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Hello everyone,

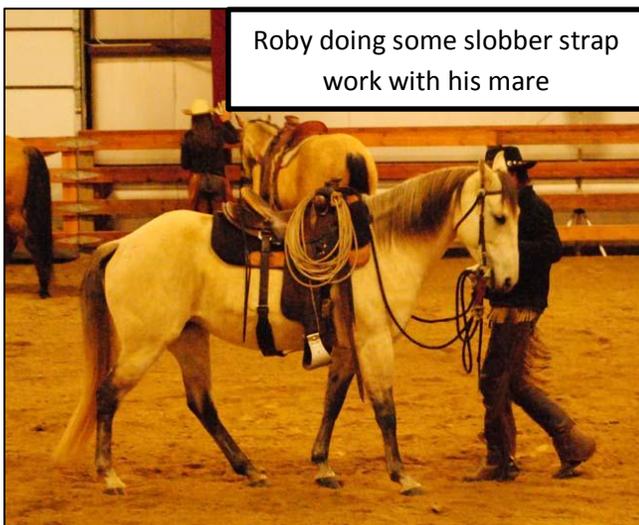
Life is moving along here at the ranch. The majority of the crew was gone at the Whitefish clinic until Wednesday, and had the rest of the day off after unloading all of the horses and tack.

While they were gone I caught up on office stuff and doctored sick horses with Dave. He and Chris took over the feeding for much of the week.

Jr.—our all-around mechanic/welder/ranch hand extraordinaire had his first son born this week! Orion Stephen Foote was born on the 12<sup>th</sup>, weighing in at 9 pounds 4 ounces and 21 inches long! Jr. is one proud poppa and Orion is one gorgeous little boy! He's really quiet too ;)



Everyone who came back from Whitefish said it was the best Buck clinic they had yet been to. From what I hear, it was one of the best that Buck had ever had the pleasure of teaching. Everyone seemed to have blossomed in their horsemanship over the last few months and it showed during clinic time!



Roby doing some slobber strap work with his mare



Wes and Quick working on the turnaround

Even Noah and Austin were able to ride in the clinic! It sounds like it was a lot of fun.



Noah on one of our colts, Isaiah, working on his short serpentines.

Erin's got BOB in a soft feel, about to ask for a leg yeild



Colby's been working on his horse, Drifter, every evening and weekend for months! It looks like his hard work paid off for him at the clinic.



Buck on Rebel, moving in unison.



I heard Breana didn't miss a single shot on day 3 of the clinic!



Stephanie got sick on the third day of the clinic so Austin, who drove down from school in Calgary to watch the clinic, was quick to take her spot on Cheech! They did great!

The wranglers got to spend one last working day with Wes, getting as many last bits of knowledge out of him that they could. We're giving our ranch horses a long-earned break and the wranglers are camping out on our clients' horses for a while. Wes gave them all some pointers on each horse.

To follow up, Randy spent all day Friday out with the crew, doing groundwork and continuing with the things that were learned at Buck's clinic in Whitefish.

Last night we all went out to the Kickin' Horse to say farewell to Wes and Breana. Colby made sure Wes had plenty to drink—he ordered a PITCHER of Seven & Seven! Needless to say, Wes was more than happy to share. We all said our goodbyes but I'm sure we'll be seeing them again when the snow has melted and the grass turns green again.

Today Roby jingled in the horses and Dori and crew got each of them wormed and turned back out. Nathan has been busy taking all of the horse's shoes off for the winter which is no small task considering we've got almost 90 head out there!



The boys were slow to come in this morning. Instead of flakes of hay first thing, it was worming paste!

There's just a little bit of snow left from the storm last week. The forecast is calling for rain this week so we'll be seeing the grass for a little while longer.



Next week we'll have a couple of guests, Mack and Lizabeth who became fast friends with us last year and have continued to grow on us each time they make it back to the ranch. Lizabeth has a horse here in training so she'll get to ride and see how he's been coming along. They're coming just in time, too, because Jerry and Sue have decided to have another Thanksgiving feast at their house this year. If it's anything like last year's, it's going to be SOOOO yummy!

I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving on Thursday, with family, friends, football and lots of food!

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