

LUCKY JACK FARM

Indeed

Perched on a hill

in the exclusive Rancho Santa Fe neighborhood just outside of Del Mar, LuckyJack Farm is a picture perfect Southern California dream barn. Named for the first jumper she purchased, owner Patricia Brutton has brought a new life to this 15 acre site. Designed by the renowned Jack Blackburn, of Blackburn Architects, with interiors by Gege Pender, LuckyJack Farm is a modern Mediterranean masterpiece.

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When searching for our very first “Barn Envy” I wanted to find a property that truly made me envious.

Not the negative envy, but the positive kind of envy, where you find yourself so impressed by something that it makes you angry. Walking onto the grounds of LuckyJack Farm I felt that immediate slight burning of desire and envy, and I knew we’d found the right property. LuckyJack serves as an elite hunter-jumper training facility managed by USHJA certified trainer Mickie Sage. This boutique training facility features a large show ring, turnout, indoor hot walker, and a series of small grass pastures perfect for grazing. Each is well appointed with training necessities and meticulously kept up for the happiest of horses. Being an interior designer by trade, I firmly believe that the space you surround yourself with matters, and LuckyJack has provided a training facility for it’s riders that is not only relaxing, but inspiring. You are surrounded by lush greens, clear blue skies, and beautiful horses, without any other distractions. It’s an atmosphere that made me want to get on my horse and practice quietly for hours.



Perhaps the most extraordinary part of the entire LuckyJack facility is it’s barn. If you have never been inside a Blackburn designed barn do yourself a favor and find one to walk into, you’ll be amazed. Blackburn designs are all about air, light, functionality, and of course, looking undeniably chic. Walking into the barn my breath was completely taken away, I was greeted by soaring ceilings topped with wooden beams, and skylights. A cool breeze runs throughout the entire space, greatly reducing any undesirable barn smells like the dreaded ammonia. This keeps the barn environment healthy for humans and horses alike. Dark grey pavers set the perfect base to the wide aisle lined with classic sliding iron and brass stall doors. Each of the sixteen 12x12 stalls has a window to the outside, and cushy yet supportive bedding creating a relaxing and calming home for LuckyJack’s lucky horses. There is something inexplicably special about this barn. My only explanation is that when spectacular design meets extreme functionality, something incredible happens, a space just feels right.





In addition to the spectacular entertainment and lounge areas, the clubhouse holds the LuckyJack tackroom, office, locker room, laundry rooms, and guest suite. The tackroom dawns beautiful cerused oak wood paneling placed in a horizontal pattern, acting as the perfect backdrop for beautiful tack. The locker room resembles a high-end spa with it's upholstered benches, custom wooden lockers, and luxurious bathroom. The two laundry rooms function in style with bold tile backsplashes, and plenty of space to clean your equestrian gear.

Next to the barn sits LuckyJack's luxurious clubhouse. The clubhouse boasts 6000 sq. feet of chic entertainment space that includes a full kitchen, lounge, and a beautiful outdoor space with a fire pit and, my personal favorite, a pizza oven. Using rich textures mixed with sleek materials, interior designer Gege Pender gave a luxe, warm, contemporary feel to the space. Walking thru, I felt like I was at someone's incredibly chic home, rather than a stable clubhouse. Pender has brilliantly hinted at equestrian without being too obvious. She uses wide plank floors, distressed woods, leathers, and iron accents to create the feel of high end stables.



At LuckyJack Farm no detail has been forgotten. It is a warm, inviting, and incredibly chic space for horse and rider alike. As equestrians, we tend to spend more time at the barn than we do at our own homes. For lack of a more creative term, it is our home away from home. What LuckyJack has created is the perfect home for horse, and home away from home for rider. It is high-end without feeling stuffy, comfortable without being dumpy, and just plain inviting. I don't know whether it was Patricia's welcoming smile and great stories, the clubhouse and all it's amenities, or the breathtaking Blackburn barn, but I immediately felt right at home. My editor nearly had to drag me off the property, because I simply did not want to leave.



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