

## Updates from the **ANIMAL KINGDOM**



That's my brother David. Thank goodness he's coming to help me hang more fans in the barn!



The horses chilling out in this unbearable Southern heat.



Ya'll want to do a cookbook together? You're on! More details in the future.

Dear Friends and Readers,

It seems it was only fifteen minutes ago that I was writing the May newsletter—boy, time sure goes by fast.

The big news is that [BONE APPETIT](#) drops Tuesday! I can't wait! (More about this later).

We're in the throes of hot, hot summer here at the farm. The days are almost unbearable, and I'm hanging more fans in the barns for the horses today. My brother is coming to help me. I can't bear to go into the oil gusher. Please focus on getting this horrible well plugged and the cleanup process started.

I want to congratulate all of the winners of my [BONE APPETIT 12-Round Contests](#) on Facebook. Y'all are amazing writers when it comes to stories and captions. I enjoyed reading all of them. The contests have been a lot of fun.

And I want to thank all of you who participated in the [merchandising survey](#). We got some solid, fascinating information. The bottom line was that most people wanted T-shirts, while earrings and necklaces were also popular items. Sunglasses were popular, but some folks pointed out that prescription sunglasses make this item difficult.

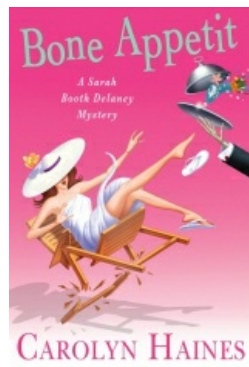
So all in all, we got some great pointers. The surprising thing was that many, many people wrote in about a **cookbook**. I am in the process of scoping this out. My thinking is that everyone should contribute a recipe, along with a story about the recipe (*see, I learned from the contests that you guys are terrific writers*). This isn't for certain, because it's going to take a lot of work to pull this together. But that's what I'm planning for the future. First off, though, will be T-shirts, polo shirts, and maybe, if I get this going before winter, a



Do you like my logo? Can you see the two bones in the "H"?



I try to get my critters to earn their keep around the house.



The 10th book in my Sarah Booth Delaney series, BONE APPETIT, is dropping on Tuesday! I'm so excited for you to read it.

sweatshirt.

My friend [Stephanie Ryan](#) has designed a logo, which you can see. I just love it. Like Sarah Booth, I have the most incredible friends. Talented and smart! I think I'll offer the Sarah Booth shirts first. Black polo with a hot pink logo and also a pink polo with a purple logo. And the T-shirts with a silk-screen Sarah Booth saying, "**Unwed, unbred—but ready.**" And one Tinkie T-shirt in vibrant pink with the saying, "**I'm a Daddy's Girl.**"

So this is my thinking right now. It could change, because I learn new stuff everyday. But I just want to thank you all for being a part of this. It's fun to come up with character-based items. You guys know these characters as well as I do, which is so much fun. Your input has been invaluable. As we progress, I will be asking for more help.

If you get [BONE APPETIT](#) and have a chance, it's always helpful if you'll write a review for the on-line bookseller sites. Amazon and Barnes & Noble. I'm trying to do more video reviews—my critters are not always cooperative, but like I've said before, they need to earn their keep. Sure I'll trick them out to sell books!

On the animal front, we have had a little success placing a few pets. Aleta found a site called [www.goodsearch.com](#) If you go there and use their search engine, you can list Good Fortune Farm Refuge as the charity to receive a percentage of a penny per each search you do on the Internet. It's a painless way to give, and there are any number of charities you can select if you prefer to give to another organization.

BONES OF A FEATHER is coming along just swimmingly. It's crazy that I've been working on the book almost a year.

I leave next week for Houston, for a signing at [Murder By The Book](#) with my friends David and McKenna and Dean. Yay! And my schedule for signing in early July is on my website. The whole [Viking Cooking School](#) thing is going to be so much fun. You can get the details of that on my website, too. I'll try to take photos and get them ready for my next newsletter.

Y'all have a good 4<sup>th</sup> of July and keep pushing those hurricanes back!

Best,  
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