

Welcome to the inaugural [Horsefeathers Therapeutic Riding Center, NFP](#) newsletter! Our hope is to pass on vital information about our program and have a little fun. We promise to put the important stuff at the top and end with some fun.

We would like to share our mutual journey, so drop us an e-mail if you have [something to share](#).

Important dates to remember...

Click on the links to add it to your calendar!

- Our first annual birthday party, [Sunday, November 29th, 2009 4:30 pm to at least 6:30 pm](#).
- Our first annual holiday party, [Friday, January 8th, 2009 6:00 pm to at least 8:00 pm](#)
- Barn Closed
 - Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th, 2009
 - Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th, 2009
 - New Years Eve, Thursday, December 31st, 2009
 - New Years Day, Friday, January 1st, 2010
- We will be open the Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.



If you would like to reschedule due to your holiday schedule, or add an extra lesson or two, drop us an e-mail to lessons@horsefeatherscenter.org or call us at 847 234- 2411.

That festive feeling...

We are feeling a bit festive. We would like to decorate for the holidays. The holidays mean different things to each of us, feel free to bring something that shows your festive spirit to share.

Join our newsletter

Typing e-mails does not seem to be our strongest asset. If you did not receive this e-mail directly, please pardon the omission as it was definitely not on purpose. The rumours that Calvin ate them are just not true. To join click [here](#).

And now for the fun...

As the Barn Turns... a continuing equine serial by Lynda Vital & friends

Red Rover the pony was very excited. One of the Big Horses told him he was to have a meeting with Kristi, the program director of Horsefeathers, his new home. "All the horses have special training sessions with Kristi, so they can learn to be good therapy horses," said Poco. "I still get to have LOTS of training sessions!" piped in Calvin. "Well, that's fine by me," said Red Rover. "I like my new home and I'd like to learn how to be a good pony." Just then, a volunteer came in with a lead-line and hooked it up to Rover's halter, and led him out of his stall and down the aisle to the grooming stall. As they approached, Rover heard a strange whirring sound. He was led in and saw that Kristi was there and was holding some kind of metal contraption in her hand. "Hi, Rover, we noticed that you were getting kind of sweaty with all that fur and thought we'd give you a nice haircut. Would you like that?" Never having had a haircut before, much less knowing even what a haircut was, Rover figured it would probably be all right, so he whinnied his approval. Kristi went to work, and Rover was so comfortable he started to doze off. When he woke up, he heard Kristi say she was all done and that he looked very handsome. He felt very different, much lighter, and he decided that getting a haircut was a good thing! Kristi said he was a good boy for his haircut, and he smiled a horsey-smile and gobbled up the carrot she had given him as a reward. He proudly pranced by the other horses and they admired his new look. He arrived in his stall just in time for dinner, so all in all, he felt very good about his day.....until he bent over to scratch an itch on one of his legs. He was totally befuddled by what he found. "Why, Kristi forgot to shave my legs!!!" he exclaimed. "She left my knickers on!!!!!"

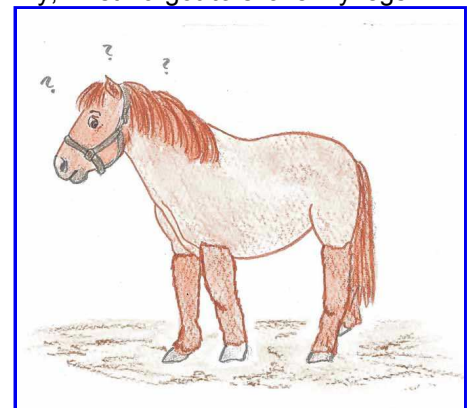
Hey, readers, why do you think Rover still has his knickers on?...

If you think you know why, send an email to news@horsefeatherscenter.org, or drop the answer in the story box. Check out next month's newsletter for more!

Thanks so much for your support!

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