

Spring Valley Hounds January 2018 Newsletter

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November Events

- December 3 – Joint meet with Windy Hollow Hunt - Murlan Farm
- December 13 and 20 – Gibbs Quest
- December 17 – Christmas Hunt – Watercress Farm



Upcoming Events

- January 1 – New Year's Day Hunt – Jan Hartley's Pot Luck Breakfast

Anonymous Question

Question: What is appropriate attire for winter roading?

Answer: Riding boots and helmet are still required. Breeches are suggested. Please use your best judgment in terms of layers and staying warm while still looking presentable.

Keep your eye out for silent auction items!!!

Hunt Breakfasts

- Thank you Ann Marie for hosting the Christmas hunt breakfast!
- If there are any activities that you would like to promote, please contact the Honorary Secretary at springvalleyhounds@hotmail.com



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A Whipping from the Staff

Thank the field masters, MFHs, huntsman and whippers-in, horses and hounds for the day of sport before you head home. At the end of the day, nothing is more important than your expression of gratitude and acknowledgement of the hard work they have put in. It doesn't matter what happened during the hunt: if you remember to thank them, they will only remember your good manners.



Featured Hound



Photo Credit: Pam Taylor

Posey

Posey was entered for Spring Valley Hounds in 2011. Posey is Dave's "little princess." She likes to sit in the front seat of Dave's truck on the way home.

In the News

Our very own Erin Nebel wrote another article for [horsenetwork.com](https://horsenetwork.com/2017/12/happens-adult-beginner-learns-foxhunt/)! You can read the full article at: <https://horsenetwork.com/2017/12/happens-adult-beginner-learns-foxhunt/>. Masters of Fox Hounds Association commented: "Well done, Spring Valley Hounds (NJ), for welcoming a new convert to our sport 👍."

What Happens When an Adult Beginner Learns to Foxhunt?



Photo courtesy of the author

Tips & Advice

As we move into the off-season (roading), there are some things that should be considered:

- Both new riders and new horses can get a sense of the excitement and environment
- Problems developed in the field can be addressed
- There is opportunity to learn the territory
- Even when conditions are not suitable for trailering horses, help is always appreciated with the hounds on foot
- It may be cold, but the hounds still need to get out of the kennel

Roading season is a great time to invite guests because of its introductory nature. Please keep in mind that any newcomers should contact the honorary secretary.