



Keezlenutten News

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One Last Show For The Year

Our last show for the year has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 7. We are hoping for good weather this time!! We will have our usual classes: **Just Starting Jumpers (21") - 3' Jumpers; Just Starting Equitation (walk/trot) - Open Equitation (2'); Beginner Hunters (21") and Beginner and Open Pleasure.** Our laid back schooling shows are great for green horses as well as riders new to showing or just wanting to get some more hours in the show ring.

If you are a current student and want to show, please add your name and horse choices to the sign up sheet at the barn (it will be put up the last week of October) . If you are bringing your own horses, please either pre-register on our website <http://www.keezlenutten.com> or send an email to Danielle@keezlenutten.com. Classes are only \$10 each! If you are a student, there is also a coaching fee of \$25.

Jenner Brunk will be selling her yummy food at the barn. Make sure to come hungry!

UPCOMING SHOWS

Stonebridge Oct 18

Barracks Oct 24

Keezlenutten Nov 7



New Riding Instructor

She's new to being a riding instructor, but definitely not new to our farm! Abby Phillips is now teaching beginner lessons on Saturday mornings and she is loving it! Abby has been our camp counselor for the last two years and does a great job of passing on the knowledge that she has gained in her 10+ year riding career. She teaches at 9, 10 and 11am on Saturdays and is full every time slot. If you are interested in beginner lessons though, we have started a waiting list for future spots. We expect that these lessons will continue until Thanksgiving, and then we will have to evaluate the temperatures and see if she can teach into December. We fully plan on having these Saturday beginner lessons resume in the Spring when the weather warms up.



VTO Saddlery Keezlenutten Barn Night

VTO Saddlery in Broadway will be hosting a barn night for Keezlenutten Farm students on Friday November 13 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Most items in the store will be 15% off. There also will be free pizza and snacks. Since they are providing food, PLEASE let me know if you are attending so I can give them a head count. Make sure if you are purchasing a helmet to have one of the employees check the fit. Helmet fit is very important to ensure safety!

If you cannot make this event, and you have something that needs to be purchased, let me know and I will be happy to pick it up for you.

Shirt Order

We will be placing a shirt order within the next couple weeks. We will be ordering embroidered polos and screen printed tee shirts, long sleeves and hoodies. I will post the order sheets at the barn as well as post them on our Keezlenutten Facebook page.



New Horses At The Farm



Isabella on "Fleet"

"Fleet" is an 11 year old sorrel AQHA mare. She had extensive Western training before we purchased her. We weren't sure how she would do in our program, but we have been pleasantly surprised by her willingness to jump. She has gone over the skinny and planks without a second glance! We hope to be able to add her into the regular lesson program soon. She originally displayed some pretty dependent behavior when separated from other horses, but she seems to be doing better with it.



"Dash"

"Dash" is an 11 year old sorrel AQHA mare. Though she's the same age as Fleet and they have some similar bloodlines, they do look somewhat different. Dash is a longer build (both back and neck) and she has a flaxen mane. She had mostly been a trail ride horse for the previous owner's husband and had not done very much training in the ring. She still needs a lot of work on canter as she has a hard time maintaining her lead around corners. This is not unexpected with a horse that has limited ring experience, especially at the canter. She has shown signs of improvement, but **we're not sure if she will ever be a canter horse for lessons.** However, because of her laid back attitude and willingness to stay slow, she is already being used in walk/trot lessons.

Clothing Items

Quite a few students have brought outgrown riding pants to the farm. If your child (or you) are in need of some riding pants, please let Danielle know. There is no cost for these pants, we just ask that you bring them back when **you are done with them. I know we have a few child's large as well as youth size 12. There are also a couple adult large pairs.**

Also, if you are missing any clothing items or water bottles, please let me know. There are a few sweatshirts, a belt and a water bottle that have been at the farm for awhile.

Keezlenutten Quiz (answers in next issue):

1. What are dapples?
2. What is an example of a primitive marking on a horse?
3. When you say a horse has "black points", what does that mean?

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Keezlenutten Farm, LLC is located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley just minutes away from Harrisonburg, VA, Massanutten Resort and I-81.

We offer:

- Hunter/Jumper riding lessons for all levels of riders age 6 and up
- summer day camps for ages 6 and up

The next time you're in the area, set up a time to come out and enjoy our horses!

SPCA Kittens

Joel and I are currently fostering 6 eight week old kittens from the Rockingham SPCA. There are 3 orange striped boys, 1 buff with light stripes boy, 1 long haired female tortoiseshell and 1 short haired female tortoiseshell. They are all VERY friendly and are great around dogs and other cats. If you are interested in adopting, please let me know and we can set up a time for you to come play with them.



Last Month's Keezlenutten Quiz Answers:

1. What is the piece of equipment that keeps a saddle from slipping too far back on a horse? Breast plate
2. What is the piece of equipment that keeps a saddle from slipping too far forward on a horse? Crupper
3. What is the piece of equipment that attaches to the nose band that helps keep a horse's mouth closed? Flash noseband