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# Rainbow Ranch Ranch Hand News

Hi everyone, and welcome to the eighth 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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## Snow Plowing

With 5 significant snowfalls already on the ground with only 50% of the season in, the plow truck has already proved a useful addition to RR services. With a new, a fairly large commercial customer this year, the little truck holds its own against the adverse conditions plowing demands. Remember to tell your family and friends that we are offering this service again this winter.



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## Christmas Party 2010



This year's party had a few of our regulars not in attendance, and although they were missed, we managed to have a nice time. And of course since it was Charlie's 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas



he was fussed with a lot, and was in many photos. We had some new karaoke singers and the new Pac Man video game was also worn out by the end of the night. The little ones had their shot at the traditional prizes won at the one armed bandit. And everyone had their fill at the buffet table.



Joe took the opportunity to thank a bunch of folks for their help in keeping RR going by presenting mini flashlights representing all the points of light that keep RR moving forward, and Marilu was presented with an "Above and Beyond" Plaque, along with a

dozen purple roses, acknowledging her untiring dedication to RR and all the critters, equine and otherwise who live at and pass through the ranch. Marilu said a few words about how working at the ranch has its own rewards. And how having her own horse, after a lifetime of wishing for one, has enriched her life beyond words.



Annie, a Paint, is Lu's horse, and is a very sensible, well mannered equine companion.

## RR Gets a Face Lift

Right up until it was too cold to paint any longer, all who work here got a chance to do some painting on the farm. The arena,



the barn, the large run in shed, and all the fencing down the lane, received all the necessary repairs, upgrades, and paint. Hopefully it will still look fresh and clean in the spring after enduring winter's wrath.

## New Self Care Tenants

The new mini barn was barely complete, when new critters moved in. Harley and Stacy have taken up residence and are loved and cared for by Sue and her family.

Harley has the distinctive ears of a Marwani Arab racing horse.



They are a breed of Arabs that are raced throughout Europe. However, the Arab lineage stops at the ears. Harley is nothing like a race horse. He is calm and gentle, and easily ridden by Sue's Granddaughter. Stacy, a small



mini, is very cute and I'm told Sue has even had her walk

through her home. Cute critters get away with anything; just ask Charlie! Sue and her critters are a welcome addition to the RR family.

## Sarlet Moves to Virginia

Well, you will not see the wellness wagon driving around town any longer. Dr D's moved his practice to Virginia and took Sarlet and Robin with him.



Until Sarlet's new home is ready she is staying at a nearby farm and has a companion named Honnybee, who will move to the new house with her when it's ready. Robin says they love it in Virginia, and have settled in like natives. We wish them well in their new home, and future endeavors.

## A Therapeutic Touch

A full service Massage Studio, right here on Rainbow Ranch.

To schedule a human massage contact Marilu at 908-319-7381

## Lino's Report Card

I did manage to make a visit to observe Lino's progress firsthand. It is a slow learning process to become a refined, consistently predictable, well trained mount. It was initially thought that Lino could be coming home for the winter. However, it has been decided that continuing through the winter in training should put the finishing touches on his training, and get him that much closer to pick up where his brother left off. A fresh load of cows are due in to the training facility very soon, and his cow work will be stepped up in meeting the new group. I will be scheduling another visit shortly, and report on his progress in the next RHN.

## Charlie's Mission Impossible

I'm happy to report that Charlie is doing fine, and getting more popular every day. He also has become Benson the cat's personal trainer. Can you guess what his impossible mission is in this video? Hold down your ctrl key while clicking on link below to take a guess:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ct7Km\\_1GZO](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ct7Km_1GZO)  
(Be sure to watch in full screen)

## Best Picture of the Quarter



## Best Joke of the Quarter

Little Tommy is attending a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs, rump and chest. After a few minutes of watching, Tommy asked his father: "Dad, why are you doing that?" His father replied: "Because when I'm buying horses I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy them." Tommy gets a worried look on his face and says to his dad: "Dad, I think the FedEx guy wants to buy mom."

## Down the Road a Bit

- \* Spring Riding Programs
- \* Mother's Day Trail Ride
- \* Think Spring-1<sup>st</sup> day-3/20/11
- \* 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.*