

Pony Tales December 2014

Hi,

It's me Alice the Pony.

Do you guys like the snow? I do! It is fun to run around and kick up lots of snow balls with my feet. I am really good at it. My little Brother Oliver tries to throw snowballs with his feet but he is not good at all. We both like to get down and roll in the fresh show.

We are trying to make Snow Pony Angels, but neither one of us has made a good one yet. I think we could if we keep practicing. My little Brother Oliver gets bored and wishes we could build a snowman, but our hooves don't let us. It would be funny because if we put a carrot on the snowman for a nose, we could eat it!

Throwing snowballs is fun, but it is not good to have a lot of snow packed into our feet. The snow can make it hard for us to walk and ice in our feet can cause us to slip and fall. My little Brother Oliver slips and falls a lot, so too much packed ice in his feet could make him fall even more often! When you are taking care of a Pony or a Horse, you need to clean out our feet every day. We may have picked up a rock or stone which might lodge in our hoof. That really hurts and we can get bad bruises from rocks. Sometimes horses get a thing called "thrush", this is an icky disease that can happen when hooves are not cleaned regularly. I don't want to have Thrush and neither does my little Brother Oliver. Our humans make sure that they keep our hooves clean and good shape. They also clean out the snow when we need them to.

To clean our hooves you need a thing called a "hoof pick". It is a small funny shaped tool that has one end perfect for digging out dirt, rocks and manure from hooves. But be careful when you pick our hooves because if you dig too hard, you can hurt us just like rocks do. When our humans clean our feet they check for bruises, smelly Thrush, and then make sure that the hoof looks healthy. It only takes a minute or two to clean our feet.

Later today I am going to help my little Brother Oliver write a letter to Santa. Neither of us can write as we have hooves and not hands. I help my little Brother Oliver think about what he is going to put on his list and then we tell our humans so that they can write the letter. This year my little Brother Oliver wants a new Jolly Ball and one of the really big balls that he can play with out in the field. I want a new lead rope and some pretty elastics for my human to use to make my mane look pretty.

We don't really need presents, what we need is a warm shelter, good food, fresh water and humans taking care of us. We will have a fun Christmas even if we don't get everything we asked for because we will have everything we need. I hope it snows so we can play outside and keep trying to make snow pony angels!!