

HOOFBEATS



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PAL

LESSON HORSE OF THE MONTH



Pal is a good looking bay and white American Paint gelding. Pal is 14 years old and 15.1 hands high. Before coming to Jester Park Equestrian Center, he was a competitive 4-D barrel racing horse. With his quiet, dependable nature and willingness to work he is on his way to becoming a solid therapeutic horsemanship horse, as well as learning what it takes to help out during camps and special events. Pal is sweet and a great all-around horse, and has recently been working into our able-bodied lesson program and is doing fantastic here at JPEC!

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
 NO LESSONS -- Certified Horsemans Association Clinic.....					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Intro To Horses Camp					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Circus, Circus Beginner Camp					TTR Event!
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Hit The Trails Intermediate Camp					TTR & Trail Event!
28	29	30				
	Tiny Tots Half Week Camp					

- **Special JPEC Sponsored Events**
 - Time To Ride Events
 - Trail Campout
- **Day and Half Day Camps**
 - Intro To Horses 9am-2pm
 - Circus, Circus Camp 9am-2pm
 - Hit The Trails 9am-2pm
 - Tiny Tots Half Week 9am-12pm

Find a detailed calendar of events of all the happenings at JPEC on our facebook page!

TIME TO RIDE

(Preferably all day everyday!!)

JPEC is proud to announce participation in the "Time to Ride" program. Offering unique opportunities to learn about horses, and experience them for the first time. Event is open to the public and free of charge. Visit: www.timetoride.com. Proudly partnering with AQHA and the American Horse Council. These events are open to the public and FREE OF CHARGE!

Upcoming Time to Ride Events:

Saturday, June 20th from 11 am to 1:30 pm:

The event theme for this Saturday is "Pick a Pony Day"-

Bring your children out for a great first experience with our well-trained ponies and knowledgeable staff! Tailored for children under the age of 10, but fun for the whole family! Participants will have an opportunity to take a brief pony ride, paint a masterpiece on a live horse canvas, learn about ponies at our activity station, and receive a digital photo keepsake with a live pony!

Saturday, June 27th from 1 pm to 3:30 pm:

The event theme for this Saturday is "Horses, Horses, Herds of Horses"-

Bring your family out for a fun-filled day of horses and more! Activities for the day will include: a live demonstration of Horse Behaviors- how they make friends, what their body language means, and how they "talk" to one another, A Parade of Breeds- learn about different types of horse and pony breeds and what makes them special, Riding Demos- What types of riding styles horses can learn- English, Western, Dressage, Jumping, and more, and Wagon Rides with our Percheron draft horses.

Sunday, July 5th from 1 pm to 4 pm:

The event them for this Saturday is "Horse's Salute to America"-

Come out and celebrate the importance of July 4th with our horses at JPEC! This event will be a celebration of horses and their role in America's history. Activities will include Wagon Rides, a salute to our military veterans, a themed horse costume contest, and Reinactments of key horses in American history. Event will conclude with a marshmallow roast and sparklers for the kids.

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Hot, Warm, and Cold?

Have you ever heard the terms "hot blood, cold blood, and warm blood" in relation to types of horses before and wondered what on earth somebody was talking about?

Types of Horses!

Horses that fall into the **'Hot Blood'** category are lighter built and more stream-lined. They originated in mostly warmer climate areas and tend to have finer coats, manes, and tails. They were bred to have speed and stamina. Traditionally, there are two breeds recognized as hotblooded; the Arabian and the Thoroughbred. The Arabian was the original and once it reached the continent of Europe in the 16th and 17th Century, it revolutionized horse breeding by crossing with English horses to produce the second hot blood breed, the Thoroughbred. The term 'hot blooded' actually refers to the horse's temperament rather than the actual temperature of their blood. The same intensity that makes Arabians and Thoroughbreds ideal as racehorses can make them high-strung and fiery tempered. Here at Jester Park we have one of each of the Hot Blood breeds -- Airo, our bay Arabian gelding, and Eddie, our chestnut Thoroughbred gelding. Though they are both graceful, handsome looking boys, they don't really live up to their breeds' reputation. They are both quiet, sweet and very content with working in our lesson and camp programs instead of running races.

The term **'Cold Blooded'** refers to large boned, heavy bodied horses that typically fall into the Draft Horse category. They originated in colder climates and tend to have thicker more course coats, manes, and tails. They were bred to have tremendous strength but, as the term 'cold blooded' implies, also an easy-going, gentle nature and quiet temperament. Cold Blooded horses were developed for agricultural and general draft (pulling) work for long hours at slow paces. Because of their tremendous size and heavy build, they tend to lack athleticism or the ability to move quickly. Some of the most common examples of the breed include the Shire, Clydesdale, Suffolk Punch, and the Haflinger. At Jester Park we have a Haflinger gelding named Butterbeans. Haflingers are not as tall as many of the cold blood breeds, but are heavily built and designed to be strong and hard working. Beans is a good example of the quiet, gentle nature of cold blooded horses.

As you may have guessed, **'Warm Blood'** refers to a breed that was developed by crossing hot and cold blooded breeds together. This was done in an effort to calm the high strung nature of the hot bloods, and add some of the size and strength of the cold bloods. The result was a tall, slightly heavier boned horse with intelligence, power, strength and stamina. They excel in many areas, but are a favorite choice for dressage, driving, jumping, and eventing. Many countries or even sepcific regions have developed their own strains of warm blood horses including the Hanoverian, Dutch Warmblood, Canadian Warmblood, Trakhener, and Holsteiner, to name a few. We have a couple of warm blood examples here at JPEC. Our lesson horse Indy is a Clydesdale/Arabian cross, and Payday is a Canadian Warmblood.

Pictures to the right is our lesson horse "Bill" - Bill is an American Quarter horse, thinking about what you read above, do you think he's a hot blood warmblood, or cold blood?

