

Pony Tails Summer 2015

Hi, it's me Alice the Pony!

I hope you are enjoying the summer. My Little Brother Oliver and I are, but we are not enjoying the heat and lack of rain too much. It gets so hot that when we are in our field I have to shove My Little Brother Oliver over and stand under his tree with him to stay cool. Our paddocks and stalls have so much shade that they are really cool no matter how hot it gets. We are really disappointed because there is no yummy green grass to eat right now. The grass in our fields is brown and dry. It's OK to nibble on, but I really prefer green grass. Our humans say that they are not allowed to water the fields, so I hope we get more rain soon. Even though there has been no rain, our water buckets are always full. This is good because we are drinking a lot of water. Everyone should drink lots of water when it is hot out. Our human did a fun thing for us! When we went out in the field in the morning, the water had something big floating in it. But it was a good thing. They put a big jug of frozen water in the bucket. My Little Brother Oliver thought it was a Popsicle and got upset because he could not eat it. I had to explain that the jug of frozen water was going to keep the water we drink cooler for us. I think he understood, but he still whined about not getting Popsicles for the rest of the day.

The summer is my favorite time of year. I love the long days and the sunshine. I love that our humans don't complain about how cold their hands and feet are when they are cleaning our stalls. My goodness, they have hats, boots, jackets and gloves on and we just wear blankets, I can't figure out how they could be cold. I think that they should be happy to keep our barn clean and look after our every need. Summer days are fun to play games, run around a bit and just enjoy ourselves. We get to eat fresh carrots from the garden and some really fresh and yummy peas as well. It is a nice addition to the grain and hay that we eat every day. The best part is watching the apples ripen on the trees! We know that we are going to get to eat them when they are ripe. My Little Brother Oliver can reach some of them because he has the neck of a giraffe. Well his neck is a horse's neck but our humans say he is part giraffe because he is very tall. I have the neck of a very perfect Pony, so I can't reach. It's ok because my Little Brother Oliver shares the apples with me.

Do you remember that My Little Brother Oliver went to a Boarding Stable last winter so he could continue to be trained? While he was away I was by myself at night in the barn and started to get a little lonely. I was OK in the day because I hung out with the horses next door, but the long evenings were not very fun by myself. Well the other day My Little Brother Oliver and I got a huge surprise! We are going to have a new friend living with us. Now when My Little Brother Oliver goes away I won't be alone. The best part is that our new friend is a PONY! Not a big horse, but another nice pony just like me. I like big horses but having another Pony around is going to be awesome. When My Little Brother Oliver goes away, we can chat, giggle and plan all of the fun tricks we can do when he gets back. Of course we would never bully him, hurt him or make him feel bad on purpose because that is mean and Ponies are not mean. Next time I write I am going to introduce our new friend to you!

I can't wait to write to you again!

Love,

Alice the Pony