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ARE YOU READY FOR EL NIÑO?

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Reminds Me of a Story...from the President's Corner

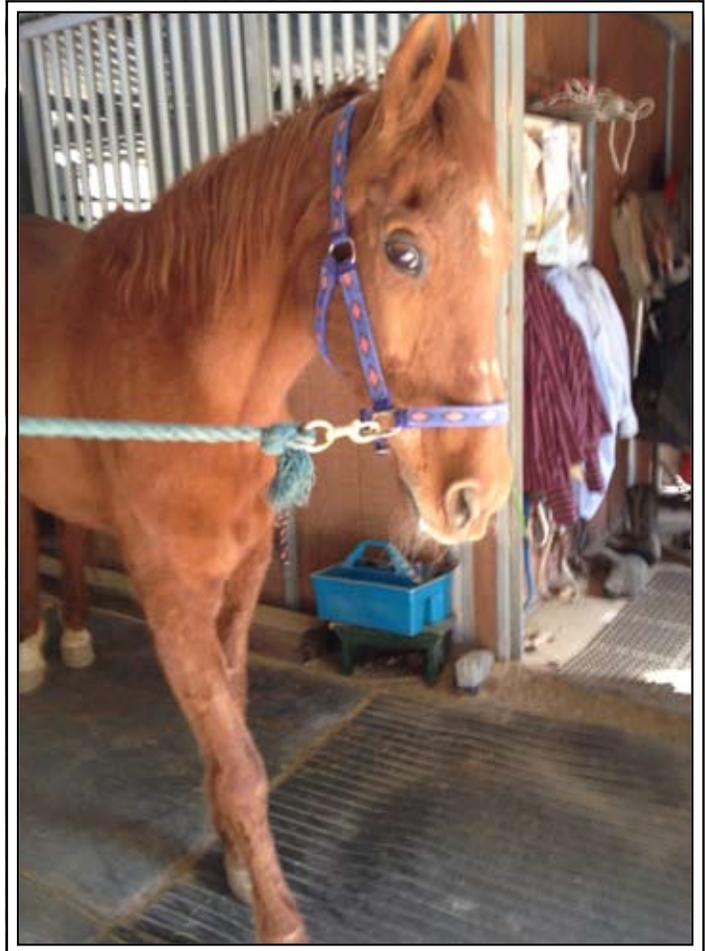
By James M. Iacono

Lessons in Love

About 18 years ago the economy was good and we decided we could run a beginning riding lesson business to help offset the cost of our horses. What could be better than bringing new blood- usually energetic, eager, enthusiastic young girls – to the sport we so loved, and dreamed about similarly when we were young? I loved the buzz at the barn on Saturday morning. Two and even three kids at a time several times on the weekend can cook up smiles and laughter all around. But that doesn't just happen for beginning riders unless you have beginner horses! Which aren't as easy to find as one might think.

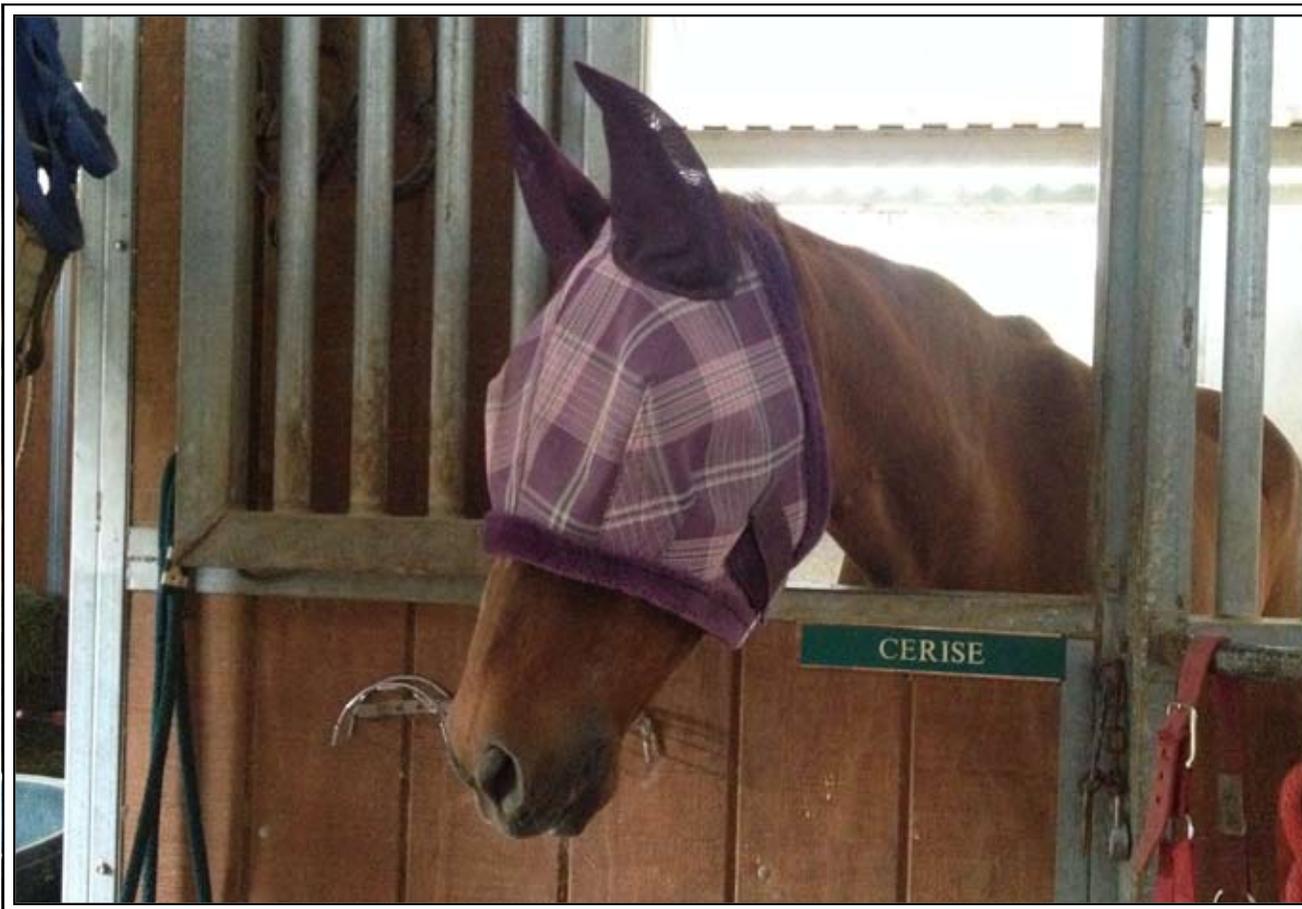
We were blessed to come across and adopt a professional lesson horse for the last 16 years of her life. Cerise passed this past week at the mature age of 31 having introduced many a beginning rider to saddles, stirrups and smiles. She never met a rider she didn't welcome. She never refused to follow commands. She ALWAYS gave timid riders more confidence.

And that's where this story begins. You see this is just as much about Cerise, as it is about how horses can inspire people to give more of themselves than they even knew they had. What is it about horses that stretch one into becoming a responsible human being? Even though horses seem like huge, strong, independent,



self-sufficient animals, in captivity they rely on us for practically everything... food, water, shoes, exercise, health care.... And if you decide to take ownership of a horse, you learn to focus less on yourself, and more on the needs of your companion. Many a mother of our students would often comment, "She doesn't spend that much time brushing her OWN hair!" What is it about the horse that makes that progression possible; that motivates us to move outside of ourselves? I believe it is their majesty that they inherently carry, that we want to connect to. They stand taller than we,





they confidently stride, and they turn heads if we bring them in public. To think we can contribute toward that? Why not make that investment?

We came to know someone in our Club, Debbie Johnson, who had been one of those beginning riders who became confident riding Cerise. She had always loved horses, but had some experiences that shattered rather than built up her nerve. For some time, Cerise, through unspoken understanding, allowed her to find that nerve that she had lost. But sadly, she met Cerise when she was starting to slow down, starting to stumble a bit. Her mind and heart were willing, but her body was weakening. She was 29 and arthritic. We retired Cerise, and for the next several months she began losing weight and will. We prepared ourselves for the rapidly approaching end.

Enter Debbie again. She said that Cerise had given her confidence around horses and asked if she could have Cerise and she would start taking care of her. We thought, "Why not?" Let her last few months be pleasurable, let her have a soft landing. Debbie started researching arthritis, called the vet out for a complete physical, and changed her diet, added supplements, bought special shampoos. Within 3 months, the change

was noticeable. She began gaining weight, her coat became shiny, and she strode around the arena with the other horses without shrinking from them. Our shoer asked if she was a new horse. The renaissance went on for two years, Cerise whinnying whenever Debbie drove up... looking forward to the treats, the brushing, the caressing, the caring. Really after all she gave us she was getting what she deserved. I think they both got two great years of purpose, pleasure, and just feeling good... about themselves, and about each other.

You see, WC Fields line works both ways. "The best thing for the inside of a person is the outside of a horse." And, my version: "The best thing for the outside of a horse is the inside of a person who has moved outside of themselves."

Thank you Debbie and to all of you reading this: keep loving on your horses.

James M. Iacono
President
ETI Corral 357
Saddleback Canyon Riders



Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade, December 12, 2015

By James M. Iacono

Saddleback Canyon Riders Go West to Help Santa



The Saddleback Canyon Riders caravanned to Laguna Niguel to bring a little Canyon Cheer to the west side of Orange County.

Five riders adorned their horses with red bows, green and red tinsel, and deer antlers much to the delight of families that lined Crown Valley Parkway the morning of December 12th. Thank you Kristen Holden, Heather Latchford, James Iacono, and Robby and Kristina Stuckey for making the trek down there and representing our lifestyle to those who would love to join our Fairy Tale Life. Thanks also to Debbie and Jeff Kelly who served on the ground and made sure that

everyone stayed safe this holiday season. This was our 5th consecutive year of participation, and the Parade Committee was very appreciative of our presence, and asked that we join in all the fun again next year. So mark your calendars for the second week of December and come join the party as we bring in the festive season on a one mile parade route that puts smiles on everyone's faces... And gives parents gift ideas for the holidays! "Ho ho ho".... Santa wanted all the horses to stop so the parade goers could get pictures... which they did.

See you next year I hope!





Trail Boss Report

By Debbie Kelly

Have a Happy Trails New Year

I am excited about the events scheduled for 2016. With a fresh new year beginning, I have been reflecting on all the years I have been riding with this club. I joined ETI in 1994 but I was participating in their events years before that. I was boarding my first horse Jesse in Trabuco Canyon, and was invited to a ladies campout at Casper's Park. Female members of ETI/357 basically took over the equestrian campground. I had owned Jesse only a few months and had never been horse camping. I was not quite sure what I was getting myself into. What an experience. Those girls sure could "cowgirl up". I knew very little about horses and even less about riding, but I learned a lot that weekend. On one of our rides I had not cinched my saddle securely and as we were cantering, one of the gals said "hey, your saddle is loose and is going to fall off." My saddle was literally slipping off and I was going with it. At that point all my fear as a young girl riding a friend's horse or a runaway rental horse came flooding back. I knew I was going to fall off and get trampled to death. I recall being embarrassed as the group had to stop so I could properly secure my saddle. I was riding with the big league and this really showcased how much I did not know. If I learned anything that weekend and in the years to come, it would be to always check your saddle before mounting to ensure it is properly cinched.

The next big event I would ride in was the 1994 Ride for the Hills. This was huge and it was a fundraiser ride down the Arroyo which included a lunch wagon, music, and raffles. There were portable toilets at the half way point, and large radios strategically placed along the six mile (about 10-12 miles round trip) route to call the park office if there was an emergency. We did not carry cell phones back then. I am certain there were over fifty riders or even more that day. I was not sure of all of the logistics of pulling off such big events at the time, but this is the history of riding that I became part of and there was no



such thing as just a few riders. I thought all rides were like this. Our rides were always well supported by local members and guests who trailered in. The response to ETI rides was always overwhelming. It is just the way it was and if you preferred a smaller crowd, well, good luck with that. And don't get me started on the rides that would start out of the Buck Ranch where up to ten or fifteen of us would ride down Trabuco Oaks together towards O'Neill. Now I am not saying all rides

need to be this big. There is much to be said for small, intimate rides. But I would like to invite more members

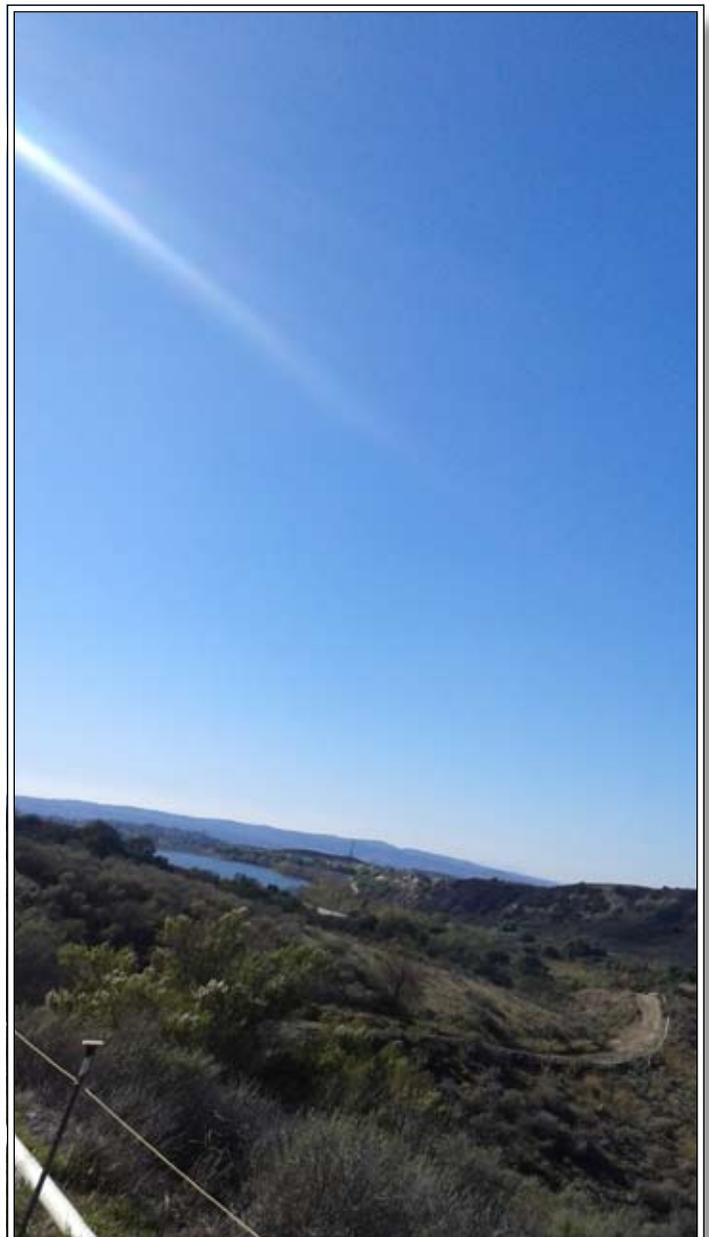
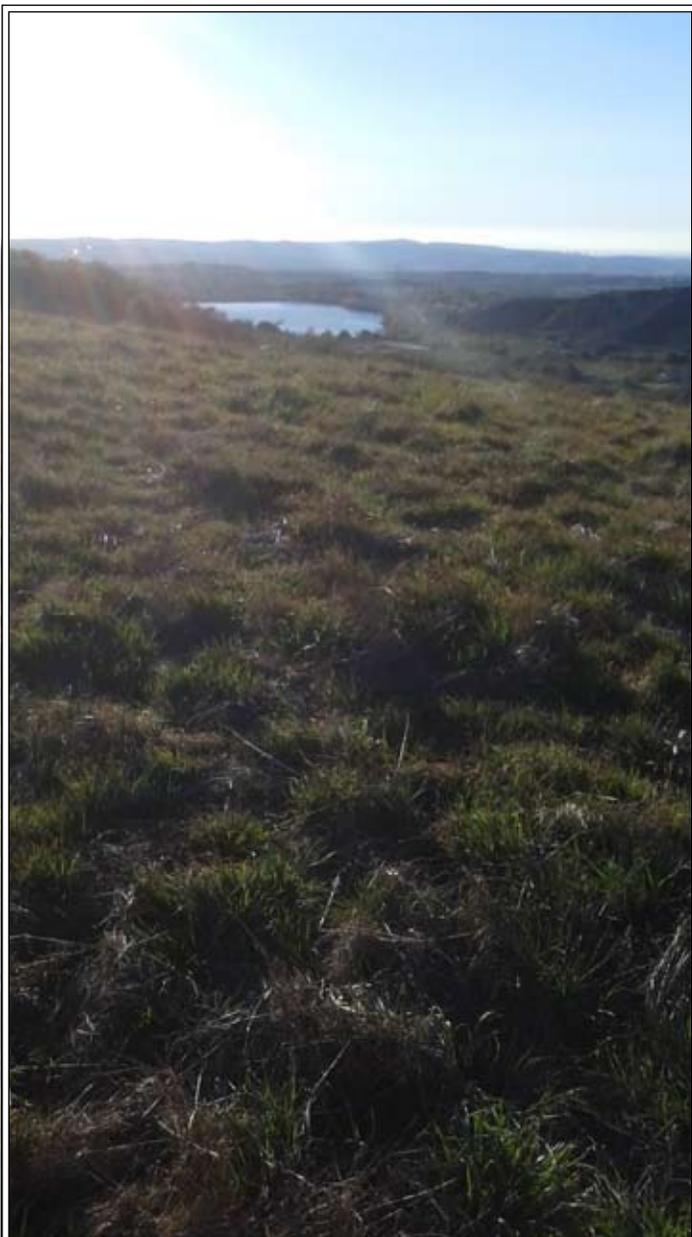


to join us in 2016 for our month end rides. You have twelve opportunities and we will do our very best to make them enjoyable and keep them safe. I hope you enjoy the photos of our December 27th ride. Take a look at the scary, horse eating concrete fixture that had been taken out in an accident just a few days earlier on Santa

Margarita Parkway. Makes one take pause when riding one's horse on a busy street. On the ride that day was

Membership chairperson Kristen Holden, 2016 Events Co-coordinator Mary Grbic along with her guest Janel Meric, former Trail Boss Jeff Kelly, and myself. I have also included some pictures taken on our way to McFadden Ranch later in the week. Be sure to save the date of April 30th for a special "Rescue Awareness" ride to McFadden Ranch and the Casper's campout May 20-22. Reserve your campsite at the OC Parks website. They do fill up fast. Hope to see you on the trails soon.

Debbie Kelly
Trail Boss
ETI Corral 357
Saddleback Canyon Riders





Message from the Emergency Response Team Coordinator

By Richard Gomez

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE RAIN?

Hello Saddleback Canyon Riders!

We sure hope you're all ready for El Niño. This could be the beginning of a long winter. Please be careful and count on your neighbors to help...

Three things you need:

1. Anticipate and be prepared
2. Have contact phone numbers handy



Evacuation Plan contacts and procedures---> <http://www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com>

3. Register with AlertOC and Follow storm progress:
714-628-7085 alertoc.bbcportal.com



If you need special assistance, contact the OC Sheriff's Department at 714-647-7000

Be careful, and if you need help, CONTACT US!

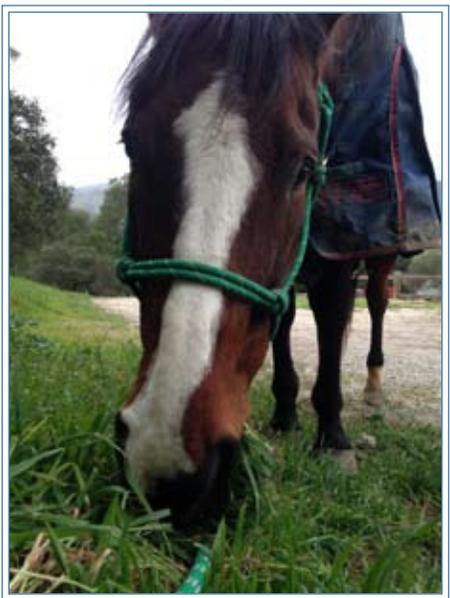
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Special Note from Canyon Feed & Tack

By Lyzz Wahlberg

El Niño Preparedness Tip



El Niño preparedness tip: Hay is subject to mold, as are grains. Moisture trapped in a bale or bag can cause spoilage in just a day or two. Protect your feed investment by using good storage practices.

There's more to keeping feed fresh than just keeping it out of direct rain. Moisture can accumulate via condensation in metal feed cans kept on the ground outside, or even leach up through concrete slabs or wooden floors.

Consider using pallets to elevate hay and bagged feeds, which improves air flow (just be sure to clean out underneath the pallets regularly). For feed in use, look into Vittle Vaults or other sealable plastic containers, which foster less condensation than metal cans. If you do want to stick with metal feed storage containers, place a sheet of plastic, such as a folded tarp, underneath to insulate it.



Horse Sense

By Dave Seroski

Like Leonard S. said to me,
"The Horse is the shadow of the mans soul."
Yaee, This Is My Horse, there are many like him. But this one is mine.

I will feed him when he is hungry,
I will nurse him when he is sick or injured,
I will protect him in times of danger.
Comfort him in times of fear.

For this? He will give me his life.

This Is My Horse



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- Monday:** Rancho Carillo, Ortega, Sycamore, San Juan Capistrano, Nellie Gail, Laguna, Mission Viejo
Tuesday: Coto, Santiago, Modjeska, Silverado, Carbondale, Peacock Equestrian, Orange, Yorba Linda
Wednesday: Trabuco Canyon, Lake Forest, Serrano
Thursday: Coto de Caza, Rancho Carillo, Ortega, San Juan Capistrano, Nellie Gail, Laguna



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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7 Members Meeting:

Topics: OCTA Resource Management Plan
Helpful tips for handling the upcoming winter storms.

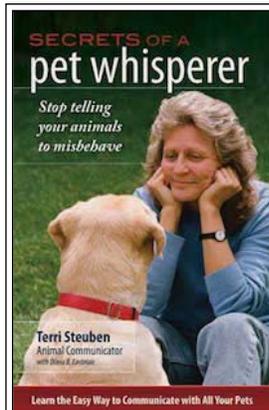
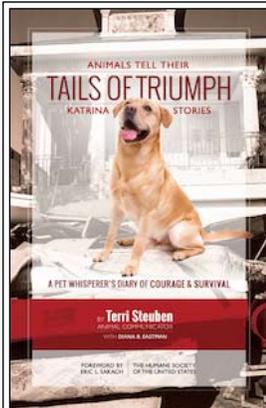
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2016

Time: Dinner at 7:00; Meeting starts at 7:30

Location: Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant
22322 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita

Contact: James (949) 459-7742

January	7	Thursday	Members Meeting	7:00 pm	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	14	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBA	
	26	Tuesday	Park Meeting	7:30 am	O'Neill Park Ranger Station	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	31	Sunday	Month End Ride			Debbie (949) 459-7191
February	4	Thursday	Members Meeting	7:00 pm	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	6	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park	Rich & Patti (949) 888-1604
	11	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBA	
	15	Monday	Presidents' Day Ride to Cook's	9:00 am	O'Neill Park arena	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	27	Saturday	Month End Ride			Debbie (949) 459-7191
March	3	Thursday	Members Meeting	7:00 pm	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	10	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBA	
	12	Saturday	Swallows Day Parade	6:00 am	San Juan Capistrano, CA	
	27	Sunday	Month End Ride			Debbie (949) 459-7191
	29	Tuesday	Park Meeting	7:30 am	O'Neill Park Ranger Station	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789



Animal Communicator and two time author Terri Steuben will be available for sessions on Monday, February 1st.

Contact: Debbie Kelly 949-244-0670
appointments are 30 or 60 minutes

Finally, you can have a heart to heart with your pet and better understand them, and they you.

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Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING November 30, 2015

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) \$10,507.58

DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After Closing: November \$0.00 \$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$10,507.58

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2015	Soderstrom	postage	73.60	2018	Soderstrom	postage	19.60
2020	ETI	membership	204.00	2022	ETI	membership	40.00
2032	J Schicht	playday	10.79	2034	Soderstrom	bd dinner	30.00
2036	Soderstrom	postage	37.24	2037	Gomez	bd dinner	30.00
2038	Soderstrom	postage	9.80				

Total expenses paid in – November 2015 (\$455.03)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
<u>Total Outstanding Checks November 31,-2015 - i.e. Spending: (\$00.79)</u>							

Funds on hand in checking as of	11-30-2015	\$10,507.58
Petty Cash on Hand as of	11-30-2015	\$400.00
Corral FUNDS On Hand as of	11-30-2015	<u>\$10,907.58</u>

SUBTOTAL CORRAL FUNDS:

Less Reserves: ERT as of 11-30-2015 \$(476.73)

Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve: \$(476.73)
NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of: Corral 357 \$10,430.85



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Note from the Editor:

By Renate Soderstrom

in case you hadn't "herd"

2016 marks Saddleback Canyon Riders 25th Year!!!





The Saddleback Canyon Riders are ETI Corral 357

Established in 1991, we are one of the largest ETI corrals in California with members from South Orange County and points beyond. We are a family-friendly equestrian group based in **Trabuco Canyon** at the foot of the majestic Saddleback Mountains. Our Corral is committed to supporting and helping maintain O'Neill Regional Park and other local riding trails.



ETI: Equestrian Trails, Incorporated is a family oriented riding club established as a nonprofit corporation in 1944 with the Charter to be "Dedicated to the Acquisition and Preservation of Trails, Good Horsemanship, and Equine Legislation."

With its combined membership, ETI has successfully worked to **keep our trails open and add more equestrian facilities**. The more members we have backing equine legislation and trail preservation, the more likely the State, County and City Officials will be to comply with our needs.

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