-375-4451 for more information.

Please feel free to submit photos for our year end photo album!

### Gift Certificates Available

Lakefield Farm offers gift certificates in any denomination. Gift certificates are a great idea for the horse lover in your family who would like to take lessons, attend a horsemanship week, take a clinic or learn more at one of our educational classes.



Lenci says she isn't wasting hay, she's making a fashion statement!

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Lakefield Farm is more than just a boarding stable. Lakefield Farm is a place where horse enthusiasts not only ride, but also take advantage of the beautiful property and river to snow shoe, hike, cross country ski and just enjoy being out in the country. We provide quality, dependable, knowledgeable care for horses while providing a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for horse enthusiasts to learn and enjoy their horse. We believe in educating our customers in all aspects of horsemanship, including care, safety, groundwork as well as riding skills. Our five trainers have over 140 years of combined horse experience. We have a passion for what we do and it shows. Our services include boarding, training, lessons, horsemanship weeks and as well as self improvement courses.

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trainers and we will answer in the news-**

## Calendar

### *December*

11th Lakefield Holiday Party

### *January*

7th Back to Basics—Leadership, 9am-11am

14th Back to Basics—Building Trust, 9am-11am

17th Wonderful World of Horses, 6pm-8pm

21st Back to Basics—Open Question Forum, 9am-11am

24th Wonderful World of Horses, 6pm-8pm

31st Wonderful World of Horses, 6pm-8pm

### *February*

4th Back to Basics—Habits, 9am-11am

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