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**Gentle Dove Farm's first clinic of the year was another sell out!** Clinic riders enjoyed music, smoke, tarps, tents, turkeys, and toys, among other things, at the Spring Tune-up Obstacle Clinic held at Wild Side Ranch in Bloomfield, NY on April 30th. Even the weather cooperated as we had the only sunny day of the whole week! We started with a complex obstacle demonstration with Dillon and then worked with 16 rider teams from across NYS sharing obstacle training tips like how to encourage your horse by holding his hand, the cue to forewarn your horse that something is coming, and making your obstacle have the most probable positive outcome! The riders had a blast while learning good communication methods for success. The stable host and owner from Wild Side Ranch said it all: *"Great day, watching every horse make progress. Nice job Joann, as always. Thanks, Andrea"*

Thank you to everyone for coming and making the day such a success!

