



Horse-loving Vermonters Emily and Makenzie enjoyed the walking trails and seeing the broodmares on pasture while visiting the MHF with family (left). Placed-based Education/Outdoor Land Use Interns, (left to right): Grace Bugler, Sage White Cloud, Jacqui Barbieri, and Jake Dobrzynski.

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT MORGAN HORSE FARM

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Foal Watch

Four foals were born at the UVM Morgan Horse Farm this spring—three colts and one filly. The last foal, a chestnut colt, was born in late May and was the product of a generous breeding donation to Merriehill After Hours GCH, (Mizrahi x Merriehill Dusk To Dawn). The impact of our donors comes in many forms, even cute fuzzy ones!



The 2021 Raffle Colt is a handsome bay with two white hind socks, UVM Dover, (UVM Willoughby x UVM Halcyon). Visit the website for info on purchasing tickets!

Summer Highlights

Summer is here and so are the tourists! Navigating COVID-19 meant a late start to the season with reduced capacities and online pre-registration. Thanks to Vermont's stellar vaccination rollout, beginning in July guests are able to visit the farm Monday-Saturday as they have in past, no face-coverings required with current COVID-19 vaccination. The early season numbers have been strong, likely thanks to several promotional opportunities this summer. The July issue of Horse Illustrated Magazine and the July-August issue of Equestrian Living Magazine both featured the UVM Morgan Horse Farm. A film crew has been at the Morgan Horse Farm this year to capture footage for a future documentary on PBS- more details coming this fall!

This summer the farm welcomed interns from University of Glasgow, Ellsworth Community College in Pennsylvania, and of course the University of Vermont. These interns study equine reproduction, management, and young horse training.

Conclusion

This year marks 100 years since the bronze Statue of Justin Morgan debuted on the lawn of the Morgan Horse Farm in 1921. This icon is a testament to the farm's 143 year-long mission of perpetuating and preserving the Morgan horse, Vermont's State Animal. This year also signifies the 70th anniversary of the University of Vermont stewardship of the farm and its programs. This legacy continues because of the generosity and loyalty of Friends of the UVM Morgan Horse Farm. Please consider making your gift today.

From all of us at the University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm, thank you.



UVM Zeus, (UC Domination x UVM Serendipity), looking sharp with apprentice Sydney Phifer up.



UVM Westerly and her chestnut colt by Merrihill After Hours GCH.

An inaugural intern cohort from four University of Vermont Colleges (CALs, CAS, CESS, RSENR), participated in immersive, experiential learning through Place-based Education and Outdoor Land Use internships this summer. These UVM students transformed the north woods into 1.1 miles of walking trails. Over the course of six, full time weeks, they conceptualized and installed an outdoor classroom, created interpretive trail materials, and designed and produced outdoor activities for children. Importantly, this experience at the farm inspired the interns to make MHF connections with UVM faculty and staff from their home colleges, building new academic and research opportunities that utilize the many resources found on the Weybridge campus.



The farm welcomed UVM President Suresh Garimella and his family for a visit. The Garimella family had a fantastic time and enjoyed meeting the filly Suresh named, UVM Bernoulli.

On the Circuit

UVM Willoughby made his debut in the Morgan Hunter Pleasure division for 2021 show season. Friend of the Farm Katie Hodges had several fantastic rides on this 2012 UVM MHF breeding stallion at the UPHA Chapter 14 show in April. Farm Manager Kim Demars took up the reins at the Greater Boston Charity Show in May, Emma Von Ballmoos at Saugerties in June- look for this dynamic duo in Hunter Pleasure classes this season!



UVM Willoughby and Katie Hodges at the UPHA Chapter 14 show in April. Photo by Shane Shiftlet.

Equine Education

As with the changing seasons comes a changing roster for the apprentices and interns at the Morgan Horse Farm. This spring, apprentice Emma Chisholm landed a dream job at a Morgan training and lesson barn; Isabel Lardner and Chelsey Frank graduated in June and went on to hunter-jumper barn and dressage barns respectively; and Sydney Phifer graduates in September and also plans to go into the equine field after her apprenticeship. Karla Vankleek had the honor of being the first semester-long reproduction intern from UVM in spring 2021. Throughout the summer and fall, four new apprentices will start at the UVM MHF.



Former MHF Intern Addison took part in the 2021 Equine Reproduction Workshop to further his skills and experience on his pre-veterinarian track.