



First Issue!!

Hello Sandy Hoofs friends and family! Exciting times as we embark on Sandy Hoofs first ever newsletter! What can you expect from this? We'll keep you up to date with where we are at and what our upcoming goals/events are. Sandy Hoofs has come a long way from first inception. You can check out our story [online](#) it's been quite the journey! Our hardest challenge of course was surviving the COVID 19 lockdowns and limitations, but we have made it this far! Many thanks to much support from all of you.



MISSING

We are still searching for Teflon and Sandy. They were stolen on Friday 20th August at 3pm. Each of our horses are a part of our family and we can't wait to have them back with the rest of the herd. Check out our links on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and keep an eye and ear out for any leads that we can follow up on.



- ### What's Up This Month?
- Upcoming Raffle!!
 - Stables Construction.

You could win!

September FUNDRAISER Raffle

This is another first for Sandy Hoofs as we have not held any fundraising raffles before. We are excited and looking forward to it's success! Creating a safe working environment not only takes time but also enough finances. We have been really blessed to get some SUPER support with prizes for a raffle to help us with fundraising.

The prizes that we have so far are:

1. A romantic two night stay at Stonefield with breakfast included.
2. An exciting FULL term of French lessons at the Alliance Franciase.
3. An exhilarating zipline at Morne Coubaril Estate.
4. An adventurous private 2 hour beach horseback ride.
5. The most divinely delicious cake made by the one and only Stephanie Devaux.



These are some great prizes!! We'll be launching this raffle on September 15th so if you'd like to support by offering up any additional prizes (the more the merrier!) just let me know and I'll be happy to add them in.

What
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Fundraising
towards?

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An Improved Arena

Firstly is the arena. As you all know when it rains it gets quite muddy and usually too dangerous to conduct a lesson. It can take some time to dry out even if sun is back out in time for the lessons and we are hesitant to have the students in the arena. The kids all love a trail ride but the arena lessons are very important. The arena needs proper footing and drainage so that regardless of a downpour we can still operate a class and keep up with training and lessons. We are also lacking instrumental equipment in the arena that aids in teaching and helps the students visualise the riding forms and time their commands. Some of the basic items used are dressage letter markers, jumpstands and painted poles for use in ground work as well as jumping.



Arena Goals!!
(Of course not as big as this).

Secure Pastures

Secondly is the pastures. As you are aware we had two of our horses stolen on Friday 20th August. They were not stolen directly from the stables but from one of the spots that we tie them to graze. We are working on having enough pasture space secured for them so that they can be kept safely at the stables but they are curious animals by nature and at times find their way out. The most effective way of keeping them in is by using electrical fencing specifically made for horses. This is used all around the world and although may sound a bit harsh it is something that many horse lovers swear by. The electrical charge is never set higher than to discourage the horse from leaning or rubbing on the barrier. They are very intelligent animals and quickly learn to associate the shock with the barrier. Most farm owners boast that they no longer need to have the fences turned on after the horses have learnt not to rub or push on the barriers.



Pasture Goals!!



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Sandy Hoofs will be running limited operations this month of September as we have a few tasks to work on and just have not had enough time with our limited staff. Conducting the lessons usually means all hands on deck so a few important tasks have not been completed. Lessons will be back on full swing from October 1st. During this time will be completing the stalls and getting the roofing on as well as working on the drainage for the stalls and the arena. If anyone feels like the gym is not working for them and would like to try some hard labor you are most welcome :)

THANK
YOU

As this is our first issue what better time than to mention persons that have helped us out in a big way in the past few months. Mr. Rayneau who has allowed us to occupy his land for our riding school to be a possibility. This was a Lifesaver!! Ms. Barbara Perfect who gave us ALL of the wood that we used to build the arena and the foundation and framing of the building. What a gal! Mr. Ramon Esper who has donated all the galvanise that will cover the stalls. This gives the horses much better protection from the elements and also allows us a large expanse in which to collect rainwater from. Yay! Mr. Scott Veitch and family who donated not only a vast amount of his time to help us in moving location and building the main office, the arena fencing and starting the stalls but who's family also reached out and helped us financially with some of the materials needed to complete the building. It's built Canadian strong!! . Last but definitely not least Sophie and Iloe who were instrumental in the foundation of our riding school. Iloe was our first ever student and her mother Sophie has been our backbone keeping us steady and focused in so many ways.



Scott Veitch practically built it from the foundation to the roof!

Next Issue Sneak Peak:

At the end of October we will have a costume competition (Covid permitting of course) with a Halloween theme so students start thinking about costume ideas!



There are SO many more people that have helped Sandy Hoofs become what it is today and we are unbelievably grateful to all of you. We are excited to continue along this journey together in creating a haven for learning with horses.



Don't Forget: Look out for the raffle coming out on the 15th September!

Love from the Sandy Hoofs team and herd.