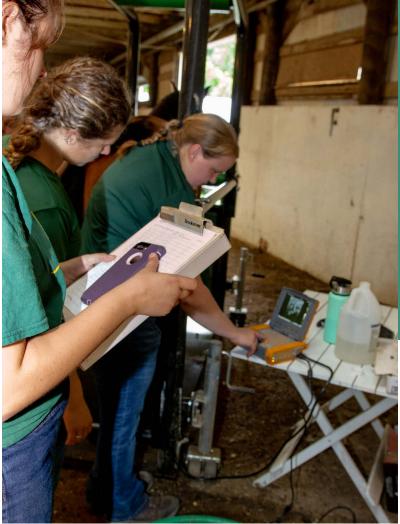


Apprentice Chelsea Frank models training techniques for UVM ASCI students with UVM Aphrodite, (Otter Brook Xenophon x UVM Freedom).



The statue of Figure with brilliant fall colors. The statue turns 100 years old in 2021- stay tuned for details on how the farm plans to celebrate this important milestone





Walking trails coming in 2021 will be a new and exciting way to experience the farm, expanding outdoor activities and educational opportunities outside Animal Science. Interns and apprentices ultrasounding a mare with Equine & Academic Coordinator, Dylan Burguard.



THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT MORGAN HORSE FARM

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## **Watch Our Documentary!**

We are excited to announce the debut of the new UVM Morgan Horse Farm documentary, now available to watch on Youtube via the MHF website. This powerful promotional tool became reality thanks to the incredible support of donors, and by a Morgan Breed Promotional Grant awarded by the American Morgan Horse Association. Please like, share, ෂ enjoy!



Foliage in Weybridge this fall was spectacular.

## A Summer Like No Other

Summer at the farm is always spectacular, and this year was no exception. In a normal year, favorite tourism activities include petting the smooth summer coats of the Morgans, picnicking on the sweeping lawn, watching foals frolic and run and the impressive UVM Morgans working with students. It is always a joy to meet new friends from across the globe and share this special place with them. However, this year we took the steps necessary to support the health and safety of our community and did not have a 2020 tourism season.



Farm Manager Kim Demars puts breeding stallion UVM Willoughby through his paces, (MEM Bailamos x Signed Sealed Delivered).

We maintained a protected work environment for students and staff vital to daily operations and the care of the UVM Morgans. Like so many others, tried new approaches to MHF operations and business practices, building resiliency for the UVM Morgan Horse Farm programs as we face the future.

Although we missed connecting in person, we were able to engage with our community online. We hosted virtual Vermont Day and the Raffle Drawing events via Facebook Live, expanding our toolkit for future promotional activities. Additionally, we held a successful UVM



Her first season buying tickets, Amber Dahlin of Salem, MA won the 2020 Raffle Morgan, UVM Believer. Congratulations Amber!

Morgan Raffle this year for UVM Believer thanks to online marketing. We sold 9,500 tickets and added hundreds of names to our mailing list. All possible with a little innovation and the support of our community.

## **New Additions To The Farm**

The farm welcomed two fillies this spring. UVM Freya had a big bay filly by UVM Abington. UVM Madeline was an adopted mother to a fancy chestnut filly by UVM Equity and out of Gradell's Fair Lady. Seven mares are in foal for spring 2021, the first due mid-March. Several UVM Morgans found new owners this year and we are excited for these developing partnerships. Welcome to the #myUVMMorgan family!



UVM Madeline with her adopted filly by UVM Equity and out of Gradells Fair Lady. This situation was a unique learning experience for the students. With veterinary consultation, UVM Madeline was brought into milk via hormone treatments and successfully accepted the foal as her own.

## Apprentices, Interns, And Students Lend A Hand

The educational programs are thriving.
Two UVM Morgan Horse Farm Apprentices graduated in 2020, Anne Peterson and Carolyn Frank. Over the summer, six interns joined the crew for internships ranging from 2-15 weeks. Their studies ranged in focus from training, management, and reproduction. MHF interns now receive credit through UVM. Four new apprentices have taken the reins for 2020-2021: Isabel Lardner, Chelsea Frank, Emma Chrisholm, and Sydney Phifer. A fifth, part-time apprentice will join spring semester, Cristian Barreto.



UVM Animal Science graduate and MHF apprentice, Isabel Lardner, rides UVM Zahara, (Otter Brook Xenophon x UVM Nuance). Inquiries invited on UVM Zahara.

The UVM Forestry Club will complete an inventory of the farm's forests over the winter. This assessment will help identify future research opportunities. Intro to Interpretation in the Tourism, Parks, & Recreation Department from UVM's Rubenstein School will produce museum panels featuring Joseph Battell for display in the gift shop.