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Highlights and updates from the Falling Star Ranch Feedback to first newsletter positive

It has been a busy, exciting and fun-filled year for Falling Star Ranch. While everything has slowed down a bit for the winter time, I am still teaching riding lessons either at Falling Star Ranch or out of the indoor arena in McBride (Falkenberg's place, formerly Cowburn's), depending on the weather. Students are required to have Horse Council BC membership in order to use the arena. You are welcome to bring your own horse. Please check with Birgit for health requirements.

Christmas and the New Year are fast approaching. I wish all my clients and friends a very merry Christmas and all the best for a happy New Year. Thank you all for a successful first year and I hope to see you all again in 2008. Falling Star Ranch has many events planned for next year. Find out more in future newsletters.



The feedback to Falling Star Ranch's first newsletter has been very positive. Again, any comments, suggestions and/or criticism are greatly appreciated. If you have an interesting, funny or sad story involving horses or a picture of you with a horse/s that you would like to share, I would be happy to put it in my newsletter. Do you have a great horsey tip that makes life easier? Please let me know so we can share it with the other readers of this newsletter.

Horse Camps for Kids planned for next summer

Falling Star Ranch is planning to hold one or two horse camps for kids during the 2008 summer break. The camps will be day camps and will run from Monday through Friday. Watch for more information in future newsletters or email Birgit for more information.

Photos courtesy of
Keith and Erik Berg



Learning how to properly
pick out hooves



Laurel riding Bandit in
Falkenberg's arena



Recipes for Horse Treats

Recipe 1

- ❖ 3 apples, grated
- ❖ 3 carrots, grated
- ❖ rye flour
- ❖ flake oats

Mix all ingredients; shape dough into small, cookie-sized balls; dough should be moist enough so balls don't crumble; bake at 350° F for 30 min.

Recipe 2

- ❖ 250 gr. molasses
- ❖ 200 gr. whole wheat flour
- ❖ 150 gr. whole wheat or regular flake oats

Mix all ingredients; add a little bit of water and knead dough well; roll dough into long roll, about 1"-1 1/2" in diameter; cut roll into 1" pieces; put pieces onto cookie tray lined with parchment paper; dough doesn't rise, so pieces can be put close together; put tray into preheated oven; bake at 350° F for 10 minutes or until cookies are hard and brown.



Riding/horsemanship clinic postponed

I have decided to postpone the riding clinic until early spring. The weather is just too unpredictable and the roads are often times too treacherous to haul horses on.

Holding the clinic in early spring will be just in time for the upcoming trail riding season and get everybody back into the saddle.

The clinic would either be held at the indoor arena in McBride (Falkenberg's

place, formerly Cowburn's) or at Falling Star Ranch. We may even have the outdoor riding arena at Falling Star Ranch finished by then!



Riette joining up with Splitter during a groundwork clinic

Falling Star Ranch horses will be available for participants. If you would like to bring your own horse, please check with Birgit for health requirements.



Riding clinic at the Falling Star Ranch

Birgit writes weekly horse column for local newspaper

Birgit has been busy writing a weekly horse column for The Valley Sentinel. The articles can be found on the Falling Star Ranch website at www.fallingstarranch.ca/ArticlesPage.htm

Topics so far have included:

- Winter care
- Catching and haltering your horse
- What does your horse's top-line tell you?
- The importance of proper leading



Keep checking back as more articles will be added.

If you have any horse-related questions or suggestions for a future column, be it in regards to training, health, feeding, or whatever else you would like to know, please email me. Either myself or a specialist in that particular field, be it a vet, farrier, nutritionist, etc., will answer it.



Gift Store

Falling Star Ranch now has for sale t-shirts and baseball caps with the Falling Star Ranch logo. For more information, please check out the Falling Star Ranch website at www.fallingstarranch.ca/GiftStorePage.htm.



Corina, a former volunteer from Switzerland, modeling the new Falling Star Ranch wear, with EA Shades of Fire, Falling Star Ranch's Arabian stallion, assisting