Rebel Heart Ranch: Straight from the Horse’s Mouth

(December)

Show Pictures!
Daisy Duke, the Doughnut Thief!

Look out everyone it Daisy Duke and she is after any glazed doughnut that may be left unattended. Don’t worry about a chocolate doughnut though because those are safe from this monster, she only likes glazed. This was discovered by Jadyn who was trying to enjoy a doughnut but Daisy just had to have a bite.
Two Best Buds Hanging Out.

These two are best friends! They always love to hang out together. One is a little three year old named Dude and the other one is older than who knows, named Tango but they don't like to leave each others side. This is a true friendship.
You have probably seen Polly around the barn but who knew that she wanted to be a trick rider?! She was riding with Marly on Bailey and she discussed she wanted to try the hippodrome. Once she was on Marly’s shoulder she realized she could not get down and started to panic. I am pretty sure she decided to stick with western pleasure riding and leave trick riding to Sally.
Ducy Horse Training went to Warren Performance Horses for a field trip this month and had a blast. They all got to meet horses being trained at the facility and meet a bunch of two year olds and weanlings at the ranch. They also got to see Deven Warren (one of the top trainers in the country) ride bridleless. He talked to them about how it is important to have a good relationship with your horse and you are the instructor as a rider, you use your reins to feel your horses thoughts not to tell them what to do. It was truly an amazing experience!
Freestyle Reining at National Western Stock Show!

The National Western Stock Show is right around the corner! If you would like to attend the 2019 Freestyle reining competition with Ducy Horse Training sign up outside the office or contact Wendy at (719) 351-5608. You will get to see all kinds of stock from alpacas to cows and get to attend the freestyle reining competition. There will also be plenty of shopping from food to tack to clothes. Hurry and sign up we will only have limited slots. This is a picture of last years winner.
Feature of the Month!

The monthly feature for December is the fabulous Jenna Harmon! She is always there to give a smile out at the barn. She is always working hard to improve the barn and make it the best it can be. Jenna is a very experienced equine artist. She rides and shows a white mule named Betty and has done really well at all the shows she has been too. Jenna also teaches a few lessons out at Ducy Horse Training and always does a fantastic job making sure the rider is having fun, but still learning. Great job Jenna and thank you for all of your hard work. We really appreciate you!

Behind the Scenes of Winter Buckle

Award Winning Deeds

When the girls from Rebel Heart Ranch enter the arena to show at Winter Buckle, their shirts are tucked, hats are situated, and their boots shine. They sit tall in their saddle because they are proud of their horse and they smile because Winter Buckle is fun!

The December Winter Buckle was no exception. It was particularly special because Miss Wendy was still on crutches from her surgery to repair a painful labral tear. This meant she was not there as a participant, but as a spectator in the stands. The personalized team coats had arrived and everyone had such a sense of belonging, which became evident in what was observed behind the scenes.
While Wendy was excited to be cheering on her horses and riders, each and every rider played a crucial role in the success of the day. Lilly took pictures of her teammates from the holding area, while Hannah and her horse became the hat and coat rack. Kayden and Alyssa giggled and caught up while sharing a cinnamon roll in between events. Audrey cheered for Annabelle, who switched out tack and helped Audrey prepare for her next ride. (Shout out to Andy for running to grab tack, holding horses, and supporting the riders). Little Amelia enjoyed sharing the ring with her friend Audrey and running around with Mia, Lilly’s little sister, in between the action. Jayden helped Shelbey, who was riding in the Winter Buckle for the first time, to find her tack. Jenna ran back to the barn with Audra, Amelia’s mom, to grab tack that was left behind. Riley rode Rambo, waving like a real rodeo princess for lead line, while Arianna rode Betsy Mae after winning the cake walk. (She won last month as well, which makes her the reining cake walk champ). Amelia and Jayden were there to lend a hand to Hannah throughout the show. Amelia, Kayden and Annabelle stayed until the very end for reining, while Kevin waited and watched so he could haul the loaded trailers home in the dark with Dillon’s help. Kevin remarked how fun it was to watch all of the competitors and how happy he was to help Wendy!

What a day! Blue ribbons are fantastic and ribbons in general are something to be proud of for sure, but the girls from Rebel Heart Ranch shined in their award winning deeds. Now that’s something to be proud of!!