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Gentle Dove Farm's French Connection!

Gentle Dove Farm was featured on French cable TV! We were delighted to participate in the filming of the French documentary highlighting the New York Mounted Police! You can view a 12-minute extract on www.GentleDoveFarm.com in the GDF Pictures link that shows highlights from the 50-minute film that was aired on Equidia cable television in France. Our contribution shared the Gentle Dove Farm training methods representing the Mounted Police relationship with their horses. We were proud to share in this tribute to the dedication, training, and value of the Mounted Police.

Parlez-vous français? It didn't matter that we didn't speak French because our guests from Paris were fluent in English thank goodness.



Shooting off the gun

It all started back last June when we received a phone call asking if Gentle Dove Farm would like to participate in a French movie. It sounded like it was a joke! But, indeed, after sending their credentials and documentation for the movie outline, we accepted their gracious offer. Shortly thereafter, they arrived from Paris and NYC to film our Gentle Dove Farm training methods in action. On the

hottest day of the year, (record breaking 100 degrees Fahrenheit; for the French folks that's 37 Celsius!) our Percheron/Quarter Horse cross, Shamrock, performed a series of obstacle maneuvers for the cameras.

Filming is both a skill and art so it was important to get just the right shots and angles. That meant multiple performances of not only the whole course, but at each obstacle as well. Starting at 7 in the morning to beat the heat, we finished up outside around noon. Taking a break out of the sun we fortunately had lunch in



Lighting the flare

some air-conditioning! We then spent the afternoon in interviews both in the house and in the barn introducing our horses and training concepts. A full day of filming produced around 12 minutes in the 50 minute published documentary.



Turtle walk



Shamrock taking a bow

made for us, visit www.GentleDoveFarm.com. We hope you enjoy the show!

With the honor of being a film star, our youngest horse, Shamrock, continues on to some further highlights. You can see him demonstrating at our upcoming obstacle clinics described in the Events link. Upload your registrations soon to reserve your spot!



Filming expertise

What an outstanding job they did putting the movie together! Ten months in the making, the French Film Crew -

Producer/Writer/Director: Alexandre Pottier, Line Producer: Christian Dinh, Camera: Stephen Brown, PA: Louis Pottier, and Equidia TV Channel Producer: Christophe Salomon - created a professional, well-managed production that paid tribute to the mounted police.

"Immersion in the world of a mounted police unit in New York, these officers, known as 'ten-foot cops', have the mission to protect and serve. And it's the horses that fight against crime." The dedicated training and partnership between officer and equine is essential.

The NYPD documentary is an outstanding film and we hope the French audience enjoyed it! We were certainly grateful to be included in their production! Who would have ever thought we'd be on French cable television!

If you would like to see a clip of the French version, or the English demo clip they



French Filming Crew