

Sugar Hill Spotlight

April 2011 CELEBRATING OUR 10TH YEAR IN BUSINESS!

Hello!

April 1st! Still cold and now wet too.

Not to worry, there is so much to tell you that you may forget about the weather outside for a little while.

Shortly after I pressed send for the newsletter button last month, and after being labor for over 24 hours, Cassie presented us with an absolutely beautiful filly! Cassie is a typical first-time mother— a bit protective. The mare barn is closed to visitors until she is more accepting. We are calling the little one Sasha. Desire is due next with a delivery date around the end of this month. Keep your fingers crossed for another girl!

Every once in a while we receive photos from Nemo from his new home in Connecticut. All is well and if I can ever figure out how to get the pics from my phone into the computer, I will share them with you.

Six of Chad's students took part in Eran's Body Conditioning class this month while two others took their Saturday lessons! It was a great work out even if Eran went a bit easy on us as requested. I know we all hope that Eran's schedule allows time to hold it again. I know my balance was much improved and Chad remarked that his students sat better in the saddle too.

Sugar Hill hosted the kick-off clinic for the 2011 Arabian Youth Judging Team this month. Though time is short there was interest and participation from both Arabian riders as well as local 4H competitors. After opening remarks by organizer Cindy High-

Fischmann, the SH staff presented two classes of 4 horses each for judging against the standard Arabian. Four pure-bred geldings were judged and then a mares class that mixed Zippity in with the purebreds. I figured that she looked the part and wouldn't want to be left out of what she loves to do! Arrangements are being made for the kids to watch some performance classes next. The entire process is very educational, not to mention fun. The goal is a trip to the National Championship show in October to compete against teams from all over the country!

Final planning is in the works now in preparation for the Spring Dressage Clinic being held here April 15-17. Our clinician, David de Wispelaere, from Belgium, is expected to work with approximately 7-12 riders and horses at varying levels of training. There are still some slots available, all three days. It is not too late.

I have not managed a trip to see the three 4-year olds being trained in Pennsylvania due to the weather and schedule conflicts. I suppose it makes sense to wait a little longer, but how long do you think that will be?! I am most anxious to see them work and evaluate their progress. The next step will be to think about their show schedule for the year.

A recent visit from Messenger Post Media gave me a chance to speak about all the changes at the farm. Tessa was photographed riding and grooming Quezall. It's online too!

Enjoy spring! It's around here somewhere. Betsy



AUTISM AWARENESS WALK

Ladies and Gentlemen

Please consider joining me, The Happiness House Foundation and Honorary Chair Rochester City Police Officer Officer Anthony DiPonzio as we walk to raise awareness during National Autism Awareness Month.

Date: Saturday, April 30th
Time: 7:30AM to 9 AM
Place: Eastview Mall, Victor NY
Cost: There is no fee.
Sugar Hill will host a team and I'd like it to be as large a group as possible. In addition, You may donate individually if you are moved to do so.

A MEMORIAL To Christopher Gardner

It is with a heavy heart that I tell you Sugar Hill has lost a beloved family member. The Gardner brothers and their family have cherished and worked this farmland for many years. Chris is gone now, but his spirit will live on, in this land every spring and every fall.

