

Pony Tails, July 2017

Hi! It's me, Alice the Pony.

I have not written to you for a while, but I have been a very busy Pony. It is a lot of working taking care of my Little Brother Oliver and visiting with my friends. Actually it's not a lot of work visiting, I really have a lot of fun with all of my friends.

My newest friend is called "Howdy". We got to visit for a little while and I really like him. He is a horse, but not a really big horse like My Little Brother Oliver. He is still bigger than me, because I am a Pony. Howdy is a black and white Paint horse and is only 5 years old. His humans really like him, because he has such beautiful blue eyes, which I really like too. Not many horses have blue eyes and that makes him extra special. He is really funny and likes to sit and talk with me and My Little Brother Oliver at night when we are all in our stalls. His human rides him in a Western saddle and he wears shoes that are really different than other horses wear because he is learning to be a Reined Cow Horse. I was not sure about what that meant, so Howdy explained it to me. He has to work in an arena with a cow and do patterns which sounds really hard to do. Howdy says it is really fun and feels like playing a game instead of working.

My Little Brother Oliver loves to play games instead of working. Sometimes he plays silly games like "Buck and Run" or "Spin the Rider" instead of working. He is not supposed to do that, but sometimes he just can't help himself. I used to play a game called "Make my rider fall off" and I was really good at it. While some people thought that it was naughty, I truly think that I was creating better riders! Now that I am retired, I don't play that game anymore, I have a new one call "Catch me if you can"! My Little Brother Oliver plays this one too, but he gets distracted by a grain bucket and gets caught every time. Silly Oliver! Right now we are also playing a game called "remove the other horses fly mask". We end up laughing and laughing once we are finished. The bad part is then the flies bug our faces and we have to call to our humans to put our masks back on for us.

Now that it is summer and school is out, do you play games? Not the ones that humans play on their cell phones, or computer, but actual games where you run around, jump and play outside. When my human was really young and I was not with her yet she used to dream about having her own Pony and riding it. In the summer and when the weather was nice she would pretend to be riding a Pony and jump over the little hedges and jumps she built. Her parents said it was good exercise. I think it was just fun and because she was having fun she would play outside for hours. Some things that are good for you can be fun as well and running, jumping and playing outside is one of them. Now that she is older my human does not run, jump and play much anymore. She gets her exercise by riding my Little Brother Oliver and all of the barn chores like cleaning our stalls, moving hay around, sweeping the barn and grooming us. But I think that exercise is really important to do at any age so I make sure that we play "Catch me if you can!" once in a while.

I will tell you some more stories soon, it was great writing this for you,

Love Alice the Pony