

## Equine Day at Tractor Supply on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### Bedford, Va.

I want to "Thank" everyone that came out and participated in the first BEA/Tractor Supply Equine Day. Also to our members that could not participate, many of you still came by and gave us support. In between morning rain showers, there were always people looking at and talking about someone's horses. The general public seemed to really enjoy looking at the horses, as well as visiting some of the clinics. Once the rain cleared up for the evening, the crowd seemed to really get big. I had many folks ask me why we were there and what was happening, so many people got to learn about BEA and our horses.

I want to give a special "THANK YOU" to our clinicians. I felt bad for the ones that had few folks or was stuck out in the pouring rain. You guys do not know how appreciative I am that you stuck with it and us.

1. JoAnn Miller with Brookhill Farm, sorry it was raining and not many folks came out, but those who did said it was a wonderful presentation. Thank you.
2. Dedi Spradlin, you did a wonderful job on your Grooming clinic, especially with it pouring down the rain. Those that stuck with you were troopers. Thank you.
3. Sandy Lucas with the 14<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Rockbridge Dragoons, yours started out rainy, but finally cleared up and many folks told me what a wonderful presentation you and your guys did. We look forward to having you at one of our meetings. Thank you again.
4. Geryl Wade and Steve Foutz, thank you for a good harnessing presentation. I looked over one-time and there was an older man, who obviously used draft horses for farming while growing up and he would shake his head in agreement every time Geryl described a part of the harness. Thank you.
5. The Breed Parade, I appreciate those that presented their horses for everyone to see. Thank you very much.

I guess the best part for me during this event was when we were packing up and one of the last to leave, and a special needs little boy and his father came by and was petting our horses. They told us that was the first time ever that they had touched or even got to feed a horse. That is what this group and displaying your horses is all about. You never know when you will make someone's day. Thank

you again to everyone.

It was a pleasure to have you all here at TSC on Saturday! Anyone that let the rain stop them from coming and enjoying this event really missed out. I was very impressed with the horses and the people. It was a great day and your members are directly responsible for all the smiles and fun that was had! I look forward to future events and dealings with the BEA. If anyone ever needs anything, please feel free to give a call or come down to the store... I am usually there.

Thanks again!

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