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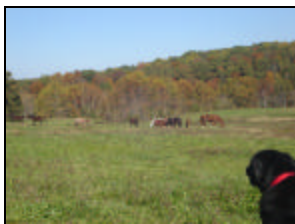
BUDDY'S VIEW

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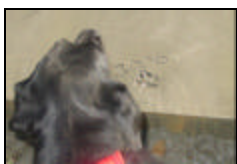
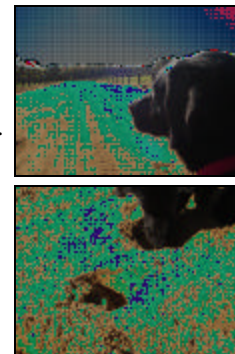


My name is Buddy and I live at Eagle Point Farm in Ashland, Virginia. I have lived at the farm for most of the 12 years of my life. Oh, by the way, I am a black Labrador Retriever (except I don't retrieve). You might remember me from last year's Christmas Card. One day Karen and Donna were talking about the fact that many clients are surprised by their first visit to Eagle Point. They seem to always mention they had no idea how beautiful and functional the land and facilities are and how much of an advantage the horses have here. After much discussion the girls then turned to me. Who else knows so much about this place and could show the farm off from such a unique perspective? They told me to go around the farm and take pictures and explain things so people could get a better idea of the farm. They are even giving me my own page on their website so I can keep everyone updated! So please join me as I take you through an introduction of both old and new things about the farm.

There is always a lot going on at the farm. I am in charge of the sofa in the tack room but on warm sunny days I check out the activities on the farm as they are always working on something. This time of year it is breaking season. I watch them train in our two breaking pens that were improved with drain pipes and rubber so they won't freeze in the winter. But most of the yearlings are out in the field jogging already. Some days I will even venture to one of the two big eighty acre fields where the young horses are turned out. I'm tired when I return since there are many hills to climb, which I guess is good for building muscles and wind. I grew up doing this and now I'm big and strong even at my old age! In the summer it is fun to go jump in the river or one of our large ponds to cool off. The other eighty acre field also has hills, ponds and a run in shed as well as a 6 stall barn.



Whenever Karen goes to the track to the viewing stand I have to climb the hill and watch the horses train from the infield. This past year they added an irrigation system to the track and bought a new track conditioner. Just recently we had the motor grader out to level and mix in the new surface as well as had the base leveled. I think they said the new dirt came from the same place as this year's surface for Colonial Downs. I've never been there before but heard it's pretty nice. After training hours the workers go up in the old blue truck to work on the track rail. I've never ridden in the blue truck since it is always full of lumber and tools to work on the fence. It looks like they're now replacing the inside rail on the track. I don't go up there much since I am not allowed on the track during training hours or near the starting gates unless I am with an escort, of course. They say that I might get in the way and I don't want any horses or riders to get hurt. They are pretty stiff on safety around here.



We finished the surrounding fence for the new horse exercising machine and have poured concrete for the base. Everyone had fun writing their initials in it! Karen even helped me do a paw print! There's a lot of history here so whenever we do a big improvement we like to remember all who were a part of it...including the horses who helped pay for it! (That's a neat story I could tell later! I'll have to remember that.) We are now waiting for them to bring in this new fangled machine and then finish the fencing and footing. I hope they don't expect me to do any exercising on that thing. I mean, I heard it's very safe and highly effective but it is just for horses isn't it?

At night I have to get out of my warm bed and walk with Karen to the barn. She feeds and checks on the horses every night. I don't mind helping her out since she takes good care of me. Sometimes I wish I was a horse here. They have nice dry clean stalls with automatic heated waterers, are turned out in big green pastures, have alfalfa mixed hay, supplements, and then they are fed three, **MAKE THAT THREE** times a day. Can you believe that? Well I would like to be fed three times a day! But then again they either have to gallop on the track, do figure 8's in the field, get lunged in one of the round pens, or jog up one of the many hills every day. **THREE MEALS A DAY OR EXERCISE ?** What's a dog to do?

## **ALL OF THESE EPF GRADUATES TOOK FLIGHT AND WON!**

Another two year old winner DANCED ALL NIGHT broke her maiden at Laurel on October 21, 2006 by 6 3/4 lengths for owner Clive A Black of Chesapeake, Virginia. The Jazz Club filly was unhurried early, raced wide on the turn, bid for the lead in mid stretch and drew off under urging. DANCED ALL NIGHT was purchased at last year's yearling sale. She also had a second in a previous start.

LITTLE MISS MARTHA, a Smoke Glacken two year old filly won a 1 1/16 mile allowance turf race on September 28th in her third start for owner Elmon Gray of Waverly and trainer W. R. Bailes.

LAUNCH THE GOLD, a chestnut filly by Gold Fever, had a double win. She won for owners Don and Connie Buckley of Virginia at Timonium on September 1st when she led all the way. After a change in ownership she won again leading all the way in a mile race at Suffolk Downs on September 12th.

MYSTIQUE MOON by Yarrow Brae won at Laurel by 1 3/4 lengths in an 11/8 mile turf allowance race when she was rated, wide, circled and won driving for owners Christine Bricker and Beverly Bower. Kathleen Dibbens is the trainer.

LEPONT, a Virginia bred gray gelding by Bowlers Wharf, owned and bred by neighbor Saul Schultz of Ashland, won by 3 1/2 lengths at Charlestown on October 8th after overcoming an awkward start. LEPONT added another win for owner, breeder, and stallion owner Saul Schultz when he ran in the slop at Laurel on October 28. The gray gelding laid third was steadied in the stretch and came on for the win at the end.

Another Virginia bred, MIGHTY UNBRAKEABLE by Mighty Forum, won at Laurel on September 7th at 1 1/8 mile for breeder Kristie Ridley of Lanexa, Virginia.

REGALLY BLONDE by Regal Classic, ran over a goose at Colonial Downs this summer, hit the rail at Finger Lakes on August 29th but managed a second, and finally won easy at Finger Lakes on September 15th for owners John and Margaret Kretow. The Lavern Bowman trained filly stalked the leader along the four path, was challenged in mid-stretch and edged clear on a sloppy track.

Virginia bred and owned CAVALIER GAL, by Thunder Rumble, found the mud to her liking when she broke her maiden by leading all the way on September 15th for owner and breeder Garland and Elizabeth Flippen of Richmond, Virginia. Flint Stites trains the filly who was sent to the front, set a pressured pace along the rail and opened up in the upper stretch.

LOU LOU'S A GAMER, by Alster, ran second at Suffolk Downs on September 23th and then found the winners circle on October 18th winning by two with no challengers.

CHRISTMAS AWAY, gray gelding by Skip Away, won at Suffolk Downs on September 16th in a 1 mile 70 yard race when he saved ground and made a late run along the rail in the stretch.

A CRAFTY FELLOW, by Crafty Prospector, won at his first asking to go the distance when he broke his maiden by 3 1/4 lengths at Delaware Park on October 7th for owners Andrea Tull, and Dallas and Pearl Jordan. The stocky bay vied for the lead, repulsed a bid through the 2nd turn and drew off when roused.

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