

# *Coach and Livestock Newsletter*

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Horses- On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of September we took our side saddle riders, Taylor Nixon, and Katharine Pittman up to Middleburg VA to be living art for the National Sporting Library and Museum's new sidesaddle exhibit. They braved the cold and rain and an impromptu interpretation and Q&A about sidesaddle in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Well done ladies!



On the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of September we had our vets come visit us. As part of our Silver level herd health plan with Woodside Equine Clinic all the horses get a checkup twice a year. This is to make sure all of our horses are happy and healthy year round as well as fit for their duties. During this trip all 31 of our horses received vaccines and several had their teeth floated. Also during this time, any ailments that the horses have been to the vets for previously are looked at as well such as chiropractic checks or flexion tests. Flexion tests are the horse equivalent of the doctor poking you and asking if it hurts. In these tests the vet evaluates the horse by walking and trotting it, then stretching different parts of its legs to see if there is a change in the way the horse moves. From there he can evaluate where the problem is if any.



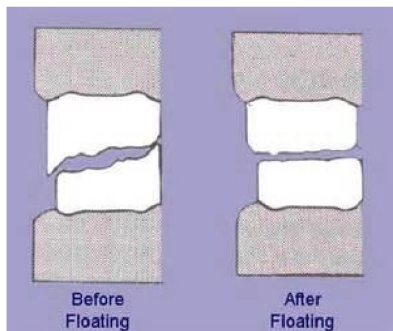
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Dr. Hirsch looking at Pharo



*Why do we float a horses teeth? Horse's teeth do not stop growing, because of this their teeth can grow sharp on the inside or outside edges where there is no overlap this can cause pain for the horse. Floating a horses teeth means that we file down the outside or inside of the horse's teeth so that there is a smooth surface in the horse's mouth making it much more comfortable for the horse.*



*Cattle- This year we competed in the Open Dairy Competition at the Virginia State Fair! We won the Senior Cow class, Champion Cow and reserve Grand Champion with Georgia Peach one of our Milking Devon's. White's Catherine, a Milking Shorthorn, won the 4 year old Shorthorn Class, Colonial Williamsburg Sara Jane won the Spring Heifer Class for Shorthorns and finally our Ox driver Darin Durham with Colonial Williamsburg Juno won the Pretty Cow (Fancy Dress). Colonial Williamsburg Moon was third in the spring heifer class and Colonial Williamsburg Mercedes was fourth in the summer heifer class. Overall it*



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was a very successful weekend and we are very proud of our cattle and team!



Eric with Colonial Williamsburg Moon



Darin with Colonial Williamsburg Juno



Layne with Devon's Gate Georgia Peach



Lauren with Colonial Williamsburg Mercedes