

Hi everyone, its Alice the Pony!

I have been having a really nice Spring, I do get a bit lonely because my little brother Oliver is at a Boarding Stable for the winter. He is going to come back home next month. Even though I will be happy to have him back, please don't let him know because he will think he is Special if we tell him. I also miss him because I don't have anyone to talk to at night when I am in the barn, and I like to play jokes on him at night because he is silly. I never tease him too much because that is not nice and I never want to be a "Bully" who calls other horses and ponies bad names and makes them sad.

I think Oliver is pretty sad right now because he did a naughty thing and jumped on one of our human's feet yesterday. He got scared and could not remember where to put his feet after he jumped. He landed on our human's foot and really hurt her. It was not really his fault because everyone knows that my little brother Oliver jumps around and gets spooked a lot.

After he hurt our human, he went right back to grazing on the tall spring grass (lucky Oliver) and did not notice our human needed help to get back to the barn. The grass was just too good and he did not want to stop grazing. Finally our human got him back to the barn and was able to put him in his stall and call for help. It was lucky that there were other people at the barn to help her once she got back. You should always have a friend with you at the barn or a parent to help you if something happens.

She had to see a human vet (called a doctor) at a big building (called a Hospital Emergency Room) and have photo's taken of her foot. These are special pictures called X-rays and they can see right inside your foot and look at your bones! Wow, that would be fun. Now she is wearing a cast and Oliver is even sadder because she can't walk well and is not able to ride him for a while.

I think that our human made a mistake because she was wearing fancy shoes that did not protect her feet. Oliver wears iron shoes to protect his feet. Our human forgot a really important safety rule; Always wear proper protective footwear whenever you work around a horse or pony. Even if you were just going to hand graze them for a while, you should be safe and wear the right shoes or boots. This is something you can do to keep safe and maybe not get hurt around horses and ponies. Of course, I would never have spooked and would never have jumped on our human's foot so I will tease my little brother Oliver about it when he comes home. I will only tease him a little, because I think that my little brother Oliver reminded our human how easy it is to forget about safety rules around horses.

One more thing.....if anyone finds a single gold ballet flat shoe in the field, it belongs to our human. I am not sure if she wants it back though.