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Hi there everyone !

Well, Spring looks like it is on its way, however, as I write this there is a very cold wind blowing in Cheshire. Ben and I are doing extremely well. He has really settled down now, and is jumping well. I am hoping that within a few more weeks, we should be making an appearance at a show ! He went cross country training recently and absolutely loved it. I have never been eventing, always show jumped, but I have to say I think I may do a novice one day event with him - I think it would be great fun. (As long as the fences are not too big - oh and the dressage test - Yikes !!) Richard Long is my instructor and has helped both Ben and I develop enormously after a short time. Jack who also works on the yard where Ben is kept has also helped greatly, so I feel I have a really good support mechanism around me. And not forgetting my groom Adam, and general terror, I mean terrier Toby ! Will keep you all updated with our progress, safe riding to you all. Kindest Regards, Andy

Preparing your horse for Spring

Be cautious about introducing your horse to lush green pasture if it has been eating hay all winter. A horse that is allowed to nibble grass as it emerges will be introduced slowly and naturally. But putting a horse or pony out on pasture suddenly can lead to things like colic and founder. Make the transition to pasture very slowly especially with ponies, draft breeds and draft crosses. As little as thirty minutes on fresh grass can cause a pony to founder.

Horses accustomed to being blanketed during the cold weather may still need blankets during temperature dips or rainy weather. Don't forget to remove the blanket when the weather warms up again!

KEEPING HORSE FLIES AT BAY !

Well, it is that time of year again with those dreaded flies appearing intent on upsetting our horses !

I tried 3 or 4 very expensive fly repellants on Ben, none of them seemed to work - until I tried an inexpensive home made one ! Here is how I make it -

Purchase a plastic spray bottle

Fill one 1/4 of the bottle with apple cider vinegar

Fill 1/2 of the bottle with water

and 1/4 of the bottle with baby oil

Shake well before use and spray over the coat before turning out

It smells a bit, and the flies hate it because the baby oil makes them stick to the coat

But it works really well !!



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**Manchester Police
Horses - an insight**



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Q1: Where are the Police horses kept?

A. The Police horses are stabled at the Youth Development Center on North River Road in Manchester.

Q2: How many horses does the Mounted Unit have?

A. At present we have 2 horses, Shorty and Valor.

Q3: What type of horse does the Mounted Unit use?

A. We have used two thoroughbred horses which have since been retired. Shorty is a seven year old Canadian Warmblood and Valor is a three year old Percheron. Both are geldings.

Q3a: How much does your horse weight?

A. Shorty is about 1500 lbs. Valor is about 1800 lbs.

Q4: How does the Mounted Unit get its horses?

A. Over the years most of our horses have been either purchased or donated to the section.

Q5: What requirements does a horse need to have to become a Police horse?

A. Police horses need to be of a good quiet nature but with the ability to work with large noisy crowds, traffic on the road and for long hours. We like our horses to be of a large imposing type, generally over 16.2hh, but horses of 16hh will be considered if they are very good in all other areas.

Q6: What training must a Police horse complete?

A. All Police horses, and riders for that matter, have to be trained to cope with all aspects of police work covering patrolling, ceremonial parades, street parade and marches, bush searches and civil disorder situations. This is accomplished by training in street patrolling, nuisance, and civil disorder training.

Q7: How does the Mounted Unit move its horses around?

A. The Mounted Unit has a four wheel drive truck that tows a two horse box trailer. We will sometimes trailer our horses to different areas of the City or we can ride them right from the stables. Horses are moved around the City on a daily basis for patrol, parades, etc.

Q8: How do I become a Mounted Unit Patrol Officer?

A. All police officers who have completed a minimum of two years service are eligible to apply to come to the Mounted Unit. An officer would then submit a note to the Chief of Police stating that he/she would like to be considered for a position in the Mounted Unit. Vacancies in the Unit are then filled from these applicants.

Q9: Can I visit the mounted horse barn?

A. Yes! Call the Manchester Police Department at 668-8711, ext. #437, to arrange a tour.

Q10: Can I pet your horse?

A. Yes, our horses love attention! It is always polite to ask first though in the event we are assisting with a police call.

