

# Spring Valley Hounds October 2017 Newsletter

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## September Events

- September 4 - Labor Day Cubbing (official start of cubbing season) at Valley Green Farm
- September 9 - The 2017 SVH Polo Cup: Celebrating the life of Christopher Prant
- September 17 - Landowner's Picnic at Tranquility Farms
- September 23 - Helen Mead Platt's Memorial
- September 24 - Pony Club Hunt: Roger's Farm. Pony club hosted a post-cubbing breakfast
- September 30 - Intro to Field Hunting Clinic
- October 1 - Fall Hunter Pace - New Vernon



## Upcoming Events

- October 8 - Opening Day - Gibbs Quest
- October 15 - Waterwheel
- October 22 - Clark's
- October 29 - Harry Peck's - Halloween Hunt (theme is *Alice in Wonderland*)
- If you are interested in placing an add in the roster, please contact Val DiCristina (908) 362-9249

Intro to Field Hunting: a Clinic on Field Etiquette and Introduction to Hounds)



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## In the News

“Horses, Hounds Run for Benefactor”

Family and friends of the late Helen Mead Platt celebrated her equestrian legacy with an honorary run of horses and fox-hunting hounds on the grounds of Hartley Farms in Harding.

<http://www.dailyrecord.com/story/news/2017/09/25/horses-hounds-join-memorial-helen-mead-platt/699097001/>



## Anonymous Question

**Question:** What is a covert?

**Answer:** (pronounced cover)  
A patch of wood or brush where a fox might be found; this does not pertain to a drag hunt.



## Tips & Advice

### **Jump Refusals**

Until your horse is consistent and trustworthy approaching a fence, you should remain in the back of the field. Jumps are to be managed in single file. Leave enough space between you and the horse in front of you to be able to stop or turn away from the jump if the other rider's horse refuses, or the rider comes off at the jump. If your horse refuses a jump, you should immediately move out of the way, go to the back of your field, and approach the jump again from there.

## Featured Hound

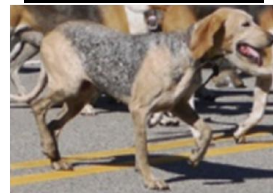


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### **Raisin**

Raisin was entered in 2012. She is a Penn Marydel that we refer to as our “strawberry girl.” Raisin came to us from Red Mountain Hounds. Raisin's dam's name is Red Mountain Relish and we relish hunting with her!

## A Whipping from the Staff

### **Keeping Safe Distances**

Please maintain a safe following distance – one large enough that if the horse in front of you stops abruptly, you are able to stop your horse as well. Also, keep in mind that your horse should be far enough behind another that any potential kicking would not cause injury. Just like on the highway, if you increase speed, increase distance between horses.