

Hours *to* Drive 2010



Why did the chicken cross the road? Adena Ray's Shetland Ponies Merry and Pippin want to know. See Adena's story below.

Meet fellow ADS members who logged their recreational driving hours last year—spent in many different kinds of enjoyment!—to count them towards an Hours to Drive pin. After reading about some of their experiences, you may want to head right out to the barn.

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I truly enjoy the Hours to Drive program. This is a wonderful way to keep track of the hours spent with one's driving partners. I had a bitter-sweet year in 2010. My most experienced driving partner, Claire, suffered a life-threatening colic in February, requiring surgery to save her life. After many months of recuperation, she was finally able to go back to driving in early summer. Meanwhile, not to be without my drive-time, I started another pony, Chloe, in harness and found her to be well on

her way to becoming another great partner for me (and possibly a teammate for Claire). Team Hobbit (Merry and Pippin, our irrepressible Shetland Ponies) also gave me many hours of enjoyment. All told, I have hours with many different equines this year and I can honestly say that I enjoyed every one of them (except for the "bad pony" incident, but that pony has happily gone on to another job that does not include vehicles OR riders!). Next year? Team Hobbit and, with luck, Team Oreo.

This photo is of Adena Ray driving Chloe, who is still quite green but ever willing.

