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## Falling Star Ranch

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## Highlights and Updates from Falling Star Ranch

Winter is here with its short days, dark nights, snow, ice and cold temperatures and it's time to reflect on the past year. We had another busy, exciting, successful and fun-filled year here at Falling Star Ranch in Dunster. While spring was late and cold, summer was hot and dry, and we also had some beautiful fall riding weather. Thanks to the great weather and the many hard-working

volunteers we had this year a lot of "horse work" got done. Falling Star Ranch welcomed several new students this year. We also held two fun-filled kids camps. During each three-day camp participants learned a lot about horses, proper horsemanship and riding. We also held a horse whispering demo for a Swiss tour group. It was a great opportunity to show what we do here at Falling

Star Ranch. In June, Falling Star Ranch hosted another three-day horsemanship and reining clinic with Chris Irwin Triple Gold Certified Trainer and Coach Trish Hyatt from Vancouver Island. We are looking forward to having her back next year. **Thank you to all our clients for a successful 2009 and we hope to see you all again in 2010.**

## Kids Camps, Clinics and Workshops planned for 2010

### Kids Camp



Falling Star Ranch is planning on holding two three-day horse day camps for kids again during the 2010 summer break.

### Horsemanship and Reining Clinic

We are planning on hosting another clinic with Trish Hyatt, a Chris Irwin Triple Gold Certified (groundwork, riding and driving) Trainer and Coach in the spring. Trish is an outstanding coach who specializes in reining, but her goal is to help every horse/rider pair achieve their specific goal. Watch our website for dates.

### Clinics and Workshops

Birgit is planning on holding horsemanship clinics, workshops and demos on various topics in 2010. Check our website at [www.fallingstarranch.ca](http://www.fallingstarranch.ca) for dates and info on upcoming events or to register. **Birgit is also accepting horses for training starting in May.** Please call or email for more information.



**Even the horses are interested in the clinic.**



**Two Great 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.



**Feature Horse – Bold Cody, American Paint Horse Gelding**



TS Bold Cody, barn name Cody, is a sorrel tobiano American Paint Horse gelding.

My husband Marc bought Cody in June 2000 from Tom Ophus, a paint horse breeder near Niton Junction, Alberta. Cody is the first horse Marc ever bought for himself.



Cody was born on a farm near Niton Junction, Alberta, in August 1997. Cody is bred for speed and cow work. His bloodlines go back to Old Tom Cat, Leo, Three Bars, Top Deck and Man O War. Cody's great-granddad was the world-famous racehorse Secretariat.

For the past three years, Cody has mainly been used for riding lessons, but he also enjoys trail rides and cattle drives. His favourite thing to do, apart from eating and napping, is to chase cows (or deer or dogs). Cody has been the mount for a variety of riders over the past few years. He has helped many students learn how to ride and improve their riding skills, and he has also given some of the more experienced ones an opportunity to experience a real cattle drive.



**Foal at Falling Star Ranch**

Twister (FS Firecracker, registration pending) is our latest colt, born in May 2009. His dam is our blue roan mare Blue (Twisters Blonde) and his sire is our Arabian stallion EA Shades of Fire.





**EA Shades of Fire**

2001 bay Arabian stallion



2010 will be the last season that EA Shades of Fire is standing to outside mares.

We have decided not to breed any more horses and are therefore getting Fire gelded next fall.

Fire has given us three beautiful colts, a red dun, a bay and a blue roan. All of them are out of quarter horse mares and are registered as part-bred Arabians.

For info on breeding to Fire, please visit our website at

[www.fallingstarranch.ca/StallionPage.htm](http://www.fallingstarranch.ca/StallionPage.htm)

**Volunteers A Big Part Of Falling Star Ranch**

Volunteers are a big part of Falling Star Ranch, and we wouldn't be able to do what we do without them. This year we hosted again several volunteers, from Switzerland, Germany, Holland and even Australia.

Birgit and three of the volunteers attended horsemanship clinics with world-renowned horse trainer, coach and clinician Chris Irwin at his ranch in Whitecourt, Alberta. We are pleased to announce that all three girls are now certified Chris Irwin coaches and trainers as well. Congrats to Marjolein from Holland on getting her silver certification in both groundwork and riding, and to Corinne from Switzerland and Alana from Germany on getting their bronze certification in both groundwork and riding. A job well done!



**Marjolein from Holland**



**Annie from Germany**



**Corinne from Switzerland**



**Lia from Australia**



**Alana from Germany**

Some of this year's volunteers are coming back next year to maintain or upgrade their certifications, while others who haven't had a chance yet to get evaluated by Chris are coming back next year to hopefully get certified. We are looking forward to having them here again.



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