



Winter-Spring 2015 Newsletter

Our Charter: Sunnyside Stock Farm (SSF) seeks to provide a quality environment for you and your horse(s) and is dedicated to serving each customer as if their animal were our own. We are a place where the love of horses draws people of like minds together. If you love horses as we do and if you love horse people as we seek too, then SSF may be an option for your boarding needs.

Veterinary Clinics: San Diego, meteorologically speaking, is a place of perpetual summer with minor intrusions of winter. Our "Spring" is hard, often, to discern but March and April mean it's time to update your animal's vaccinations and basic health maintenance considerations. Sunnyside Stock Farm has two veterinary clinics set for March. The first will be conducted by LAVA with Dr. Larry Catt the attending veterinarian. The clinic will start at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday March 21st. A service sign-up sheet is posted at the main bulletin board and a second on the bulletin board at the north end of the ranch, listing the services which you can schedule.

Dr. Gary Amaral will conduct a clinic on March 28th at 9:30 A.M. A service sign-up sheet is posted at the main bulletin board and a second on the bulletin board at the north end of the ranch, listing the services which you can schedule.

Welcome our New Boarders: Since our newsletter of September 1, 2014 we have had a number of new additions to the Sunnyside Stock Farm family. Many of you have likely met our new boarders; Frances Mercado and her mare *Jackie O*, Valarie & Jewelea Dahl owning *Agera, Lilly and Bella*, Tina Bowidowicz and her black gelding *Quest*, Terrie Tompkins and her gelding *Jet*, Vickie Pasterak and Mr. Kool and Karen Mallory and the gelding *Ira*. Please give each of them a warm welcome if you have not already done so.

Sunnyside Stock Farm Website: The Sunnyside Stock Farm website is up and running. Type into your computer or device sunnysidestockfarm.com and view the website, the photographic tour, download forms for change of services, limited liability releases and other. You can also contact the farm office directly through the website mail boxes.

Reminder to Update Emergency Contact Information: If your contact information has changed, there is a change to your attending veterinarian or you need to change services, notify the office by telephone, email us through the Stock Farm website or fill out a form, forms are on the left-hand side of Alan's tack room. The office contacts are davidphair@msn.com, telephone number 619-434-3812 or ssfinvoices@gmail.com.

A Touch of Spain at Sunnyside Stock Farm: In the block barn of Sunnyside Stock Farm reside two individuals of the breed known as *The Andalusian*, also known as the *Pure Spanish Horse* or PRE (*Pura Raza Española*). In the front stall, on the left, is *Leo* and housed to his rear is the liver-bay *Amaya*. Both are direct line descendants of the first Spanish Stud Book, originally compiled in the 15th century.

The breed is known for very distinctive conformation traits which made the animal a formidable war horse for the Spanish conquistadores. Spanish monarchs often sealed international treaties with gifts of the breed to their royal counterparts. Kings across Europe rode and owned Spanish horses and artwork of the age shows English, Hapsburg and German princes riding upon or dismounting their Andalusian steeds.

By the 19th century, attrition due to warfare, disease among the herds and intensive cross-breeding had greatly reduced the sire book. Not until the mid-20th century did the stud book begin to rebound, when international stud farms increased the breed numbers after the export ban from Spain were lifted. By the year 2010 there were more than 185,000 registered Andalusians worldwide.

Strongly built, compact, yet elegant, Andalusians have long, thick manes and tails. Their most common color of the breed is gray, though variants of bay are also seen. The breed has always been prized for their intelligence, sensitivity, docility and bravery. A sub-strain within the breed known as the *Carthusian*, is considered by breeders to be the purest strain of Andalusian, though there is no genetic evidence for this claim. The strain is still considered separate from the main breed however, and is preferred by breeders because buyers pay more for horses of Carthusian bloodlines.

The Andalusian is closely related to the Lusitano, a breed recognized in Portugal. The Andalusian is the parent stock of many breeds in Europe and the Americas. Most of the German warm bloods are descended from the Andalusian as is the Azteca of South America.

Over the centuries the horse has been used as the aforementioned war horse, in mounted bull fighting, dressage, driving, stock horses and dressage.

But let's get back to Leo and Amaya; the former is owned by Joe Bane and the second by Monika Horvat. The two individuals and their equine partners recently competed in the *Baroque Division* for the Hunter and Dressage classes held on December 5th and then again in the *Baroque Championships* on 12-07-14. Leo was a wonderful big brother and mentor to Amaya, helping his junior through the excitement of a new environment. In football parlance, Leo was the old pro mentoring the rookie.



Both riders and their equine mates earned Reserve Championships, doing extremely well in all their classes.

Leo is the mores seasoned animal, but Amaya was competing for the first time. Monika reported that "Amaya was at first very nervous, but he did soooo good." Monika is a very proud mama!

Amaya and Monika have just started their competitive lives; the "Baroque" classes featuring breeds including the Andalusian, Friesian, Lusitano and Lipizzaner. Only five, Amaya has just begun his show career. He and Monika will compete in many breed shows featuring disciplines including Dressage, Show Hack and English Hunt. Monika fell in love with horses before she was 10 years old and started riding at the age of 12. She brought Amaya into her family in July 2014.



Next challenge Carousel Charity Horse Show in Scottsdale, Arizona in March!

Joe has been riding for 12 years, the last four Leo has been his partner. Joe and Leo are preparing for another campaign in the Hunter and Dressage classes, considered the classic English riding styles. Joe and Leo compete also in English Country Pleasure, Show Hack, Dressage Suitability, Halter Presentation classes and the Native Spanish Tack and Attire class.

Leo and Amaya became instant brothers (from different mothers) when Amaya moved to Sunnyside in July 2014 and the two are often found working simultaneously in arena or “letting down” on the trail. Their future is tied too; the two horses and their human mates are scheduled to compete this year in "Fiesta of the Spanish horse," Burbank in May. Joe and Leo are off, next week, to the “Carousel Charitfy Horse Show” in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Wish our “touch of Spain” safe travels and success in the show arenas.

From The Desk of Dave Phair: Dave Phair, who founded and spent nearly every day at his second home, Sunnyside Stock Farm, kept in a small leather bound pouch years of collected poems, letters he wrote or which were written to him, wisdom insights and prayers. Following is an excerpt of one of those prayers by an unknown writer;

**...In the quiet of the morning
I pray for peace, for wisdom, power;
To view the world with eyes filled with love,
To be patient, understanding, gentle and wise.
To look beyond what seems to be and know
Those about me and see nothing but good in them.
Make my ears deaf to slanders that are told,
Silence my lips to all save what is kind,
Let my thoughts be those which are blessings to others.
Let me be kindly, full of cheer and be clothed with a
Beauty which is not of myself, but of something far better.**

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