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NATIONAL CENTER FOR THERAPEUTIC RIDING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1985

-- THANK YOU. IT'S GREAT RIDING WITH YOU AGAIN. MY HUSBAND AND I LOVE TO RIDE WHENEVER WE GET THE CHANCE -- I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER THERAPY FOR ANYONE.

-- IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT A YEAR HAS GONE BY SINCE I WAS LAST HERE. I'VE BEEN VISITING THE CENTER FOR 4 YEARS NOW, AND EVERYTIME I COME, SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED. IT MAKES ME WONDER WHAT WILL BE NEXT! IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE THE CENTER

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GROWING AND PROVIDING MORE CHILDREN AND ADULTS ALIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO RIDE.

-- THERE IS ONE STUDENT OF BOB'S WHO IS ALSO A VERY DEAR FRIEND OF MINE AND RONNIE'S. HE'S BEEN SEEN HERE QUITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND I UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS ACQUIRED THE NICKNAME, "THE DUKE", WHICH I'M SURE IS WELL DESERVED. HIS GREAT STRENGTH, PERSERVERANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT CERTAINLY SHOWS ON THE BACK OF A HORSE AS IT DOES EVERYWHERE

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ELSE. I AM HONORED TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO JIM
BRADY. JIM, WE WANTED TO SOMEHOW SHOW YOU HOW MUCH WE ADMIRE
YOUR SKILL AND TALENT IN BECOMING SUCH AN AVID RIDER. ON BEHALF
OF BOB DOUGLAS, AND THE CENTER, I'M HONORED TO PRESENT YOU WITH
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