

# Woodsmith Farm

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Slim

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There is a new guy at the farm these days. A 4 year old Thoroughbred off the track is now at Woodsmith Farm undergoing an overhaul. He was a pitiful, skinny mess, found standing out in an overgrazed field with 40 or so other horses 4 of which were stallions. The guy claimed to be some sort of horse savior (he's even fooling the local humane societies) and saves all of these horses from sure death, but to me he just looks like a horse trader who takes really bad care of his animals and gets everything for free.

So Slim and a Mustang mare were thrown on the trailer in the worst rainstorm I had ever been in and hauled to my friends house. We let them settle in there for a few days so she could trim feet and her husband the vet could do his teeth, coggins and vaccinations. Slim's now at home and doing great. He's taking everything in stride.



Buddy

We've already started learning to lunge, bend, and lead from both sides. Track horses are very one sided and have lots of habits that need to be undone before they make good riding horses and he's no exception. With time and experience though hopefully Slim will make someone a nice quiet riding horse.

We have the first of several [webcams](#) running. Keep checking back as we put more of them online.



Buddy and Maddie

I have become brave and started driving Emma at home by myself. So far she's been wonderful. I even hitched and unhitched her all by myself last night and she did not move a muscle. The guy I bought her from did a wonderful job of teaching her to stand. Toad and Will could not grasp what the cart was though and provided lots of outside interference for us as they went bucking and tearing around the field next to the arena. She listened to me though and handled it all well.

The cows are all doing great and the 3 heifers are turned out with the horses in the big field now because we are experiencing a major drought and we put everyone together so the horses have grass to eat. We still have more grass than most farms but we need rain!!!

Buddy is the new neighbor's dog that comes over to visit through out the day. He cracks me up. TJ doesn't feel the same way.