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**SNHSA Jumper Division Benefit Show is Saturday!
SNHSA Jumper Challenge Cup Tournament is Sunday!
Schooling available Friday!**

Points updated!

Sponsor Spotlight - Shadowood Farms Saddle Club

Calendar & Quick Links

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Aug. 25.....SNHSA Jumper Division Benefit Show

*****Points count Double and Wild Card Venue *****

[Prize list & Registration form](#)

Aug. 26.....SNHSA Jumper Challenge Cup Tournament

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[Challenge Cup Bio Sheet](#) (*required to draw order of go*)

Sept. 8.....Meadow View Farms Horse Show

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Sept. 22.....SNHSA 2018 Hunter/Equestrian Division Benefit Show

*****Points count Double and Wild Card Venue *****

[Prize list & Registration form](#) (*updated*)

Sept. 23.....SNHSA 2018 Medal Finals

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[Medal Finalist Bio Form](#) (*required to draw order of go*)

Oct. 13Franktown Meadows Equestrian Schooling Show
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Nov. 10.....Ironwood Events Center Horse Show (*new date*)
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2018 SNHSA Educational Series

Sept. 2.....Saddle Fit Clinic with Emily Eyles, at Maplewood Stables

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Sept. 7-8.....Mental Coaching Skills with Tonya Johnston at Meadow View Farms

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Sept. 16.....Equine Bodywork, Biomechanics and Riding Clinic with Melissa Kalembert, at Pair of Aces Stables (*new location*)

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Dec. 8-9.....5th Annual Educational Clinic Series with Bernie Traurig at Meadow View Farms

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~ SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT ~



~ Shadowood Farm Saddle Club~

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The 411 on Shadowood Farm Saddle Club - According to a Horse Named Jasper

I'm nine years old. I've lived in many places and I like it an especially whole lot where I am now. They call it Shadowood Farm. I'm proud to tell you I'm now part of their Saddle Club. Every day, I eat hay out of the slow feeder, and I marvel that there is always, always, always food for me. Nice.

A long time ago, in what feels like a different life, I ran around free with my herd. We were on a range so far away that I couldn't walk back there in one day. I bet not even two or three days. I loved my horse family. It was tough though, because being free sometimes meant being hungry.

There was an unsettling time when I lost my freedom. Humans roped me up and took me to a training facility, specifically for horses like me. I heard them call the place the "Northern Nevada Correctional Center." That's a long name, don't you think? The people there weren't allowed to leave.

They told me I was "wild." I wasn't sure what to expect, but I was open to something different than the range. Turns out they were kind to me. I liked the grain they fed me. It was such a relief to have food available, every day. *Every day!*

Back then, everything was new. I remember how startled I was, the first time a man put a saddle on my back. Or the first time he rode me around the corral! They told me over and over that I was a "Good Boy," and I know they were right.

After I was "green-broke" they told me a family wanted to adopt me. I missed my horse family, so I sure liked the idea of being adopted. When I first saw the mom and her daughter, Shelby, I thought I was the luckiest horse ever. I especially love Shelby. She reminds me of a wild horse I knew on the range.

I could tell my new family was busy. Shelby was constantly kicking around a soccer ball. Her mom is a teacher, and she raised Shelby all by herself. They rode me as often as they could, but they worried I needed *more*. They began to look for a new family for me.

I was sad, and Shelby was sad, and together we must have been a pitiful sight. As prospective families visited, Shelby rode me, showing them what a good boy I am. And she cried and cried the whole time. At one point she threw herself around my neck, sobbing.

It was then that I noticed a woman with long, blonde hair. She smelled like apples, and I immediately liked her. I liked her even more when she said she wanted to help my family, so they wouldn't have to sell me.

I heard Apple Lady offer to board me, for free, for six months - just to see how I'd do in her saddle club. Lots more people could ride me, and my family would still be... well, *my family*. Everything would still be the same, yet everything would be different, too.

I'm a good boy. I have many fine qualities, including my coloring - the color of red jasper - a stone of endurance and protection. I like the white blaze on my nose. And I know how to eat the best weeds and tree leaves and rosebushes and grass. I am also willing to try new things, and why not, because every time I do, life gets better.



So, I agreed to be part of the Shadowood Farm Saddle Club. I followed Apple Lady to her barn, and guess what, I get to spend so much time with other horses! It's like being back on my range with my herd, only this time there is grain every day. Oh, and carrots. Mmmmmm. . . carrots.

As much as I have fun with the horses, some of them are a bit uppity. They seem high-strung, and I don't get that at all. They have these amazing shelters, and all this food, and happy people to ride them. . . so why the drama? There's been more than one occasion when I've put myself in between two fussy horses. Apple Lady calls me, "The Referee."

I also taught the other horses how to chew on withers. Can you believe no one had shown them? I'm a good boy and I'm really good at that too. I even nibble a bit on their shoulders for good measure. One of them will now return the favor for me, but the others are still unconvinced.

I like the horses, and I like the people too. So many people! I'll let anyone ride me, Western or English, or backwards bareback like Shelby does. She's so funny. I think fancy shows are a hoot and galloping into a big jump is so fun. But there's something that I love even more. . .

And that's walking on the trails with all my friends. I used to walk slower, but lately I've learned to walk at a faster clip that people seem to enjoy. Once I even led the pack! There's always lots of leaves and weeds to munch on, along the way. The best part is at the end of the ride, my human climbs off my back and she is smiling so big. She had the best time, riding me on the trail.



The riders don't know, but I listen to them talking on the trail. Apple Lady and her club friends are a great herd, for sure. They take lessons, go to local shows, and ride on the trail. They also work out together. Recently, they invited Girl Scouts to meet me! What a fun afternoon. Everyone smiled all day.

My mom and Shelby decided to board me officially, after my six-month trial at Shadowood Farm. I'm now part of their family too! I love Apple

Lady so much. She lets me clean out the buckets of the other horses when they're done eating. There are always a few nibbles of grain left. Apple Lady also knows how much I like to be rubbed down after a ride. It feels so good when she brushes my mane and cleans my feet.

Apple Lady recently said that other people could create groups like Shadowood Farm Saddle Club. If people help each other, they can make it possible for more families to keep their horses. She also used big words like "good horsemanship" and "camaraderie."

Oh, she said "community," too. *Community*. That's a good word.

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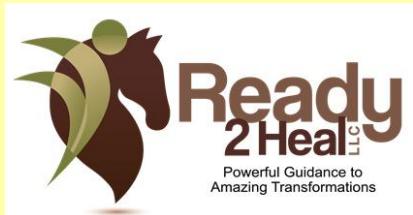


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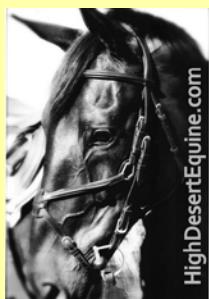
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