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# Rainbow Ranch Ranch Hand News

Hi everyone, and welcome to the fourth edition of *Ranch Hand News*. I hope you enjoy reading it, as much as we enjoy putting it together. **And as always, we welcome your input.**

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#### Winter finally over

With winter behind us, our sights can turn to thoughts of summer; trail rides, the shore, flowers, amusement parks, pony rides, the smell of fresh cut grass. Hard to believe that only a few weeks ago we were dealing with ice, snow, and shivering temps. It's not only the trees that come back to life. Rainbow Ranch also comes back to life at this time of year. The smiles of the children are a welcome sight to all of us here. Pony Rides will be starting soon in May. The

date will be posted on the new Web Bulletin Board. So think *Spring*, and we'll see you soon.

#### Register Now for Riding Programs

This season's riding programs will be filling up soon, so be sure to secure your spot.

##### **Pee Wee Riding (Ages 5 to 7)**

A five week program giving the young rider an introduction to riding,

##### **Beginner Riding (Ages 8 to 12)**

A eight week program giving the rider an understanding of horses, riding, and safety, from the ground up.

##### **Private lessons (open to all ages)**

Private and Semi Private (2 riders) lessons geared specifically to individual levels of experience. One hour lessons on a flexible schedule.

**\*\*SIGN UP NOW\*\***

#### Shira

##### *The Pet Psychic*

Rainbow Ranch will be hosting a seminar for this amazing woman.

She can communicate with your pets, and can let you know what is on their minds (even if they have passed on). She has been written about in the New York Times. The article can be read on the new "Web Bulletin Board" page on the RR website. The seminar date is Saturday Aug 22nd, and the Rain date is Saturday Aug 29th. There is no need to bring your pet, although you are welcome to. You can bring a photo of your pet. Remember, even if it has passed on. Attendance is limited, so if you want to know what's up with your four legged friends, sign up quick. A registration form is also available on the Bulletin Board.

#### Horse Day Camp

This summer, Rainbow Ranch will be offering summer day camp. The camps will run Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM, in one week segments. Activities will include:

- Horse Care & Grooming
- Farm activities
- Safety around livestock
- Crafts & Games

Open to children ages 6 to 12. Camps are limited to 12 children per week. Check the web site for dates and availability.

#### New Horse Trainer at RR

We are pleased to announce that Mr. John Hayes is now available to work with your horse here at RR. John brings with him over 15 years of experience in training Cutting and Reining horses. He also specializes in refining the skills of green broke horses, and solving behavior issues.

John's equine expertise comes from four years training under Pat Fitzgerald, of Paoli, Okla working Cutting horses, and over 3 years under Brian Pace, working Reining horses. Among many other winnings, John won the East Coast Cutting Horse Championship in 1994.

John's calm, gentle approach is evident the first time you observe his work.

Your horse is welcome to stay at RR for training, or you can trailer in for lessons.

For more information you can send an e mail to [rr@rainbowranchnj.net](mailto:rr@rainbowranchnj.net) or call Joe at 908-715-6472.

## “Hi, Benson here”



I'm the official RR barn cat. I'm rather handsome, with a grey tiger striped coat and soft green eyes. I'm a year and a half old and this is my first experience with barn work. I've lived at Rainbow Ranch now for about five months and it's a pretty cool job. I was living in a rather busy household, with a toddler and an old sick cat, which I tortured on a regular basis. I guess my other owners couldn't allow that to continue, so they found me a new home at RR.

I have had some successes with rodent control, but I mainly like to just hang out. Most of the time, I'm under the tack room but sometimes I'm in the stalls, waiting and watching. In the mornings, Lu comes up and lets me out of the tack room. I'm glad to see someone, because sometimes I'm lonely. I did have a room mate for a few weeks, but 'Domino' left and is still MIA. I miss him and all, so maybe someday the RR folks will get me another pal.

I'm still a little nervous around the horses, they are so big! But they just look at me and continue with whatever they are doing. When I'm not hunting, I enjoy sleeping in the warm sun, close to the tack room just in case I have to make an escape. Spice and I have met a few times, but I'm not so sure she only wants to say hello.

Please come visit me at the farm this summer. I'll be the one with a mouse in my mouth.

### Best Picture of the Quarter

Provided by Marilu Randolph



### How big was that gopher!

(The horse was fine afterwards)

### Best Joke of the Quarter

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An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse, named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move.

Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond.

Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing.

Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.

The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times.

The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try."

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### Down the Road a Bit

\* Trying again - "Volunteers  
wanted for RR Fall B-B-Q".  
Please e mail or call.

\* Don't forget to register now  
if you would like to attend the  
pet Psychic seminar.

\* E mail us any stories, pix, or  
jokes you would like to share  
with the RHN readers.

Until next Time:

*Happy Trails to  
you, and Yours.*