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Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association, Inc



Our hearts go out to Dave Markell and his family, whose treasured horse, LB, recently passed on. LB was loved by many. A fund for youth polo players is being organized in LB's memory by [Laura Murphy](#).



Hurricanes, Blizzards, Tornadoes, Floods, Fires, Roofs Collapsing.

All are in the news daily. How long before we find ourselves in an emergency situation? Rhode Island Disaster Animal Response Team (RIDART) can help us plan ahead. On Feb. 17th Betsy Grenier will speak about being ready. We will learn how to access quality response and recovery for our animals in an emergency situations. Don't miss this important meeting.

-Loie

Directions to Roseland Acres: At Tiverton Four Corners take a left at the light, past Gray's ice cream, uphill about 1 mile. There is a sign on the left; enter driveway – there is plenty of parking out back. The meeting is in the cottage starting at 6 p.m. with soup & sandwiches.

If anyone one from Newport or Middletown needs a ride call Loie (619-4624).

Calendar of Events

AIHA MEETING

February 17, 2011

6:00 p.m. Roseland Acres,
Tiverton

Glen Farm

Indoor polo on Mondays,
Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.

Interscholastic polo—practice and
tournaments—most weekends
throughout the winter.

Beach Polo

Feb. 19 & 20, 2 p.m. at Second
Beach

Horseman's Bazaar

March 27, 2011

Metcalf Elementary School, Rt3.
(Nooseneck Hill Rd), Exeter, RI

Web Link:

www.orgsites.com/ri/aiha





Oliver

Life sometimes tosses each of us a curve ball. Once my beloved horse Chill entered retirement I claimed I'd never own another horse. The thought of leasing a horse after so many years of ownership became very appealing. Then, Oliver arrived. Owned by my dearest of friends, Meredith and Jere Russo I had the opportunity to enjoy Oliver throughout the summer of 2010 at Glen Farm while they vacationed in Rhode Island. Meredith allowed me to take Oliver anywhere I wanted. Hunter paces, judged pleasure rides, doing as much as possible as often as we could. I think I always knew he would be mine someday. Why else would I have taken a green 5-year old and exposed him to the scary monsters off the property? I wanted to test the waters, kick the tires and do whatever necessary to see if a match was doable. He passed the tests. I'm not saying he's perfect; he does show promise that he'll mature into a steady mount. My goal is to train Oliver to be versatile; not in any one discipline. On hunter paces I want him to jump small obstacles confidently and canter across open fields like a field hunter. I want pleasant flat work with smooth transitions.



Oliver was born in Minnesota and trained to drive at the age of three by an Amish farmer. I long line him regularly to keep his mind active and avoid being bored with the same training day after day. I believe cross training is essential not only to give him a mental break but to strengthen various muscle groups. He is a unique bred; Friesian x Appendix Quarter horse. Many people comment on his chiseled ears; a Friesian attribute.

Enjoy the photos and check back with us in a year.

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The Horseman's Bazaar is **March 27th**, AIHA has a table reserved for all members who would like to sell items they are no longer using. If you have items but can't take them to Exeter on **March 27th** call Loie at 619-4624.

Rhode Island Disaster Animal Response Team

RIDART Objectives

Provide humane care and handling of animals before, during and after disasters by staffing emergency animal care centers.

Appropriate equipment and supplies for pre- and post-disaster shelter and rescue of horses and farm livestock.

Provide emergency medical care to animals injured in a disaster or provide emergency transportation to a veterinary clinic for treatment.

Assist recovery efforts involving both living and dead animals.

Release information to the general public through responsible spokespersons from the designated agencies, regarding such issues as quarantine areas, rabies alerts, public service information Announcements, etc.

Our goal as the Rhode Island Disaster Animal Response Team is to provide quality response and recovery to our animals in emergency situations. We are a volunteer-based team that provides its volunteers with multiple training opportunities annually and offers certification in various skills and levels of training for disaster response, free of charge.

The documentary *Mine* portrays the intimate bond between humans and their animals challenged by One of the worst disasters in U.S. history, hurricane Katrina. This powerful and emotional video Stresses the severe importance of disaster preparedness and first responder training for all DART members.

<http://www.orgsites.com/ri/ridart>

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Mail with this form to: AIHA, c/o Lisa Murray

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