



Happy New Year!!



FA Afternoon Delight and KA Ladyblack frolic in the snow in the pastures of Ferin Arabians. Photo by Tammy Ferin

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ The HVAHA Board wishes you a peaceful and happy new year!
- ◆ Have you visited HVAHA.org recently?
- ◆ Spring IS coming.



Gearing up for the A show in May

The planning for this year's show started before last year's was even over, but it is gearing up in earnest now.

The show will, as usual, be a the Eastern States Exposition ("the Big E"), in Springfield, Massachusetts May 13th through May 15th. Mother nature has promised us beautiful spring weather.

Really!

Officiating in the coliseum will be the highly esteemed, and perennial favorite, Scott Brumfield, who is fresh off judging US nationals in Tulsa this past year. He is highly competent, very fair, and an extremely pleasant judge to work with.

Judging the sport-horse classes on Friday will be Ann Marie

Gregoire. She is a very experienced judge, with Arabians as well as other breeds, and we look forward to having her both in the outdoor arena, for the sport-horses in hand, and in the coliseum for the sporthorse under saddle classes.

On Saturday, Susanne Handler will be presiding over the

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Top Ten New Years Resolutions

#10 Try on your show clothes to see how much they have “shrunk” during the holidays.

#9 Stop taking embarrassing pictures of your animals (OK, that one was snuck in by the gelding on the back page—the humans strongly disagree).

#8 Learn the new dressage tests—only three for each level now!

#7 Start interviewing college track athletes to

trot your horse in hand at this summer’s shows.

#6 Become a patron at the shows and rides you attend—they can’t do it without your support!

#5 Buy yourself whatever is left on your Christmas/Hanukah/Eid/Kwanza/Festivus list.

#4 Stop eating your horse’s carrots as a snack on the way to the barn—show clothes shrinking over the holidays is no

excuse!

#3 Try something new with your horse—hit the trails, learn how to jump, play with cows.

#2 Leave riding in the indoor with the snow sliding off the roof for the people who are still young enough to bounce.

#1 Enjoy your wonderful Arabian horses!!

THIS YEAR IS THE
 HVAHA’S
 THIRTIETH ANNUAL
 HORSE SHOW—
 COME BE PART OF
 THE FUN!



Santa Claws (former barn kitten, Dudley) rests up on Christmas Eve, readying himself for the long night ahead. Reports are that he was dreaming of flying tuna rather than reindeer, but he refuses to either confirm or deny. The nap seems to have done the trick as he made his appointed rounds in good time. Upon his return, he heartily enjoyed the “Greenies” Mrs. Claws thoughtfully left in his stocking.

Exciting News For Sport Horse Exhibitors in May

Do you show in the various sport horse divisions at our show? Then read on—you are going to like this!

First off, we are excited to announce that we will have a photographer for the outdoor ring for all

three days of competition.

Meghan Gundal, of Ashlei Photography, will be shooting all of the outdoor classes for us. She will have a table set up on sight so that you can arrange to order your photographs at the show.

You will also be able to view and order them from Ashlei Photography’s website, ashleiphotosight.com.

If you want to arrange a special shoot of your sport horses at the show,

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Gearing up for the A show in May, continued

dressage ring. She is an R rated judge, of great experience and reputation. She will be adjudicating a full slate of dressage classes all the way up through fourth level.

On Sunday, we have the honor of having John Manning judge our over fences classes. He is looking forward to judging an Arab show again, so lets bring on those

hunters and jumpers and really show him what our Arabians can do!

As usual, we will have three exhibitors' parties, so there is no need to leave the show grounds for dinner. Instead, you can catch up with old friends, meet some new ones, and enjoy the community of your fellow horse folks while you eat conveniently and for free!

Of special note is Friday night's pizza and cake party, a perennial favorite, which is being generously sponsored by Quarry Hill Farm, of Lakeville, CT. Thank you Quarry Hill for helping us continue to provide this event at no charge to our exhibitors in these days of economic retrenchment!

We hope you will all come join the fun!

Exciting News, continued

you may email Meghan at ashleiphotography@yahoo.com.

In addition to the photographer, our idea of hosting a hospitality tent by the sport horse rings at

Regionals was such a hit that we will be doing the same for our own show this year.

We will have an EasyUp tent to provide a nice shady refuge. And there

will be a large cooler of ice water, along with easy-to-eat-while-mounted munchies. We know the ring is far from the food concessions and we want to be sure our sport horse exhibitors have the energy

NEW FOALS?

ADDITION TO YOUR

SHOW STRING? GO

ON A GREAT TRAIL

RIDE? LET US KNOW

SO WE CAN INCLUDE

IT IN THE

NEWSLETTER! GOT

PICTURES? SEND

THEM ALONG!

Classified Advertisements

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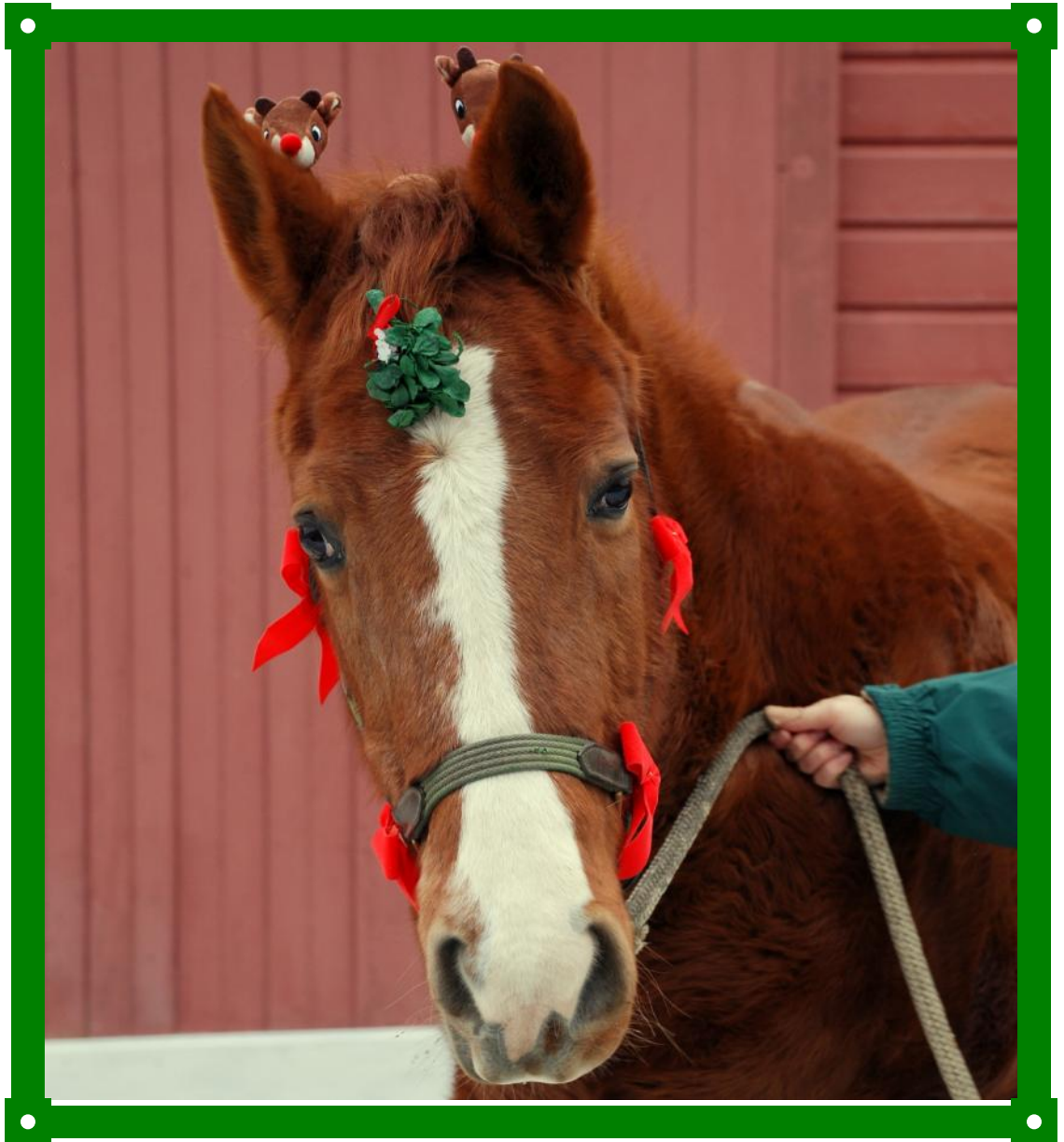
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*Rudolph antlers? Check. Mistletoe? Check. Bows? Check.
I'm ready for my GQ Holiday Edition cover shot!*