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Dear ,

A couple of weeks ago, my neighbors texted me. They were on their way somewhere to pick up a horse, and the young woman helping out with the farm chores was alone with a newborn calf that couldn't drink from its mother.
They rarely ever ask for help, so when they do, I know it’s serious. And so I went over.

It was pitch dark, cold, and the mud was ankle deep.
I tried to keep up with the young women but, I mean, the 30 years in age difference, hiking up the mountain in the mud 😵‍💫😮‍💨. We did that a couple of times because the mom just wouldn’t let the calf drink, and we had to go get some colostrum from the freezer.
I wasn’t able to help much, but I think my company was somewhat of a comfort.

Anyway, all was well in the morning and the calf is thriving.

This is the beauty of my life in Alta Langa. It’s nice to be part of a community. You know you can ask for help, and when it’s your turn, you put on your boots, and you go. That's just what you do when there are animals involved.

Anyway, just a ‘day in the life’ of your photographer 🙂

The model call is still open

Spring is here, and that means beautiful light, blossoms, and delicate greens. And so I feel like a model call is the perfect way to celebrate that.

A few free sessions in exchange for creative freedom: I get to make the photographs I want, and you get images of your horse without the price tag. I’m looking in particular for locations that fit the spring vibe.

But also, if you have an idea that is out of the ordinary and you’re looking for a photographer to bring it to life, feel free to reach out. I am always open to discuss a collaboration.

What **caught my eye** on social media this month.

The myth of the moody mare. We've all heard it. She's bossy, difficult, hormonal. Renate Larssen wrote a sharp piece on why that framing is a welfare problem.

It got me thinking about the "horse girl" stereotype. Obsessive, socially awkward, out of touch with reality. Used to mock girls and women who love horses for decades, just take a look at all the "funny" reels on social media. Most of us learned to shrug it off, or to pretend-laugh.

But if you stop and think for a moment, the horse world runs on women. Only, at the bottom. Mostly women do the daily work. Men get handed the top training and coaching positions. Female jockeys get fewer rides. Sponsors back men. And the "weird horse girl" label is a neat way to make sure nothing changes.

I'd love for you to hit reply and let me know your thoughts

My month in 3 images

As always, thank you for being a part of my story.

Hold onto those small, everyday moments with your horse—they’re the ones that matter most.

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