

Hi,

It's me, Alice the Pony! How are all of you doing? I am happy because my load of winter hay has been delivered, the shavings pile is full and I have my nice snug, waterproof blanket on. I am a bit sad because My Little Brother Oliver is not spending the winter with me. He has gone to a Boarding Stable so he can continue to be "trained" all winter long. I am not sure what they will train him to do, but I hope it is something useful, like opening gates or sneaking carrots out of the garden. I have been able to sneak some of the carrots, but My Little Brother Oliver has a much longer neck and should be able to reach the new Peas and share them with me. Yum! Horses like grain, hay, sugar and other horse feeds, but we also like some vegetables to snack on like carrots and peas. Do you ever snack on vegetables?

One other nice thing I do now that My Little Brother Oliver is away is to go stand under his special tree. He thinks no one can see him when he is under his special tree, but we all can. I don't like to tell him I can see him because he is using his imagination and it is fun to pretend. I stand under the tree, but I know that everyone can still see me. The other thing I do now is visit with the horses who are my neighbours. Horses love to have company and we really hate to be alone. We are known as "herd" animals which means that we like to live with other horses. Sometimes it is nice to have a dog or cat friend too.

I hope My Little Brother Oliver is not scared at his new Boarding Barn. Sometimes he got scared at home and he and I would talk until he was not scared anymore. It is nice to have someone to talk to when you are scared. Of course, when he gets scared of the wheelbarrow at home, we all just laugh a bit because that is a silly thing to be scared of. He laughs later too, and I think that he is not really scared, but likes to make a fuss just to see what our Humans do!

I have to confess I am a little scared right now. I have to go to the Veterinary Clinic and have two teeth pulled. That does not sound like fun and I really don't want to go. My Humans say that when I have the teeth pulled I will feel better and be able to eat better as well. I am not a young Pony anymore and older Ponies often need a bit more dental care than some younger ponies. My Humans make sure that the Veterinarian checks my teeth and my Little Brother Oliver's teeth once or twice a year. It helps keep us happy and healthy. I will tell you guys all about my visit to the Veterinary Clinic next time I write.

I want to thank everyone who entered the Pony Tails Coloring contest. The Humans at Horse Council BC brought all of the pictures to me and My Little Brother Oliver to look at. You guys are all so great with your coloring imagination.

