

# Ashland Equestrian Center ~ Featured Facility

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When it comes time for the older horse to be retired from riding, one often thinks of clear blue skies, open pasture spaces and equine buddies enjoying their leisure time. Ashland Equestrian Center (AEC) in Oregon provides exactly that...PLUS the personal attention that everyone wants for their equine friend. The facility is ideal for giving horses the right care in their senior years. AEC is located on 27 irrigated acres where much of the property had been divided for spacious pasture land for the horses. There are shared pastures and smaller individual paddocks, available to tailor the right care program for each horse.

AEC is a dealer for Triple Crown Feeds and feeding programs are key to equine care management, especially in the horses' golden years. Low sugar hay, Triple Crown Lite or Senior, mashes, and soaked feed are all options for optimizing the health of each horse. Lynn Tidd, owner of Ashland Equestrian Center, is eager to work with owners and their vets (or her local vets as needed) to decide the best feed



regime for the horses' overall well being. Supplements are also recommended, and can be added to the diet every day. Lynn is experienced in the care of elder horses, two of which are almost toothless at the facility, so

special needs are welcomed. Both dry lots and seasonal grazing are available, depending on which horses can handle the sweet content of the grass.

In addition to custom feeding programs, horses in the care of AEC have lots of options for exercise and leisure time. Great care is taken to find horses which



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get along with each other, and those can have daily turnouts together for companionship. They can be in the outdoor pastures all day to frolick or just take a nap in the sun. Retirees even get turnout time to stretch their legs and roll in the wonderful sand footing of the huge indoor arena. AEC also offers exercise options, including longeing, hand walking or trail riding as suitable for each retiree. For horses who come to AEC for rehabilitation, Lynn will work with the vet prescriptions for bringing the horse back to work gradually.

Because many of the owners who retire or lay up their horses at AEC are not local, Lynn takes extra time to make updates and communications throughout their stay. Her cell is always with her on the property, and many times Lynn can't help but take a few snapshots of the "ponies" as they groom each other or take off bucking with joy. She often texts or emails the photos and updates to owners, making them feel comfortable even though their horses are in



the wonderful modern technology, there is no reason for any owner not to be able to check on their horses, to see their condition, or just to say "hi" from afar. Gone are the worries about "sending your horse off to retirement" and wondering how he will fare. There are many stories about horses that have been retired out to pasture, meaning they are left to fend for themselves in fighting for their food, shelter and barely keeping up with routine medical care. Lynn's personal commitment to the caretaking of the horses at AEC will insure each and every horse has some of the best years of their lives at their facility!

The stalls at Ashland have the best view, looking out over the indoor arena. Stalled horses are right in the center of things, to see what is going on and for easy check ups throughout the day. The upgraded stalls include runs which are either 12x30 or 12x24 and they are "mudless" with decomposed granite footing. Each stall is lighted, has automatic water, stall mats and non-climb fencing in the runs. The stalls and the covered arena and outdoor pasture/paddocks provide the ultimate combination for stabling for the horses. They get the best of



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both worlds – to be cozy and snuggled up in the barn at night, and turned out to play, rest or have fun with a pasture buddy during the day. AEC is even looking into a new camera system for owners so they can “watch” their horses through the “stall-cam!”

All healthcare needs are turnkey for clients at AEC, with Lynn managing the routine maintenance needs as well as emergencies. Vets, Chiropractors, acupuncture, massage and farrier work are all available for boarded horses at AEC. Lynn will keep horses on schedule for their shots, deworming and farrier needs. The arrangements are made and billed to the clients as ordered.

Ashland Equestrian Center offers the perfect location in Oregon for equine retirees, horses in need of a longer term vacation or rehabilitation, and for foaling/raising youngsters. Owners can make a wonderful vacation out of it for themselves, to visit their horses over a long weekend and stay in the quaint town of Ashland. As Lynn says, “Whether you come for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, to see the spring blossoms, fall colors or the Festival of lights at holiday time,” there is always a wonderful



family experience in Ashland, and how fitting it is for our equine family members to enjoy their golden years at Ashland Equestrian Center!

Please visit the website and call for more information.

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