

Stone Ledge Farm Winter 2018 Newsletter

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Introducing the new Stone Ledge Farm Newsletter! The Newsletter is intended to keep all of our riders and families up-to-date on current events happening at the barn, spotlight the accomplishments and achievements of our riders, and to learn more about the horse world!

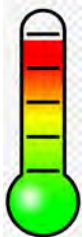
ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Waivers: With a new year comes new Hold Harmless Agreements and Client Contact Forms! Each rider is required to provide a new completed Hold Harmless Agreement and Client Contact Form each calendar year. Please complete these forms (attached in the original email within the New Rider Packet) and bring them in at your earliest convenience!

Updated Policies & Expectations: Please note that we have updated our Program Policies and Expectations and added additional clauses regarding lessons for minors. These clauses state that it is in the best interest of the rider for a guardian to be on the premises during lessons if the rider is a minor. Any guardian that chooses to leave the premises during a lesson for a minor should be prepared to sign out on a sign-out sheet posted in the barn and provide an emergency contact number at the time of departure. These forms are also attached in the original email in the New Rider Packet, and do require signatures. Please review and sign these forms and return them with your 2019 Hold Harmless and Client Contact forms.

Winter Weather (Closures): As we gear up for another Midwestern winter, please note that unless otherwise stated, lessons will occur during normal hours. Should we have inclement weather that warrants a closure, the affected parties will be contacted in a timely manner and have the option of rescheduling. If you do not have current contact information on file with us, please make sure to update your contact information on your 2019 Client Contact form!

Preferred Contact Method: Please use the email address stoneledgeacademy@gmail.com to contact Christie regarding lessons. Please contact her cell phone only in the case of an emergency (ie, last minute cancellation).



Heated Arena! Some of you may have already noticed that the arena now has permanent heat! This newly installed system requires your help to keep it running smoothly! Please be sure to close doors as you enter or leave the barn to make sure the heat stays in the barn!

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Just a reminder Stone Ledge will be **CLOSED** on Christmas Eve (Mon) and Christmas Day (Tue). Please reach out to Christie to either cancel or reschedule your lesson if it falls on one of these days! We will be **OPEN** on New Years' Eve (Mon) and New Years Day (Tue)! If you need to cancel or reschedule either of these days, please reach out to Christie at your earliest convenience!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter 2018/19 Stable Show: Saturday, January 26th at 10:00 AM. *Open to students of Stone Ledge*

UPHA Chapter 10 Winter Warm-Up: Saturday, February 23rd, Woodstock, IL. Snow Date: Saturday, March 9th. *Open to members of Academy Team and Show Riders*

Cindy Mugnier Clinic: March 1st-3rd. *Open to members of Academy Team and Show Riders*

Spring 2019 Stable Show: Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 AM. *Open to students of Stone Ledge*

ACHIEVEMENTS

Fall 2018 Stable Show Highlights: Our Fall 2018 Stable Show was a huge success! We had a great turnout of students putting on an excellent display of riding and horsemanship! Our audience was a full house of family and friends coming out to support our riders and share excellent food and drink. Horse show accessory vendor Jodi Nelson came and provided custom accessories for sale, and our esteemed judge, Richard Wright, gave insightful feedback to each rider and helped foster a fun and educational environment.



Special Shout-Outs: Congratulations to Ellie Maxwell, Olivia Mooney and Ashley Hall for successfully competing in the Walk-Trot-Canter division for the very first time! Your hard work and practice shined! Congratulations to Sabrina Juarez and Amelia Rehberg for successfully competing in your very first stable show! Cheers to many more competitions to come! Congratulations to Ann Limberg for receiving high marks from our judge for most-improved since his last visit to our barn in March! You've earned it! Once again, congratulations to all of our exhibitors on representing Stone Ledge Farm with warmth, great sportsmanship and excellent horsemanship!

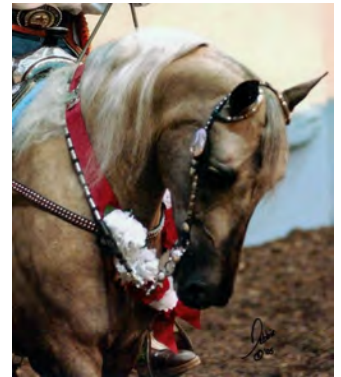
LESSON HORSE HIGHLIGHT: Lita

Horse: Lita - Registered name BPM Estralita De Oro

Breed: Registered Morgan

Age: Born June 14, 2001 in Wauconda, Illinois

Accomplishments: Reserve World Champion Western Pleasure Mare - 3 Year Old in 2004, Reserve World Champion Western Pleasure in 2005. Lita has been ridden and shown in multiple disciplines - she even has been



ridden side-saddle! Lita is known around the barn for her sweet disposition and stunning color, which is called “palomino”. She has excellent ground manners and continues to be a wonderful example of the Morgan horse, introducing young riders to multiple disciplines and to competitive riding.

Favorite Treat: Apples, carrots, peppermints, sour cherry balls, and sometimes pizza. Yes, pizza.

Unique Fact: Lita is the biological mother of Violet. Violet was carried to term by a surrogate mare named Marigold, even though Lita is biologically her mother.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

AMHA’s My Morgan & Me Program: Did you know that you/your child can earn awards for spending time at the barn and riding Morgan horses? The American Morgan Horse Association’s “My Morgan & Me” program awards certificates of achievement for milestones met by individuals spending time with Morgan horses. You don’t need to own a Morgan, so brushing, riding, and caring for your (Morgan) lesson horse counts towards those milestones! More information on how to participate in this program can be found at https://www.morganhorse.com/programs/my_morgan/



Please feel free to send any suggestions for content to be placed in our Spring Newsletter to Christie at stoneledgeacademy@gmail.com!