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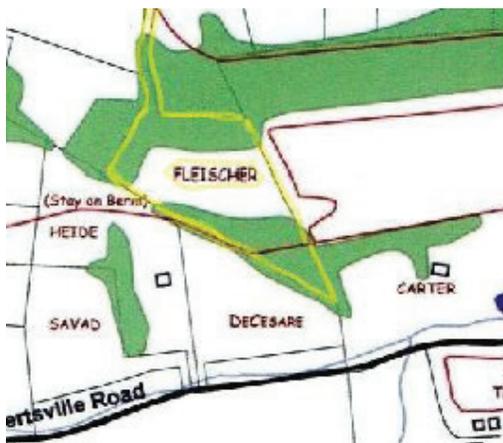
AMWELL VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2013

The AVTA Trails are open **BUT WITH RESERVATIONS!**

Many areas are dry enough for riding. In every area there will be places where it is wet. To keep trails safe for riding and hiking for the rest of the year we have to make sure that we do not leave holes in wet areas where they might cause a bad accident then they dry. PLEASE use your best judgement about the footing and if a trail turns wet go back.

The trail behind Serendipity Farm to Carter's fields is closed. This is the only way to get to the Wertsville/North Hill crossing from Manners Road. The Fleischer property is marked on the map in yellow and is off limits. Greek's is still too wet to ride. To view these area visit the avta website.



Any area that roped off or where there is a sign saying trail closed is off limits to riding. Please respect the landowners' wishes and consult your maps for other riding trails. You may also contact Gael Gardner (609-466-9472 gael@thegardners.org) if you need help or have questions. Also please e-mail Mary Murrin mrmurrin1@verizon.net with damaged areas that still need repair or let her know if your barn crew does some clean up in your area.

READY...SET...GO! Huntpace Listings and Events

Amwell Valley Hounds Hunter Pace

Sunday April 21, 2013

(Rain Date 04/28/2013)

9:00 – 1:00 pm

Hillsborough Country Club

146 Wertsville Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Riverbend Farm on Rainbow Hill Rd

Spring & Summer Activities Starting April 29TH

Cross Country Jumping • Dressage • Poisonous Plant Walk

For more information: www.avta.net

Readington Trail Hunter Pace

Sunday, May 5, 2013

For more information: www.avta.net

CONGRATULATIONS DEVIN DOHERTY!



Devin Doherty, DVM (she has been a recipient of the AVTA scholarship). Dr. Devin Doherty has joined the Blairstown Animal Hospital in Blairstown, NJ. She will be mentored by Dr. Kenneth Leal, clinic owner. Dr. Leal has been practicing veterinary medicine for almost 30 years, has written several articles and lectures at various veterinary hospitals on the topic of sedation/anesthesia and pain relief. Dr. Devin is continuing her education under Dr. Leal tutelage and by attending numerous Continuing Education venues across the US and via internet and has just completed studies in dentistry. Dr. Devin focuses on small animals, "pocket pets" and animal behavior.

HUNTING PERIODS DATES

- A. Monday, April 22–Friday, April 26, 2013
- B. Monday, April 29–Friday, May 3, 2013
- C. Monday May 6–Friday, May 10, 2013
- D. Monday, May 13–Friday, May 17 and Monday, May 20–Friday, May 24, 2013
- E. Saturdays: April 27, and May 4, 11, 18, 2013

Fall Turkey Season

Saturday, Oct. 26–Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013

Hunting hours are from ½ hour after sunrise until 12 Noon each day.

Horse Falls into a Swimming Pool in East Amwell

It was Friday, January 18, 2013 and it was one of those very cold afternoons. The sun was just starting to fade that afternoon when I was doing my barn work. My cell phone rang. I picked it up on the last ring only to see that the caller had left a message. A very old and dear friend of mine left the chilling message stating that her horse had fallen into the swimming pool where she boarded. Something spooked him and he went through the fence and ended up in the pool. Since my friend lives an hour away and it was now traffic time, she asked if I could lend assistance or just give moral support to Graciela, the woman who owned the farm on Manners Road until she was able to get there. Quick thinking, she also called her Vet and suggested that Graciela call the police and fire departments. When we arrived on the scene, it was an odd sight seeing a horse walking back and forth in three feet of water on a cold January afternoon. Unfortunately, the pool had no stairs so now the dilemma began of how to get a horse out of a swimming pool. To make matters worse, his blanket was weighed down from the water. Luckily, when Dart fell through the cover of the pool, it was at the low end and since he is a tall horse, only the sides of the blanket actually got wet. A policeman was at the scene, but was no help at all. The Vet was also present but could not offer any solution to getting Dart out of the pool. My friend, Guy, made the suggestion that we throw bales of hay into the pool to give Dart something to stand on so that he could gain enough leverage to leap out of the pool when pressure was applied to the lead rope. Not so easy, as we found out, hay does not sink. Bales of hay floated to the top of the pool. The fire department arrived and used long poles to hold down the bales of hay long enough for Dart to eventually be coaxed into stepping on the bales which enabled him to leap up and out of the pool. Thankfully, with enough people in play and a concerted effort on everyone's part Dart survived this ordeal relatively unscathed. The Vet led Dart back to the barn and found him to be ok. Wouldn't you know, at that very moment, Helen, Dart's owner, arrived on the scene. She was spared the anxiety, trauma, and uncertainty as to whether we would actually be able to rescue Dart. Discussing the events afterwards, we wondered what steps would have to be taken if we weren't able to get the bales of hay to sink and if Dart decided not to help by leaping up at the right time. Are there any real protocols in place for rescuing a large animal from a body of water? We questioned whether there are rescue groups available for such an emergency and if so how can they be reached? This isn't the first time that a horse has ended up in a swimming pool, although let's hope it's the last. — Linda Adams



Helen and Dart.

New Signs in East Amwell!

Welisewitz, Van Lieus, and Back Brook Roads are now sporting new signage: Our 25 mph signs which were removed last fall from Wertsville and Rileyville Roads (because the law prohibits them on state and country roads) are now officially posted on the alternate roads thanks to the efforts of the East Amwell Road Department. Hunterdon County has also posted new signs allowed by law with horse and rider graphic. These are on Manners, Rileyville and Wertsville Roads-some of them also have a secondary sign that asks motorists to obey hand signals. Let's hope this educates people about the need for safety around horses. Thanks also to Roni DeCesare for all the work she put in with the petitions and follow on the signs.



Collect Your Horse Feed Proofs of Purchase!

Southern States takes pride in supporting the horse industry. That's why we developed the **Special Horse Organization Winner's (SHOW)** program. Collect proofs of purchase from Southern States horse feed, **Legends** and **Triple Crown** feed bags. Donate them to your favorite horse club or organization to redeem through Southern States for money to support their activities.

Gael Gardner will be collecting proofs of purchase for AVTA. Any money we get from Southern States will go into our Charles Foster Weeden Scholarship program. Send in your purchase proofs to:

Gael Gardner, 46 North Hill Rd Ringoes NJ 08551

WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING AMWELL VALLEY TRAIL FEATHERS

Save the date Saturday **May 11, 2013**



Each year the AVTA fields a birding team, the AVTA Trailfeathers, participate in the New Jersey Audubon's World Series of Birding fundraiser. This year the Big Day is MAY 11. The Trailfeathers will bird from dawn to dusk to find as many different species of birds as they can. We travel to a variety of habitats - Amwell Lake to look for waders, orioles and vireos, the Sourland Preserve for wood warblers and tanagers, along the pipeline and around Airpark Lake for other warblers, indigo buntings, thrashers and cuckoos, as well as other destinations for grassland birds. We welcome everyone to join us for all or any part of the day. **NO BIRDING SKILLS ARE NECESSARY!** We will help you see what we see. You do need a decent pair of binoculars, but you will see a lot even without them. A few pairs should be available to borrow for those who don't have their own.

Even if you can't make it on The Big Day, please consider making a pledge or donation to NJ Audubon in support of our team. Note that other birding activities in conjunction with the fundraiser are planned, both before and after May 11th, and you are welcome to participate in one or all, and all for one pledge. If you are not already on the WSB mailing list, please sign up to receive more information about these activities and a detailed itinerary for the Big Day, as well as info on options for making your pledge or donation

If interested in participating, pledging or sponsoring contact:

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EHV-1 Breaks Out In New Jersey

For anyone who is not aware of recent news of the EHV-1 outbreaks in the area, please take some time to visit our homepage for related articles. If you are planning on taking in new boarders, or going to various show grounds, it would be beneficial to take a moment and follow up on any information on this virus.

Two New Jersey Horse farms, one in Gladstone and one in Pompton Plains, are under quarantine after a horse at the Gladstone farm tested positive for the neurologic form of equine herpesvirus-1.

The infected horse attended a horse show in Newburgh, N.Y., on Jan. 12. After he tested positive, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture traced his movements and found 11 horses in New Jersey had been exposed. None of the other horses have shown signs of the disease.

"The department has taken immediate preventive measures to stop the virus from spreading," said New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher. "It is essential that we use quarantines and trace back in equine herpes cases since the disease is easily transmitted, causing many horses to become sick or die."

For more article information: www.avta.net

To read the entire article: <http://www.chronofhorse.com/article/ehv-1-breaks-out-new-jersey>

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Classifieds



My name is Benny, I am an experienced medium pony. I need a friend this summer. I love attention and miss it so much. I am in East Amwell with a ring and on the Trails. I like to go. Call my Mom, Allison to arrange a play date.
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Love, Benny

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