

# PONY EXPRESS

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# CHARTWELL STABLES

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Feel free to add us to What'sApp

**TEXT WITHIN WORKING HOURS PLEASE**

### PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

If you have any queries regarding lessons, make-ups or accounts, please call us on the above number.

**Please call in the mornings rather than the afternoons.**

We are on a strict schedule in the afternoons to keep lessons running on time and so cannot give you our undivided attention.

We do not have access to the What'sApp after hours so please if you need to message us do so within working hours.

- Thank you for understanding.

## WELCOME !!!

Welcome our new riders this month:

**Lilly Becker, Aimee Winthagen and Jayden Wegrostek**

You have chosen the right place to learn how to ride! We have many activities that you can get involved in every month so please keep an eye out for this monthly newsletter. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to chat to one of the instructors.

Get involved with activities like fun days, pony camps and special outrides on public holidays. We also hold training shows where you can enter even at the most novice of levels as there will always be someone to help you round.

We pride ourselves in being one of the most well known children's yards in Gauteng and we love to start our riders off on their equestrian career.

We have a new horse in the yard!

His name is **CARNAVON**, he belongs to Emma but will hopefully be leased to one of our older, more advanced riders. Don't forget to take a carrot and say hi.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to those that celebrate their special day in April:

**Jasmine and Hannah Johnston and Leano Mawela**

Happy birthday to all of you!  
Have a very special day.

## \*\*\* VERY IMPORTANT \*\*\*

### MAKE-UPS IN APRIL

There are many holidays in April so please can you make sure you organise your make-ups soon. Please remember that we need at least 24hrs notice in order to book a make-up and no make-ups will be given to those who do not pitch for their lessons without warning. Please speak to your instructor to organise.

**CHARTWELL STABLES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE EASTER WEEKEND:**

**Friday, 19th April to Monday, 22nd April**

**We will re-open for lessons as normal on Tuesday, 23rd April**

## CHARTWELL TRAINING SHOW

**SUNDAY, 7th April 2019**

Don't forget to enter our Training Show!

**Everyone is Welcome and Beginners will be led.**

It's a great morning where friends and family can come and watch how well you are all riding. Bring some camping chairs and relax around the arena while you watch all of our riders compete.

## PONY CAMP

**TUES, 16th to 18th April : COST: R1600 for 3 Days**

**Owed make-up lessons can count towards HALF of the cost.**

**STAYING THE NIGHT IS NOT COMPULSORY** and those of you who don't want to, may be dropped off in the mornings and fetched in the evenings.

If you do want to stay then bring your sleeping bag and pillow. (Maybe a midnight feast). You will work in the yard and learn the importance of looking after the ponies, feed them and groom them and have a lecture on something to do with horses.

**You will also ride twice a day!!**

In between all this hard work you can play in the garden or try your hand at arts and crafts. In the evening there are games to play, bonfires to roast marshmallows on and stories to tell.

Parents need not worry as your children are supervised every step of the way.

So come and join in the fun!

Please speak to your instructor and for more information and to book your spot.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

**FRIDAY MORNING, 19th April 2019**

8am sharp please

This is open to all our liveryes, Chartwell Doubles and Chartwell Triples.

Join us for an early ride around the neighbourhood to hunt for Easter Eggs.

Please make sure you book soon!

Speak to your instructor.



## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**SATURDAY, 27th April - LESSONS AS NORMAL**

As this public holiday falls on a Saturday we have decided to run lessons as usual so see you there!

**WEDNESDAY, 1st May - OUTRIDE**

On this public holiday we will have the usual public holiday outside which kicks off at 8am sharp!

**PLEASE BOOK AND GET HERE ON TIME.**



## LIVERIES RIDING TIMES

You are more than welcome to come and ride your horse/pony outside of our normal hours but please ensure there is always adult supervision.

Please also ensure that if you have moved anything around the arenas that it gets put back. You are also allowed to go on outrides but please make sure that there are always two of you at least and **always take a cell phone.**



## RACEHORSES

We thought it was time to do an update on our 3 youngsters that were with us at the beginning of the year. Kelly phoned and spoke to their trainer and he says although they are still a little immature, they have started doing their canter work on the track.

They might still be a few months away from races but are coming along very well. According to Roy (trainer) Flower Of Scotland is the naughtiest of the 3. Dar 'es Salaam and Vicar's Delight are doing well and learning fast. Watch this space for more updates on how they're getting on.

## AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS (AHS)

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

AHS does not spread directly from one horse to another, but is transmitted by the Culicoides Midge, which becomes infected when feeding on other infected equidae. It occurs mostly in the warm, rainy season when midges are plentiful, and disappears after frost, when the midges die. Most animals become infected in the period associated with sunset and sunrise, when the midges are most active.

When the horse is infected with AHS the disease can either attack the lungs or the heart or both.

The disease can be caught early by catching high temperatures as that is one of the first symptoms.

### Other symptoms are:

#### DUNKOP (attack of the lungs)

- difficulty in breathing, with mouth open and head hanging down.
- frothy discharge may pour from the nose.
- sudden onset of death.
- very high death rate (90%).

#### DIKKOP (attack of the heart)

- fever, followed by swelling of the head and eyes.
- in severe cases, the entire head swells ("dikkop").
- loss of ability to swallow and possible colic symptoms may occur.
- terminal signs include bleeding (of pinpoint size) in the membranes of the mouth and eyes.
- Slower onset of death, occurring 4 to 8 days after the fever has started.
- Lower death rate (50%).

This diagnosis can only be confirmed by identifying the virus in a laboratory. It is, therefore, essential that blood samples be taken from the horse during the fever stage of the disease for analysis. As AHS is a controlled disease, horse owners are obliged by law to notify the local State Veterinarian of suspected cases.

Horse owners are also required by this law to notify their local state veterinarian of any cases of AHS.

The Act also requires that all equines (horses, donkeys and mules) must be vaccinated at least once a year with an approved AHS vaccine.

The vaccine includes two injections that are given three weeks apart.

Care must be taken to keep an eye on the horse in this time by monitoring his temperature and light work.

## CHARTWELL TRAINING SHOW : SUN, 7 APRIL 2019

All classes need to be paid in **cash** before the show. Show payments are a separate fee and will not be invoiced.

**FEES: R120 per Class**

### SPONSORS

We are always looking for small sponsored prizes for our shows : choccies, sweets, horsey things etc etc. If anyone can sponsor any of these things for our kids please speak to your instructor. Our riders always appreciate these prizes very much! Please bring these to the office.

Class 1	30cm (Children may be led on their ponies)	Class 4	80cm
Class 2	50cm	Class 5	90cm
Class 3	60cm		

RIDER	PONY	2ND CHOICE	CLASS	AMT
			<b>TOTAL AMT</b>	

It is understood that all the stable rules apply to the show and the current indemnity form, which was signed upon starting, applies.

Name of Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>PAID</b>	<b>CASH ONLY</b>
	<b>DATE:</b>