

## Title: Chasing Rainbows Driving Clinic

Chasing Rainbows Open Horse Shows and the Percheron Horse Association of America (PHAoA) Education and Charitable Fund hosted a driving clinic at the Clearfield County Fair and Park grounds for the third year in Pennsylvania. This one-day fall clinic brought fifteen people together from several towns in PA for a full day of fun and learning. The clinic included driving, measuring for a harness and fitting it, plus care and nutrition of the draft horse. While students could bring their own horses, if they did not, they were able to use the instructors' horses that were provided to the clinic.

Three instructors were on hand to give students a low student to instructor ratio with lots of individual time. Steve and Suzie Perrine and Brandt Ainsworth were knowledgeable and patient instructors as they answered questions and gave one-on-one instruction on harnessing and driving. The instructors' horses ranged from purebred Percherons, Belgian and Percheron crosses, a young Belgian in training plus a mini. Driving instruction with these horses ranged from cart, team and three abreast. During the harness fitting demonstration, it was found that a newly ordered harness and cart did not fit the larger mini and the cart was going to have to be sent back. A valuable lesson for all was learned quickly.

Good food, lots of learning- consisting of both listening and participation, made for a very successful clinic and Chasing Rainbows is planning on holding another clinic in 2023. If you are interested in attending, contact Tina Schultz via email at [tschultz@schultzairshows.com](mailto:tschultz@schultzairshows.com) or watch for event dates on the PHAoA Education and Charitable Fund website at [www.percheronedu.org/upcoming-events](http://www.percheronedu.org/upcoming-events)



This team is Elvis (bay) a 6 year old and Jim a (dark chestnut) 10 year old half Belgian half Percheron draft cross. Instructor Brandt Ainsworth is giving instruction to Rich Pawling from Sinking Spring, PA on driving a skid.



HHF Mister Friday and his Owner/ instructor Suzy Perrine harnessed and waiting to enter the ring for instruction on hitching and the importance of proper nutrition for large breed horses.



Pictured here is Suzy Perrine (instructor), and Carolyn Pebble Wamboldt with her mini, Jack, getting fitted with his new harness and cart. Our youngest attendees and participants of our clinic, Oakley and Kinley, had a wonderful time learning to drive a mini with the assistance of instructor Suzy Perrine.



No matter how big or small, there was learning to be had for all!



A young Belgian in training with Brandt Ainsworth's Percheron cross drafts that he uses for logging.