

**IRISH RUN FARMS**  
**July 2016 News**

**A hearty “hello” from Irish Run!** I hope you all are enjoying the slower pace of summertime in Iowa. Mother Nature has been a bit erratic of late but we could not have asked for a more beautiful start to July. Come down to the barn soon for a visit with your equine friends.

**Please welcome our newest boarders Maddie Woodham, her mom Leah, and their lovely flea-bit grey Egyptian Arab gelding Khidron.** Maddie is 11 years old and started riding when she was six and living in Florida. Maddie and Kidron have been partners for the past two years. They love to do dressage and have already won their share of winning ribbons at the local schooling shows. Maddie also hopes to join Pony Club.

Several Irish Run riders braved the heat and competed in the “D” Series show, June 25 and 26th at Valley Park. **Madalyn Herr and Sid** brought home the blue in Lead Line. **Danielle Heagle and Lacey** cleaned up with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place ribbons in Barely Verticals, 5<sup>th</sup> in Hunter Equitation and another 3<sup>rd</sup> in Hunter under Saddle. **Jennie Schutt and Will** got into the “primary colors” with a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in 2’ Hunters. **Kelsey Cooper and Charlie** also competed in 2’ Hunters and brought home a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. **Logan Cooper and Will** matched her sister’s accomplishments with a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Barely Verticals. On a sidebar note; mom Sarah Cooper won the Race Across the West, an 860 mile ultra-cycling event from Oceanside, California to Durango, Colorado. She beat all of the men and broke the ladies record by 3,5 hours – wow! **Congratulations to all!**

The next **Schooling Show will be the Fantasy Show at Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.** Please let your trainer know if you would like to ride!,

The **Irish Run Pony Club Riding Center** has an exciting July planned. **On July 9<sup>th</sup>, members will head out to Powder River Ranch for some polo demonstrations and practice.** Members are invited to **Polo on the Green Family Night on July 15.** Please let Alison know if you would like to attend. Pony Club offers so many opportunities for young riders – be sure to make the most of them!

**Please, Please, Please, NO UNSUPERVISED JUMPING AT IRISH RUN!!!** We all know that riding can be dangerous and jumping increases the risk for injury. If your trainer feels you are ready to jump outside of your lesson, and Irish Run staff is present, you may ask to be supervised in some jumping. Please speak with Daniela and have your trainer note this in your liability release. Jumping alone is an exercise in poor

judgment. It is not possible to prevent accidents, but if we are watching, we can attend to you immediately.

**It is with great sadness that I report the loss of Judy Hand's beloved horse Pete.** He was a stoic soul with a huge heart who gave his all until the end. Although he lived a long and full life, his years as a roping horse took a toll on his joints, making it very difficult for him to walk in recent days. We know that his is in a better place, but will miss him dearly and grieve with Judy for her tremendous loss.

Thank you all for your kindness toward each other and the horses. I feel blessed to have such a wonderful equine loving family at Irish Run. I hope to see you all soon!

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