



"The horse, with beauty unsurpassed, strength immeasurable and grace unlike any other, still remains humble enough to carry a man upon his back." ~Amber Senti~

STAR VOLUNTEER E-NEWS

Homes of Distinction Tours Benefit STAR

The numbers are in and 2,046 guests later, STAR is the recipient of \$24,500.00! The Bridgmore Homes of Distinction Tours were a huge success! For 3 weekends (Thurs.-Sun.) during the month of September, volunteers from several different organizations, including STAR, unselfishly gave several hours of their time to work the event. Approximately 209 volunteers shuttled guests, worked registration, and monitored houses throughout the span of 12 days.

STAR was selected by Rick & Judy Haynes (parents of STAR rider, Cara Haynes) to receive the proceeds from the Homes of Distinction Tours. Of that, we are so thankful!

Special thanks to all of our STAR Volunteers who helped out and to those who toured the homes too! This was an unexpected boost for STAR and we are forever grateful!

A Great Turn Out For Hoof It! 2011

This past Saturday, October 1st, Dry Ridge Farm again hosted Hoof It! (formerly Hoofing & Hiking.) It was a chilly morning, but beautiful nonetheless! The challenging 5k began with a bang, literally, as the starting gun sounded. The runners were off and the hikers followed. We were without horses this year for the first time due to the recent outbreak of EHV. Be that as it may, we had over 90 people register for the event and we grossed \$24,700! STAR Rider & Volunteer, Michelle Bowen, won the top prize for raising over \$6,035! Patty Fitzgerald with UBS brought in \$1,145 for STAR! The top fundraising team was Curves.

Specials thanks to Paul & Pat Green for hosting the event at their beautiful Dry Ridge Farm! Hoof It! was made extra special by Breeding BBQ! They provided delicious food for everyone and the Dutch Oven cobbler was heavenly! It was such a wonderful day!

A big thanks goes out to all of our sponsors and to the volunteers who worked in the cold temperatures!. Our goal is to continue growing this event and we hope you will plan to be a part of it next year!

Horse Highlights

Well, it has been a very eventful month for our STAR herd! For approximately 10 days, STAR was on a voluntary quarantine due to an outbreak of EHV. Thankfully, none of the STAR horses were affected. However, the day we went to pick up Kandy from UT, we were turned away. She was originally there for a procedure to flush out a fungal infection in her coffin joint. Because of the UT Vet Hospital quarantine, Kandy was required to stay there for another 14 days! She is now finally home! Timone is recovering exceptionally well from his colic surgery! He is being hand-walked twice a day, as well as being turned out in the round-pen for 30 minutes, twice per day. He is a little frisky and often eyes the open fields! The recovery is pretty lengthy, but he is coming along nicely. FeeBee will be leaving us to go back to her home. STAR's way of life just wasn't her cup of tea! Lad has retired off site and was adopted by long-time STAR Volunteer, Melissa Kinton! Melissa and Lad started at STAR at about the same time. I'd say it was meant to be! Lad will be missed!



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As The Herd Turns

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Important Dates

- **October 22-24: Chris Irwin Clinic**
- **November 5: Open House, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**
- **November 18: Barn Party**
- **November 27: Lenoir City Parade**

Volunteer Tips

- Make sure to read all of the boards if you are helping with bring-in and turn-out. Things can change on a daily basis!
- It's fall and you know what that means . . . the temperatures can fluctuate at the drop of a hat! Remember to bring a jacket and gloves with you. You may want to leave them in your car. Then you are sure to have them as needed.
- Volunteer Forms needing to be updated have been given to your instructors. Review and/or complete your form, initial the bottom of the 2nd page, and turn it in as soon as possible.

Chris Irwin Clinic

Chris Irwin will be at STAR again this **October 22-24**, offering classes on natural horsemanship. You can audit the workshop for **\$25.00**. If you are interested in bringing your horse to the workshop, visit Chris Irwin's website at: www.chrisirwin.com. Keep in mind that the techniques we implement at STAR are from Chris Irwin. Auditing the workshop is a great way to get the how's and why's of STAR's horse handling procedures straight from the source.