

## Alice's Blog for June/July 2014

Hello Everyone, its Alice the Pony. I hope everyone is out enjoying the summer warmth and sunshine. I know that I am.

Do you have any special plans for the Summer? I am going to eat grass, roll, run and play all Summer long. I also have to babysit my Little Brother Oliver as he still needs someone older to watch out for him. He does silly things and gets hurt sometimes, so I try to keep him safe. He trips over his long legs when he is running and playing, which is pretty funny to watch sometimes. I am much steadier on my feet because I am a mature Pony. Now that it is Summer both my Little Brother Oliver and I are wearing our special Fly Masks to keep the flies out of our eyes. My little Brother Oliver still thinks he is invisible when he wears the mask, but he also thinks our humans can't see him when he hides under a tree. He is silly but a lot of fun.

Last week we were out grazing in our field. Some birds joined us, looking for worms and bits of grain. Two of the birds flew up on to my Little Brother Oliver's back and sat there while he grazed. He did not even notice! Silly Oliver. We both like other animals to be our friends. My Little Brother Oliver really likes Cats and I enjoy hanging out with Dogs. It's a good thing Oliver did not have a Cat friend with him when the birds were playing on his back! Horses and Ponies like to have other horses and ponies as friends, because we are herd animals and get lonely by ourselves. I get a bit lonely when my Little Brother Oliver goes away for the Winter and to shows, but don't tell him that. Luckily I also have some horse friends next door and we like to spend time chatting across the fence.

Some people wonder about my name. It really is "Alice the Pony". My humans gave me that name because the littlest human liked it. Do you know what kind of a Pony I am? Can you guess? I am a Welsh Pony. There are many different kinds of Ponies and Horses. Some are very tall (like a Clydesdale) and some are small (like a Shetland Pony). There is even a Breed called Miniature Horses, who are even smaller than a little pony! Some breeds are known for their colors like a Palomino, they are a beautiful Gold color. Appaloosa's have lots of spots and Paint horses are all white and brown or black. Quarter horses are quick and strong, Thoroughbreds can run really, really fast. Maybe this summer you could read some books about Horse and Pony breeds and learn lots about us. You could even color some pictures, like of your favorite horse or even of me! The people at Horse Council BC would love you to send in your pictures.

If you want to learn even more about Ponies and Horses, Horse Council BC is hosting "Horse Day" at the PNE on August 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of demonstrations and different horses and ponies to get to know.

Love Alice the Pony