**Summer weather leads to new Summer 2019 format!**

To say that this summer was “hot” is sort of like saying Mt. Everest can “be a little cool”! Almost every riding class was on a day where UNH issued a heat advisory and our faithful volunteers, staff and clients (not to mention the poor ponies) where dripping with sweat. This is the 2nd summer where our changing climate has made a summer program next to impossible to run in the months of July and August. Canceling classes was not desirable and riding in the heat was becoming a health risk. After much debate as to how to offer programming, we’ve decided to run our Summer session in the usually very pleasant months of May and June! The only downside I can foresee is that we cannot offer morning classes as kids (and many of our volunteers) won’t be out of school yet. So head to the beach in July and ride with us in May and June instead!!

**SUMMER 2019**

**May 20th - June 26th**
Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:00, 4:50, and 5:40 p.m.

**Spring Schedule & registration info**

Spring 2019 session runs for 5 weeks from **April 1st to May 1st** on Mondays from 2:30-4pm and Wednesdays from 5:30-8:30pm. Registration has gone to an online format and although there were a few first time issues, this should prove to be the easiest, most cost effective way to conduct this process . It also allows for credit card payments and “I'm away from home” registrations! There will not be a letter sent out. Notification of enrollment opening will be posted on our website and newsletters and reminder emails will be sent the week before . Please be sure we always have your current email address. Spring session enrollment will begin at 8am on **January 8th, 2019**.

**Equine Affaire:**

Join us in the Better Living Center booth(s) 915-916 in Springfield MA

**Thursday Nov. 8th—Sunday Nov. 11th**

North America’s premiere equine exposition and equestrian gathering . . . a unique celebration of the horse offering unparalleled educational, entertainment, and shopping opportunities.
Winter Fundraiser Spectacular
Save the date! Dec. 2, 2018

Our ANSC635 nonprofit management for agricultural businesses class is at it again and has come up with a great new fundraiser to replace the prior Ride a Thons and last year's Photos with Santa events. As in the past, collect pledges to participate. You will be given a packet and more info. in class this week. We are also creating an ONLINE store and will email details when it is operational so that friends and family can pledge you online!

Sunday December 2, 2018
12:30pm to 3:30pm

♦ Obtain $20 in pledges for admission
♦ Each additional $10 pledge will enter you into one activity
♦ A total of $60 in pledges and you can participate in ALL the activities

Details on the activities will be announced in the coming weeks but some of them include...

"Make your own special treats for your favorite horse! Decorate your own horseshoe picture frame!"

"Games include a scavenger hunt, a trivia driven jump-course board game, and ad-lib build a horse!"

As always, we have a barn wishlist and prizes for top fundraisers as well as a great raffle, yummy treats, music and all around good time! Please plan on joining us as we fill up our scholarship fund for 2019.

Equine program; Therapeutic Riding concentration graduates.
Where are they now?

In May 2018, we said “Congratulations” to six graduates from the UNH Equine therapeutic riding major. They taught in our arena and learned to spread their wings but where did they go? Turns out this most recent group didn’t go too far away! Madison Ytterock is still working in our program but is also employed fulltime for Shires Equestrian in NH. Danamary Beane is an instructor in Boxford, MA at Windrush Farm, Faye Deligiannides went to teach at BINA Farm in Lexington, MA and Maggie Flynn is giving lessons at There Be Dragons Farm in Lexington, MA. All three of these students achieved their MA Riding Instructor Licenses which is in addition to their PATH Instructor certification that all six graduates got as students at UNH. Makayla McPherson went to Ray of Light Farm in East Haddam, CT and Angela Kennedy also chose to settle in CT and teach at Hidden Acres Therapeutic Riding Center in Naugatuck.

Equine grad, Makayla with Finn at last years winter fundraiser.

Wishlist Items

Rubber ground feeders-3 gallon rubber feed pan or 4 quart rubber feed pan
Bandage scissors
Vet wrap elastic bandage
Fly spray
Hand Soap
Clorox bleach

Hoof picks with brush end
Small size salt blocks (white)
Absorbine thruash treatment
Puffed peppermint candy to give medicines
Hose spray nozzles
White Vinegar

Equine shampoo
HE Laundry Detergent pads of paper
dry erase markers
ball point pens
hand towels /wash cloths (COTTON
ONLY, can be used)
Therapeutic Riding Program

School horse update

As many of you are aware, Cosmo suffered an injury last December and suffered from a fracture of the medial wing of the left front coffin bone. Although his prognosis was good, poor Cos was on stall rest for months only gradually starting back with hand-walking and then walking with a rider towards the end of the Spring semester. By summer we were able to use him lightly again for therapeutic riding and I’m happy to say that he seems to have made a full recovery. We are not jumping him yet in the University lessons but things are looking good for our most treasured Quarter horse gelding! Boy did we miss having him in classes!

Both Coco and Verano came back from summer camp this Fall and they brought a few pony friends back with them too. We are pleased to have Turner and Ivy with us this semester. We have begun testing Turner for therapeutic and so far are very pleased with the results! We are also happy to report that our beloved school horse Knight, who was nominated by the (IHSA) Inter-collegiate Horse Show Association as the horse of the year in 2015, was adopted by Madison Ytterock who graduated this May with her BS in Equine Studies with a concentration in Therapeutic Riding. Many of you have had the pleasure of working with Madison as she’s working with our program this Fall and was one of our summer instructors as well. On Sunday 10/21/18 they returned to campus to ride in our jumper show. They got a Blue ribbon in crossrails and 5th in the 2ft class. I wonder if he knew where he was?
Cindy’s quote of the season!

“Your life is your story! Write well, edit often.”

Author unknown, heard it on the radio...

The UNH Therapeutic Riding Program is a 2018 Spirit of NH Award Recipient!

On November 13th we will be accepting a Volunteer Program Champion Award in the Education Category at Volunteer NH’s 2018 Spirit of NH Awards Ceremony!

This year’s awards ceremony will be held on November 13th, from 7:00-9:00pm, at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, NH.

Family Day at UNH was Saturday, October 20th and this year the horse barns were one of the scheduled stops with activities for families and friends. In the morning, three equine majors; Kadie Veinote, Theresa Celona and Ashley Natale, with the help of Griffin, amused guests with a fun scavenger hunt trivia game and barn tours. Therapeutic Riding Program Director, Cindy Burke and her daughter Allison carried on in the afternoon using Bailey, Verano, Clementine and Kodiak as equine ambassadors.