

Canter Haven Farm

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All Off the Track Thoroughbreds, all the time!



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As we move away from 2021, the OTTBs have already started planning for the new year! Canter Haven Farm is all about Off the Track Thoroughbreds and their achievements after the track.

For 2022, we have started our schedule! The OTTBs just recently returned from one of the best shows on the planet – the Thoroughbred Classic Horse show in Southern CA and are more focused than ever to attend and support all Thoroughbred specific events.

March 2022 – Usually the third week is the first Thoroughbred Classic show of the year. More details to come!

April 30 -May 1, 2022 – NorCal Thoroughbred Show at Brookside Equestrian Park. [<https://www.norcal-thoroughbred-events.com>]

Conversations with Corgis

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How much do Corgis like horse shows? Well, the answer is a lot! Everyone that follows Canter Haven Farm knows Hannah and our newest addition, Fionn. As this was Fionn's first trip to the Thoroughbred Classic, we wanted to know how it went!

What was a highlight of your trip?

Hannah: I won the Barn Dog contest!

Fionn: What contest? There was a contest? I liked stopping every 2 hours at the truck stops!

What is your job at the horse show?

Hannah: I'm the boss. I keep horses and humans in-line.

Fionn: I give kisses to as many humans as possible!



Did you help with the decorating the barn? Heard that Canter Haven Farm won the barn decorating contest as well!

Hannah: It was all my idea – the Gnome and Corgi theme.

Fionn: What contest? There was a group of people that visited us and I gave them kisses!

Overall, what did you think of the show?:

Hannah – I love coming to the Thoroughbred Classic shows. As you know, the show cannot start until the Corgis arrive!

Fionn – I met so many nice people. Our barn neighbors were the best and one of them sat and played with me for hours! I made so many friends. Cannot wait to go back!



A year in review

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What a great year of clinics, shows, self-evaluation and new directions. I decided mid-summer that rather than attend multiple shows and events every month, it was time to focus and go with what the CHF OTTBs seemed to enjoy the most – the jumper ring. I came to this conclusion after the dressage component of an event. While I think dressage is great for conditioning and training, it is just not our favorite. Gus made this clear when, after he warmed up quite nice at a recent event, he had a change of heart when he saw us heading towards the dressage ring. With the timer ticking and his attempt to convince me that we did not actually *need* to get in the ring, we got in and had our best dressage score to date – a 25.1. But I listened to him and well, dressage is just not his favorite thing. He excels in the jumper ring. XC is a blast and the gallop on the back side of the course is a kick in pants, but it is Jumpers where his talents really come out.

Now that we had a plan, for the rest of 2021 we made a schedule. The OTTBs attended the Treasure Valley Classic in Idaho with focus solely on Jumpers. Money was won in the Jumper stakes as well as great placings for all the OTTBs.

Next was riding with upper-level riders/trainers. In regard to my current training program, I felt it was time to explore more options. I signed Gus and I up for Ride with Randy. William "Randy" Ward, an international 4* event rider, was exactly what we needed. The first time I rode with him, on the second day, he set up a course. I remember looking at my fellow rider with an expression of OMG, and with a big smile, she said good luck! With that, I took a breath and put Gus to work. And it was amazing. Gus really showed me what he can do if I am 1) confident and 2) have a plan so that he knows what we are doing. When Randy came out to Utah a month later, we were there. Randy's high but clear expectations for horse and rider really helped me be better. I have always wanted to do a full 1.0M jumper division and the Jumper Stakes at the Thoroughbred Classic but have backed out the last few times. Not this time! We did it! Even won the division champion.

For the greener OTTBs at the farm, Lisa Bauman, USEA ICP certified Trainer (and equestrian Yogi) has been amazing to work with. Those of us who work with TBs off the track fully understand that they are often overconfident, very competitive, but super sensitive. They always want to get an A plus and when that does not happen, their confidence does a 180-degree turn. Lisa gave super sensitive Red some great exercises to make him rather bold and find his rhythm. This was his first year showing in jumpers and I took in the 0.7m division at the recent Thoroughbred Classic – also winning the division championship!

Kitchen attended his first ever show – The Thoroughbred Holiday Classic! Sure, why not! He has never been to a show so let's go to California! That is how much I love the TCHS. The best show to take any Thoroughbred to and ensure they have a great experience. He even won a blue (and a bunch of other ribbons!)

And of course, the legendary Bernie Traurig. I won the adult educational scholarship offered by Wasatch Range Eventing of Area IX and used the funds to help me bring Bernie to Utah for a 3 day clinic. The clinic was life changing for me. Definitely jump started my new outlook, goals and plans for the OTTBs. Gus responded to Bernie's teachings immediately. I remember Bernie stating that he had never had a horse respond so quickly. Bernie also said I was teachable so that was great to hear and of course, to have immediate, positive results with Gus.



Products of the year – Canter Haven style

It is no secret that I prefer hooves to be barefoot. Since OTTBs are not known for having the greatest of hooves, I am also all about hoof boots. The Canter Haven product of the year is

Scout Boots. Used on 5 of the OTTBs, I have several pairs in various sizes. Gus competed in these during the Treasure Valley Classic 0.95 M jumpers and boots did great. Even in the classic with tight turns, no turning of the boots. They are awesome. ** I buy them from Big Dee's tack as best pricing I have found.

Other products that made the Canter Haven list:

MVP 4-in-1. A great all-around supplement

Uckele CocoHoof. OTTBs hooves have never been better!

Leovet Hoof Lab Hoof Hardener. Easy to apply. Happy hooves

Leovet Cellsius gel. This cooling gel is amazing!! Gus loves it and that is all the proof you need that this is a good product. Mr. Thin Skin has wiggled away from every other liniment out there, but Cellsius – he stands, relaxes and allows the gel to do its job.

Leovet FrogMedic – ok, no one likes to admit that their horse's frog gets a thrushy spot but it happens, even in the dry Utah summer. FrogMedic took care of issues quickly and super easy to apply.

**while on this topic of frogs: our favorite homemade solution – Pete's goo. Athlete's foot cream and triple antibiotic.



New Product in the Canter Haven Tack Room

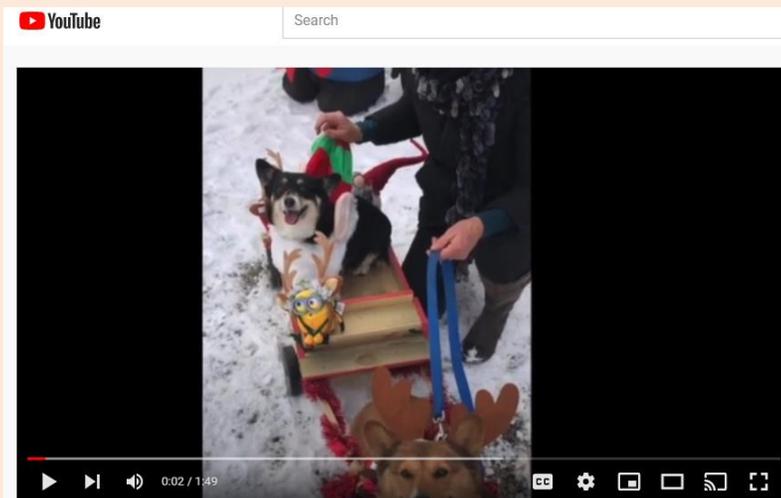
As a vendor at the Thoroughbred Classic, SynNutra was generously handing out free samples. SynNutra also sponsored the gift basket for the barn decorating contest. Did I mention that Canter Haven Farm won? The basket was amazing and VERY generous. Not only was there a bottle of wine (in true California form. I love CA), but a BOX of SynNutra SynChill. Can everyone say Rainmaker.....This may be just what he needs. Super excited to try it out! To learn more: <https://synnutraequine.com/>



Wishing Everyone a Happy Holiday and a fabulous New Year

As I'm not sure I can beat the video christmas card I made last year, here is the link again:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rs4CdA6HTf0>



Don't Forget – Cheery Acres Online Horse Shows

Voted the best online horse show by Canter Haven. The Cheery Acres Online horse show series is professionally run, super fun, very competitive (Rainmaker's Hunter Division was more competitive than any local inperson horse show with 12+ competitors and super talented equines), participants that are supportive, beautiful ribbons and great prizes. Affordable and builds confidence – Think about it - You are posting your video for the world to see.

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Winter series has just started!

