

Alice the Pony's Blog February 2013

Winter can be really wet, cold and yucky. I like to hang out in my paddock so that I can go in and out my stall whenever I want. Then I can stay dry and warm and watch what is going on around the barn. I do still go out to the field, but I kind of like my stall and paddock better in the winter. I was getting a little lonely as my little brother Oliver has gone to a boarding stable for a few months. I am pretty sure that while I am having fun lounging around he is working hard. Don't ever tell my little brother Oliver this, but I do kind of miss him being around. At least I have friends across the fence to talk to and Annie the dog hangs around with me as well.

Last week my humans decided to cheer me up with "Beauty Parlour Pony" day. It was so much fun! I get groomed regularly and have my feet cleaned out, but this was a Special Day for me. They shampoo'd my tail and made sure that it was clean and free of knots. It was much too cold for a bath, so they brushed me, combed my mane and trimmed up my mane and tail as well as my fetlocks. Then they took a shedding blade and started to help me shed out my long thick winter coat. Even though I wear a blanket, I still grow a really warm winter coat, and then the blanket keeps me dry. Oh my goodness, there was a lot of my hair all over the barn floor! It was nice to have help shedding as I think I look better when I have a summer coat. Annie my dog friend sheds all year long, but I shed the most in the Spring. When my humans were done pampering me for the day, I got some nice fresh carrots as a treat.

Once my humans were finished and left, I decided that I looked so pretty I would visit the horses across the fence to show them just how pretty I was after "Beauty Parlour Pony" day. They thought I looked very nice.

It is important to make sure ponies and horses are groomed regularly. We need our feet cleaned out daily. We need to be brushed all of the time to keep our skin and coats healthy. When we are being groomed our humans look to see if we have any cuts or scratches and make sure that we look healthy. It is also feels nice to have someone brushing you and making you feel extra special.

After a while I started to think about my little brother Oliver and wondered if he was getting a "Beauty Parlour Horse" day. I know he likes to get pampered just like me. Then I was thinking that I would like another special grooming day really soon. So I did what Oliver would do, and found a nice wet and dirty spot in my field. Then I rolled and rolled and rolled some more. When I was done, I had nicely decorated myself with lots of mud and dirt. Now my humans will have to give me another "Beauty Parlour Pony" day!

Love Alice the Pony