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Dunrovin

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**Ranch
Talk**



Captain Lewis and Clark

Dunrovin's Captains Lewis and Clark were a most unexpected purchase in August of 2013. It all started as some many things do at Dunrovin - with a phone call from someone wanting to do something with horses. In this case, a lovely woman called to ask if Dunrovin knew of anyone who might be interested in purchasing a pair of draft ponies along with their beautiful black and red carriage and black leather Amish harnesses. As luck would have it, a new teamster in the area had recently come out to Dunrovin to inquire about using his team of small draft horses in conjunction with the ranch. Activities. Before meeting Wayne and his fine team of horses, Dunrovin had little experience and little interest in carts and driving a team; so when the phone call came regarding the draft ponies, Dunrovin Ranch's response was to hook Wayne up with the women so they could evaluate the talents of the pair and help her sell them to a suitable buyer.

Wayne went out first to check them out and get them hitched to the cart, He then texted Dunrovin Ranch ownere, SuzAnne, to drive on out to see them. Well, as SuzAnne's father used to say "SuzAnne has all the WILL power in the world - its WON'T power that she lacks." Need we say more, SuzAnne saw Wayne putting these two incredibly handsome ponies through their paces with their shinny black and red carriage and immediately fell in love. She negotiated with lease to purchase arrangement with the wom-an and to bring them to Dunrovin as long as they passed their vet check.

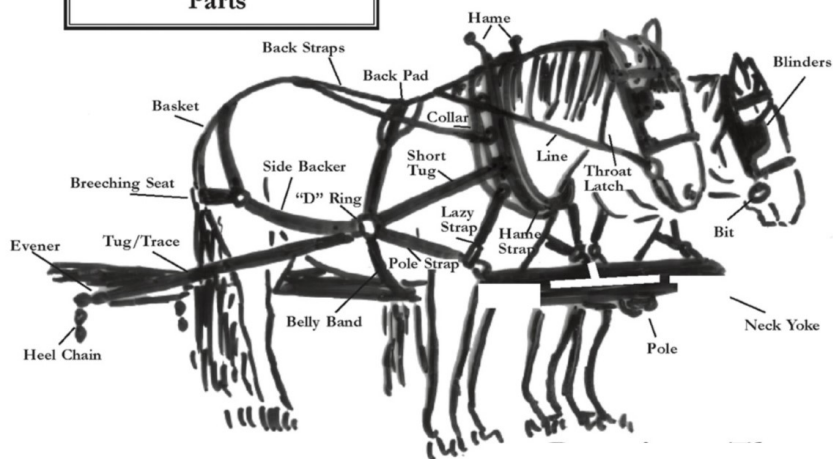
SuzAnne's vet responded to her call to check out the ponies with the statement " I tell my clients who get into the horse driving business that they need three things: liability insurance, medical insurance, life insurance." Whoa! That didn't sound promising. However, upon examining them and seeing what gentle and willing personalities they had and how well trained and behaved they were, he was impressed and advised SuzAnne to go ahead with the arrangement. Clearly the lease turned into a purchase.



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The Captains' personalities under saddle are entirely different from when they are in harness. Under saddle, Captain Clark is the go-getter. He's willing to move out, while Captain Lewis tends to be on the lazy side, holding back and plodding along unless urged. In harness, it is just the opposite. Captain Lewis would be the only one pulling the load unless Captain Clark is nearly constantly told to tow the line.

Driving tack has many more parts than saddles and needs to be adjusted for the different types of equipment the ponies pull—the carriage, the pasture harrow, the arena grader.

Ranch Manager, Kelli, is game for just about anything. While she has never before driven a team, she is anxious to learn. She is currently scrambling to find the right instructor to get her started. While Dunrovin Ranch owner SuzAnne has driven the Captains on a number of occasions, she is far from an expert. Kelli's goal is to not only learn the ins and outs of driving, but to learn them well enough that she can teach Kate and the DIVAS so they can get spruce up the DIVAS' own cart, get them working together in harness, and have some fun around town with kids of all ages. Stay tuned!

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