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**From:** Washoe311 <[washoe311@washoecounty.gov](mailto:washoe311@washoecounty.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2024 11:37 AM  
**To:** Washoe311 <[Washoe311@washoecounty.gov](mailto:Washoe311@washoecounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #172839] (Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment) - Washoe County, NV

**Comments** Hello, I have been a member of misty blue Training Center for the last 22 years. I have also boarded my horses at this facility and have a current horse boarded there for the last 8 years. I met April back in 2002 in which my daughter took riding lessons from her. My daughter became an accomplished equestrian under April Scollards guidance and went on to compete at Arabian Youth Nationals and Arabian Canadian Nationaks twice.

I myself start showing with April in 2007. I traveled with April and our horse show Family to several shows in California for many years. That horse passed away and I purchased back my daughter's horse 8 years ago. I have been showing with April for the last 8 years again. The one thing I can say about April is that she is very caring and knowledgeable and treats every client like her family. Both my girls took lessons from her during the last 20 years. What a lot of people don't realize is that horses are a very unique animal and have a very unique bond with their humans. April has been a tremendous guide with not only my show career but helping me to understand more about horse husbandry. She has contributed to our community for the last 25 years and deserves a special use permit to continue helping our community enjoy their lives with horses. Thank you for listening and have a fantastic meeting. Sincerely, Debbie Witherow Stead Nevada

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**Subject:** A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #172840] (Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment) - Washoe County, NV

**Comments** I am writing in support of issuing a business permit for Misty Blu Horse Training, owned by April D. Scollard, Reno, Nevada. I have known April for at least 35 years, and she has put under saddle, trained, boarded, and shown several of my horses. I know her to be absolutely honest, reliable, and extremely hard working. She has helped many in our community learn safe care and handling of our horses, and has taught our horses as well to be safe companions for us as riders. She has shown my horses at the local, regional and national levels. I trust her completely to care for them as she would her own. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of a business permit than April Scollard and Misty Blu Training. She is a consummate professional.

Signed,

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**To:** Washoe311 <[Washoe311@washocounty.gov](mailto:Washoe311@washocounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #172952] (Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment) - Washoe County, NV

**Comments** Hello Board Members, This email is written in Support of Misty Blu Training Center. I have been a client of April Dinan-Scollard for over two decades. My daughter started taking lessons at her facility when she was 6 years old. Shortly after she started taking lessons my daughter was sexually assaulted by a neighbor who was the grandfather of one of the neighborhood children. After that happened Mist Blu became a sanctuary and a safe place for my daughter. The neighborhood kids would chant "Kill Katie" as they rode their bikes up and down the street. She would be bullied walking to and from the bus stop. After her assaulter was convicted, she was told by the Principal at school that she would be suspended if she mentioned the incident at school as the grandchildren of the convicted assaulter would be traumatized. Misty Blu was the only place she felt safe and welcomed. April knew the story and was patient with my daughter and understood that sometimes melt downs happened that were not related to the lesson, but emotions needed to come out. April and her boarders became a second family that my daughter needed at the time. She learned to love and trust people outside of myself while everyone shared their love of horses. She learned that no matter a person's race, creed, political or religious beliefs they could come and bond over the horses. There is no blue or red at Misty Blu, only horsehair. Envision Washoe 2040's vision statement reads "Washoe County is a place of diverse and resilient opportunities to build a quality life in a safe and engaging community offering unparalleled access to Washoe County's Natural Landscape, its arts, culture, and history, and its rich network of community services." If the Board truly believes in the Vision then it will grant the Special Use Permit to Misty Blu Training Center as this business is the embodiment of this vision statement. April Dinan-Scollard provides a place where multi-generations of people can come together to share life experiences while enjoying their four-legged companions in the beautiful nature that Washoe Country provides. Washoe County was built on the culture and history of the West and the horses that brought people into the West. Thank God there are still places like Misty Blu Training Center around for people to experience it

Thank you,  
Lisa Burnett

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**Subject:** A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #172955] (Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment) - Washoe County, NV

**Comments** Misty Blu Training Center case# wsup24-0009

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Brittney Eslahpazir & I moved to Reno last year from Florida. I currently board my horse with April Dinan-Scollard at Misty Blu Training Center. I have had nothing but a fantastic experience having my horse in her care. Horses are therapeutic and keep humans grounded, challenged, humbled and grateful. This is one of the main reasons we moved here, because of all the horses (both wild & privately owned) and how accepted they are in the culture of Reno and Nevada in general. "Wild & Free."

April is such a knowledgeable trainer and barn owner- I can count on her for fantastic advice at any time while training my two year old horse. She is selfless and loves those horses so much that I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. Our entire facility is rallying together in hopes she can get all the licensing and permits she needs to keep her barn open and educating the public (like myself) on training, care and basic needs. She is a big part of the equine show culture and sponsors classes at Region 3 at the livestock center as well. Many of her boarders and clients have been with her a lot longer than I have, and it shows her character and the dedication she has to Arabians and equines in general. I can only hope to board with her as long as some of her other clients have. My horse is safe, happy and healthy. From the bottom of my heart, please let her keep Misty Blu Stables open & running. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,  
Brittney Eslahpazir  
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**From:** Washoe311 <[washoe311@washoecounty.gov](mailto:washoe311@washoecounty.gov)>  
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**Subject:** A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #172957] (Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment) - Washoe County, NV

**Comments** Misty Blu Center Case# wsup24-0009 To Whom It May Concern,  
My name is Katheryn Burnett, I am 25 years old, and I have been with Misty Blu Training Center since I was 7 years old. Misty Blu and April Dinan Scollard have provided not only a place where I can safely train and board my horses, but also a sense of family and community that I don't think I would have found otherwise. Without April, I don't know if there would be another horse trainer I could trust with my horses the way I do with her. As a child, I lost both my grandparents. Since then, it has just been my mom and me. The rest of our family either lives in another state or has distanced themselves because they believe our lifestyle doesn't match their aesthetic. At Misty Blu Training Center, I found a sense of stability and family. April Dinan Scollard has become more of an aunt-figure in my life than my own aunt, though I don't know if she realizes it. Other members of Misty Blu have also become like family, helping to shape me into the young woman I am today. If Misty Blu is shut down, I truly believe that young children will lose the chance to build these kinds of meaningful connections and familial bonds. Last year, I had a gelding named Raider who suffered from a recurring choke. April took the time to feed him soaked hay every six hours, even in the middle of the night, to ensure he was doing okay. She treated and cared for him as if he were her own horse. I don't believe that Raider would have received the same level of care at another stable. Thanks to April, I was able to spend five extra months with Raider that I wouldn't have had otherwise. In closing, if Washoe County shuts down Misty Blu Training Center and displaces April Dinan Scollard, the community will lose a place that has provided so much more than just horse training and boarding. It will lose a space where lifelong relationships are formed, where trust and care are the foundation of the work done, and where children and adults alike find a second home. The absence of Misty Blu would leave a significant void in the lives of those who depend on it, and the community would suffer as a result.

Sincerely,  
Katheryn Burnett

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