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The Story of Blaze

By Debra Young

I was brand spanking new to the foster program with GERL. BJ Morris and Ann-Maxwell Searcy, the Fannin & Gilmer County Coordinators had inspected and approved my ranch in October, 2010 for foster care. Gaited horses have been a part of my life for years; needless to say, I was excited and honored to be approved.

Becky Gregory, the Foster Coordinator, called me the week of December

15th about fostering two seven year old mares that were to be seized by the GDA. She informed me that one of the mares was in very poor condition with a hoof abscess, and that both of the mares were rated a 1.5 condition. BJ called me and said she and I would be picking up three horses - two mares for me and one young gelding for her.

We pulled up to the homestead where we found seven horses being kept in the front yard no more than a 1/4 acre. It was on a slope, ankle deep in mud and manure, no fresh water source. Ray Ziebell met us there to help with the transfer of ownership, loading and to give me meds/care instructions. He was holding a lead rope for the injured, very thin mare, Blaze - her right, front hoof was heavily bandaged - the entire leg was swollen, she rolled her hoof over to walk and the left knee was showing the effect of bearing too much weight. The vet had taken a large nail out the day before. The owner of these horses was standing nearby crying saying how she was going to miss them, especially Ginger, the other mare I was going to foster. Ginger stood next to her with a light weight coat on - I didn't take a look under the coat until we got to my ranch.



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Blaze was doing her best to stand, and the walk from the driveway to the horse trailer was painfully arduous. We wondered if she could make the step up - she surprised us by loading with little trouble. The question was could she stand for the trip. The other two horses loaded without incident. The still weeping owner had followed us to the trailer, and I assured her that I would take care of them like my own. BJ and I were peeved that she could be so sad, and yet let them get into this condition! Animal cruelty has different faces, but they are all ugly. BJ and I took off for my ranch - we had to stop twice to make sure Blaze was still standing.

We arrived at my ranch, unloaded the two mares and BJ took off for her place. When Mac, my boyfriend, and I came back down to the barn to soak and rebandage Blaze's hoof, she was laying down in the stall resting. Who knows when the last time was she had gotten to lay down and rest. The stench when we took the dressing off was enough to knock us over! I have seen many hoof abscesses, but this one was horrendous! It had to hurt, but Blaze was every bit the lady - no kicking, biting or moving - she stood there with her leg in a five gallon bucket while we petted her. After 20 minutes of soaking, I put a heavy bandage on and went to take a good look at Ginger, the other mare.

I removed the light weight coat from Ginger, and my mouth fell open! Her back and sides were covered with horse bites and mange! Some bites were open wounds, others trying to heal and she was pitifully thin. The cold weather prohibited a good bath, so we gave her a horse spritz bath, applied antibiotic salve, put a cleaner coat on her and gave her some much needed petting.

Dr. Zager with Ocoee Vet was scheduled to come out, but in the meantime, we continued with the soaking, antibiotics, probiotics, salve and prescribed feeding program. In a couple of days, Dr. Zager assessed Blaze - it was very serious - the infection had gone up her leg, he thought the bone maybe involved, but wanted to give her a chance. He changed her antibiotics, and instructed me to use a poly pipe he had cut in half to try and keep her hoof outstretched. Dr. Zager said if Blaze made it, her name should be Noel - from that day on we called her Noel. He arrived two days later, and decided to debrade the entire hoof - thank goodness he put her out. Dr. Zager didn't have a helper, so it was up to Mac and I to assist him. I have a newfound respect for vet's assistants :) I was to continue with the soaking, heavy bandage and poly

pipe. The pipe was not working. She continued to roll her ankle over, so I came up with a new idea - pipe insulating cuff. First wrap the hoof and ankle in cotton batting then take the largest size pipe insulator, cut it to hit a couple of inches below the knee and use duct tape to keep it all in place. Low and behold, Noel started bearing weight on the toe of her injured hoof! We were so excited! Dr. Zager warned us that she had a long way to go.



Dr. Zager called to let me know he was coming out for a recheck. Just by coincidence, I thought, my good friends, BJ and Ann-Maxwell, showed up before he did. He removed the bandages, and showed me how her tendon had atrophied - he was going to have to put her down. My Dad was out to help me clean the barn out, so we had to decide where to bury her - I cried like a baby. My good friends had been to Dr. Zager's office earlier, and knew there was a good chance Noel would have to be put down, so came out to offer moral support - I am blessed to call them friends. We laid her down in a small pasture behind my barn. She went out like a lady - quietly, sweetly. I called another friend to come out to bury her the next morning, so my Dad and I covered her with a tarp, weighed it down with stones and said our goodbyes - it was January 4th.

Noel didn't deserve the life she had, but I can tell you the last days of her life were spent in a small pasture by the barn, laying in the sun, munching on grass and hay, bedding down in a clean foaling stall with fresh water and lots of TLC. She was no trouble, but a blessing. I want to thank GERL for allowing me to care of her.

By the way, Ginger is doing great! The hair is growing back, she has put on 80#+, and thinks she is living at the Ritz Carlton - LOL!

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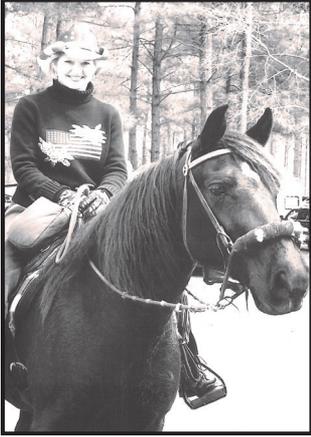
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LET ME SAY THIS ... ABOUT THAT

By *Patty Livingston, President*



Two thousand eleven is off to a running start for GERL. It is down right exciting! Much of my excitement comes with the realization that GERL is helping lots of horses. There seem to be horses needing help that we learn about almost every single day. We've been taking in quite a few horses at the request of Georgia Department of Agriculture, as two of their equine impound facilities have been under quarantine; there-

fore they have been unable bring in new horses. As is often the case, many of these horses were living in deplorable conditions and needed to be moved immediately. The fact that GERL has an opportunity to help GDA and these horses is gratifying. The fact that these horses come into our care as "owner released" is what concerns me. This means that neglectful owners have been allowed to simply DUMP responsibility for their animals on someone else, in this case, GERL. These people will receive not so much as a slap on the wrist for allowing their horses to become emaciated to the point where intervention is required.

Last September I had an experience which began changing my thinking about how the widespread problem of equine neglect in our state must be approached. As part of a training seminar for law enforcement which I attended in Moultrie, GA., I had the opportunity to hear Dekalb County Animal Control Officer, Kevin Hearst speak. His presentation was quite impressive and certainly one that got my attention. The budget shortfalls experienced by the GDA Equine Program each year are legendary. You can imagine why Officer Hearst had my full attention when he announced that the Dekalb County Sheriff's Department (under which exists Animal Control), ended the year 2010 UNDER BUDGET and returned \$811,170 to that county's general fund. Furthermore, this is the tenth year in a row that this has been the case! If Dekalb County has figured out how to do this, and it appears they have, GERL would like to encourage all agencies charged with the enforcement of equine protection laws in Georgia to follow their example!! How did they do it? Very simple. They impose FINES on neglectful animal owners and follow through in the collection of these fines.

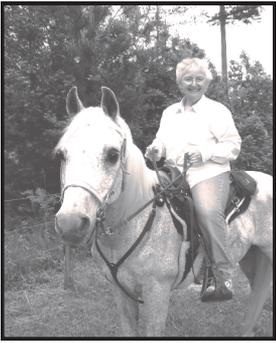
Pardon me if I share my ongoing outrage at the realization that deadbeat equine owners have been allowed to escape all consequences for the misery they have caused for many innocent animals. During my term as GERL President, I have been

personally involved as walking skeletons were seized just in time to save their lives, and loaded onto GDA or GERL trailers. I have tried to accept it each time I was told that the owners were too poor to be able to pay the fines which legally could have been, but were not, imposed. I was told that these people had children which needed food and shelter and those fines would further embarrass an already distressed financial situation. In my mind, these fines are no different than those imposed when traffic laws are broken. Traffic violation fines are collected without regard to an offender's financial situation. In fact, if the fines are a tremendous hardship, they serve as an extremely effective deterrent to future offences.

Now here is the REAL picture as I see it concerning those who have their horses taken from them. When on these scenes, I often observe recent manicures with false nails, expensive tattoos, the very latest in cell phone technology, a satellite for the best in TV reception, high end automobiles or trucks, and enough toys scattered over the yard to furnish a small day care center. Yet these people can not afford to buy hay for their horses.

It seems to me that they make the choice to spend their money on exactly what they want. There is always the sob story about how hard they have tried to find a new home for their horses but when you ask them if they have posted notices with pictures in local feed stores, or put an ad in a newspaper, they have not. That is because they only WISH that they could be rid of the horses but could not be bothered by actually putting out the effort to place them elsewhere.

I recently met with our new Agriculture Commissioner, Gary Black and presented an overview of who we are and what GERL does for the GDA. I expressed our intention to continue our support and explained our goals as related to GDA. Part of my presentation involved pointing out how much money could be realized if every equine impoundment due to neglect, resulted in a fine for owners. Commissioner Black explained that monies generated by fines for impounded equine, went to the state's general fund and did not specifically benefit the Equine Program. I see no reason that this can not eventually be changed. It is my fear that GDA will not be able to continue the Equine Program unless a way is found for it to, at least, sustain itself financially. I believe that collection of legally imposed fines can even ensure profitability! I stand firm in my belief that people who abuse and neglect equine should be punished and fined. And let me say this about that...until this happens, we are not going to see any changes in what is going on regarding the rampant mistreatment of horses across the state of Georgia.



A Note from the Secretary's Desk

By Anne Ensminger

The New Year has begun and it is now mid January 2011. The main concern for the past few days around here has been the weather. I know I am joined by many who have been

stuck in the house for several days. As I vacillate between “cabin fever” and being grateful for my warm, comfortable home and for the time to reflect on all I have for which to be thankful, one of my thoughts is of an old horse named Honor and what a joy he has become for me.

You may recall that I wrote an article last year about how Honor came into my life. While he technically belongs to GERL and I am just fostering him, he will never leave this farm, only over my dead body. I gave him the name Honor because I took him in honor of the horses I have lost over the years. He has since earned the name on his own merits. Honor was discovered somewhere way back in the North Georgia mountains by B.J. Morris and Ann Maxwell Searcy. They watched his physical condition decline to a point where they knew it was time to contact GERL and ask for help on his behalf.

They described a near thirty year old, white Arab cross gelding, with a low body score, living alone in a small pasture with little grass and receiving no care. The elderly lady, who had custody of the horse, was more than willing to sign him over to anyone who would come and get him. Because the road would not accommodate a truck and trailer, B.J. and Ann Max rode their horses in a cold rain for several miles and ponied the old horse back to their farm. The next day they had him vetted which confirmed that his age was indeed near thirty, and placed his obvious low body score at around one and a half. He had probably never seen an equine dentist and carried a very heavy parasite load. All of this was reversible except for his advanced age. Heck, I thought, I suffer from THAT problem and I'm still good! Something in my heart just went out to the old horse and, sight unseen, he was delivered to my farm by B.J. and Ann Max several days later.

After one year of good pasture, some needed dental care, regular worming, and lots of love, Honor is now fat, sassy, and happy. You would never believe that he is of such an advanced age. I was just standing on my back porch watching him carefully pawing the snow away from the tender grass to be found below. While

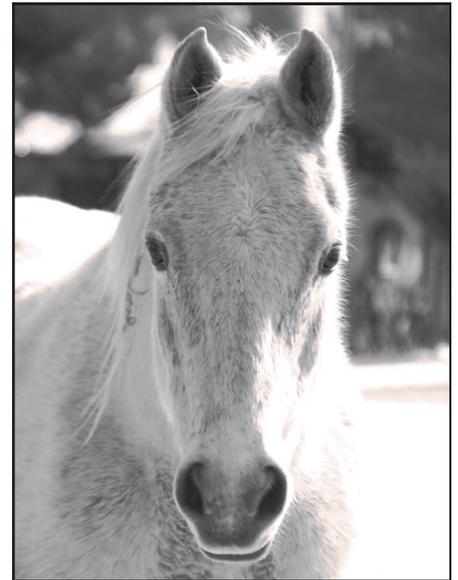
my other horses stand in the sun beside the barn waiting for the next time I go out there to throw hay, Honor is busy foraging for whatever the earth will provide. I am certain that he survived the last few years only because of this instinct.

As the recent bad weather raged, I separated Honor from the other horses because, since he is “low man on the totem pole” they, in a display of perfectly normal horse behavior, would not let him under the shelter and heaven forbid his thinking that he should have one of the small piles of hay I distributed around.

He now occupies the lot between my house and the barn. He has the entire hall of the barn to himself which provides excellent shelter from the snow and wind. He gets all of the hay he wants, plus other small meals throughout the day. Still, when the other horses get out of his sight, he worries. Amazing, isn't it? He holds no grudge for the way they have treated him. He totally forgives them and continues to seek their company.

The reason I have loved horses since I was a little girl is because of their beauty, the way they smell, and how much fun it is to ride them. Though I don't ride nearly as much any more, I still greatly enjoy their beauty and the way they smell. I now mostly enjoy just caring for them and have come to a much better understanding and appreciation of the nature of the horse, some of which has been regularly revealed to me by my precious old Honor.

He is humble and honest and he graciously turns the other cheek when mistreated. He is always where he is supposed to be and moves out of the way when he finds that he is not where he is supposed to be. He expects nothing from his friends, yet still loves them unconditionally. He always gives much more than he receives. Many people in this world could learn a great deal from Honor. He is my idea of a true role model and there is never a day that I am not grateful that he is here.



Decatur Impound GDA Horse Auction

By Patty Livingston

It was a windy day last December 4th when the Georgia Department of Agriculture held a horse auction to find new homes for eleven of their equine residents from the Decatur impound. Diana DeMoss and I were pulling the GERL cargo trailer to the auction to set up a booth and sell t-shirts. We were a little disappointed to see very few vehicles pulling horse trailers in the parking lot. We were a little early, so we weren't that concerned. It was good to see our impound friends and have the time to visit. However, by the time the auction started, it was clear that it would be a challenge to sell all of the horses that day. The bidding was ridiculously low. Most of the horses couldn't get a bid and six were returned to the barn. The high bid of the day was under \$300. The positive side was that there would be five less mouths to feed. Please support the next GDA auction that will be held at the Mansfield impound on March 5th!



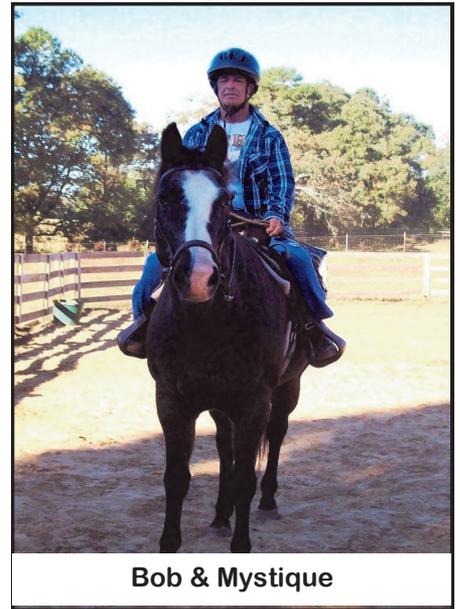
Decatur GDA employees and volunteers who helped with the recent auction.

Bob Long – GERL Public Relations Coordinator

By Patty Livingston

Have you ever met someone and you knew immediately that you were going to be seeing more of that person in the future? Well, that's the feeling I had when I first met Bob Long. He called to get information about the GERL Christmas party and expressed an interest in attending. You really never know if people will follow through after a conversation like that, especially with the promise of wintery weather in the forecast. But, Bob did come and it was such a pleasure to meet him and learn that he was interested in getting more involved with GERL.

Bob shared with me that he had only recently become a horse owner and was discovering how much he enjoyed riding and being around them. He also has a pony and two canine friends. As President of the Winder Lunch Lions Club, he invited me to attend their next meeting. I not only attended but was asked to speak to the group about GERL. After the meeting, Bob and I discussed GERL's need for a public relations person. With his people and contact skills I felt that he would be perfect for the role. A few days later Bob accepted the position and he has already started contacting newspapers and magazines in an effort to get GERL's name and mission out to the public. Please join me in welcoming Bob Long to the position of GERL Public Relations Coordinator!



Bob & Mystique

**Thank
You!**

Thank You Dr. Ken Marcella
for providing our membership with such
informative articles each month.
See page 12 for this month's article



VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER



That famous face!

**BECKY GREGORY
GERL FOSTER COORDINATOR**



Curtis Lowe & Becky



Becky, Becky, Becky! What can we say? She has never met a stranger, she laughs all the time, she just loves everybody! Never a dull moment when Becky is around!

Becky lives in Good Hope, GA. with her husband, Robert, Odin and Lokie & Minnie Mouse - her three dogs and her wonderful horses, Chocolate, Harley and Curtis Lowe. She also has two laying hens - Lucy and Ethel!

This past year, Becky has been very busy with GERL. She is our Foster Coordinator and there have been plenty of horses to coordinate. At the end of 2010, we had approximately 47 horses in foster homes. Becky has to make sure that we have approved foster homes available at all times. When a horse comes into our program, she contacts a foster home in the area closest to the horse, contacts the Area Coordinator and schedules the pick up and delivery to the foster home. She makes sure that all of the paperwork is in order, that "before" pictures are taken and rehab control forms are filled out and maintained. She keeps up with all Coggins and vaccination schedules.

Becky has a wonderful relationship with all of her Foster homes. She checks on the foster parents on a regular basis and loves to receive news and pictures on the foster horses.

GERL is blessed to have such an outgoing, caring volunteer in Becky. Thank you for all that you do for the horses, Beck! We love you!

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Who is Nicki Alexander?

By Anne Ensminger

I would be surprised if very many GERL members knew this remarkable young woman in person and I must admit that, unfortunately, neither do I.

However, last evening I received a call from a man who introduced himself as Kent Alexander. The name was vaguely familiar but it was not until he told me why he was calling that I realized how much meaning his call would have.

Mr. Alexander reminded me that his, then thirteen year old daughter, Nicki, had given a donation of \$500 to GERL back in 2006. The money represented congratulatory gifts from friends and family on the occasion of her bat mitzvah.

We at GERL were amazed that a girl of that age would choose to give this much money to horses in need when she could have used it in so many ways for her own personal enjoyment. Shortly after we received Nicki's gift, I wrote a letter of thanks and told her how moved we at GERL were that she would make such a touching sacrifice for the benefit of Georgia's starved, abused, and unwanted horses. Her gesture not only helped horses in need but was a demonstration of her developing character and giving nature.

I also wrote a note to Nicki's parents congratulating them for the values they were instilling in their daughter. I asked that they share some personal information concerning Nicki's life as it related to horses so that I could appropriately recognize her gift in our newsletter.

I did not hear from them and my article was never written. Then out of the blue, Mr. Alexander called to say that he was going through some old correspondence and found my letters. He apologized for not replying at the time but then, at last, I was delighted to receive a very welcome update from a justifiably proud father, on his daughter.

Mr. Alexander reported that Nicki had maintained her interest in horses throughout high school as she competed in USEF shows up and down the East Coast. Now eighteen years old, Nicki is a freshman at the University of Georgia. She is in the honors program and is a member of the Varsity Equestrian Team. In her spare time, she volunteers at an animal shelter in Athens. He wanted us to know that Nicki is still very much into horses and helping animals.

So you see, it is never too late to catch up on things we meant to do, but for which we just never found the time. Mr. Alexander's report was just as welcome almost five years after the fact as it would have been in 2006. Congratulations to the Alexander family for raising such an outstanding young woman!



Up Tight- Flexure Deformities in Foals

By: *Kenneth L Marcella, DVM*

Almost as soon as the New Year's foals begin hitting the ground, the calls start coming in. Some foals will be born with very upright legs, joints that are much too straight and do not bend properly and even heels that will not touch the ground. These foals are commonly said to have "contracted tendons". We now know that it is not really the tendons that have contracted but these problems are due, instead, to a shortening of the entire "musculotendinous unit". The musculotendinous unit encompasses the tendon, its associated muscle(s) and the areas where these structures attach to bones. This entire unit is shortened in relation to the surrounding bones and the joints involved are therefore held in a somewhat closed or flexed position. The proper term for this condition in the horse is "Flexure Deformity".

Flexure deformities are either congenital (present at birth) or acquired (foals born normally but begin to show this condition as they grow and develop). Congenital flexure deformities have been suggested to occur because of uterine malpositioning (an abnormal positioning of the fetus while in utero that does not allow it to move its limbs and results in cramped, flexed joints at birth), nutritional mismanagement of the broodmare during gestation (allowing too rapid fetal growth or inappropriate growth of bones versus tendons and ligaments because of dietary imbalances relating to protein, calories and minerals), exposure to some viruses (an Influenza effect has been postulated) or a possible genetic factor. These foals have been described as "ballerinas" because they walk on their toes and their heels (usually only the front feet are affected) do not touch the ground. Within a very short time the toes of these foals become painful and the stretch of the deep digital flexor tendon attached to the back of the heel adds to that pain. The deep digital flexor tendon is the musculotendinous unit most commonly involved in these toe-touching foals. The young foals become reluctant to bear weight and they do not move and exercise. If the congenital deformity is in the fetlocks or carpi (knees) these joints tend to buckle forward even though the hooves are flat on the ground. Exercise and movement usually stretch out these tight tendons and a large number of congenital flexure deformity cases self-resolve within a few days with simple turnout and exercise. Slightly more severe cases can become worse in a hurry because deformities can be self-perpetuating problems. Exercise might help the foal but the foal's toes are so sore that it will not stand and exercise so the problem gets worse.

Acquired flexure deformities usually reflect problems with abnormally rapid growth of bone compared to slower tendon/ligament development. These periods of rapid growth are related to developmental patterns so flexure problems of the deep digital flexor tendon (DDFT) affecting the coffin joint tend to occur between 6 weeks and 6 months. The development of the radial bone and the superficial digital flexor tendon (SDFT) tend to show problems in the fetlock joints around ten months to one

year. Flexure deformity involving the knee can occur from one to six months though growth of all foals is unique and these time sequences can be variable.

Acquired deformities are influenced by genetics- large rapidly growing foals tend to have more problems, and by nutrition- overfeeding or excess nutrients are implicated in growth imbalances. Pain from injury or trauma can also cause imbalanced use of one limb over another, leading to a flexure deformity as well. These foals with acquired deformities may exhibit clinical signs ranging from mild stiffness or lameness at certain gaits, a reluctance to trot or canter, inability to stand and graze normally, to a square or boxy-looking foot, upright legs or even joints that buckle forward. Early recognition of these flexure deformity conditions is key to the success of the many treatment options available.

Many foals respond to simply being exercised. Physiotherapy- manually stretching the legs two to three times daily can be helpful while some clinicians advocate hopping- holding up one leg and encouraging the foal to hop forward on the other to stretch tendons. Many veterinarians utilize intravenous administration of relatively large doses of Oxytetracycline, which has been postulated to affect calcium utilization in the tendon and to affect cross-linking within the fibers resulting in softening and stretching. Many types of bandages and splints have been used for flexure deformity conditions to help place the joints in correct position and encourage stretching of the tendons. The Dynaspint, a jointed, stainless steel tubing brace that allows normal limb movement while still providing tendon stretch has been very successful in treating many cases of flexure limb deformities (Thoroughbred Times Nov 12, 2005).

Some horse owners do not have the time for intense physiology, they are aware of the potential for adverse reactions with Oxytetracycline use, and they worry about bandage pressure sores and splint rubs with those methods of treatment. For this large number of owners, the most commonly utilized means of treating flexure deformities still involves some method of trimming the hooves and providing for toe extension. Farriers will generally attempt to slowly lower the heels to provide stretch to the flexure tendons. An extended toe is applied to act as a level and allow the foal's own weight to slowly stretch the tendons. These toe extensions are commonly built out of aluminum plates, fiberglass and resin, or various epoxy-like materials that bind to the hoof and can be ground down and shaped into the correct angle and amount of extension. A novel method of flexure tendon deformity treatment utilizes standard hoof trimming with specially cut polyvinylchloride (PVC) pipe pieces attached with epoxy. These pipe pieces are inexpensive and can be quickly and easily sized and cut. They attach to the hoof wall quickly and provide good strong support for extension. They are well tolerated by the foal, and improvement is generally noted within days. Overall results will vary depending on the severity of the condition and the amount of time prior to initiating treatment. Most foals require a few applications to completely resolve the condition.

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Up Tight- Flexure Deformities in Foals

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A small percentage of foals will not respond to conservative treatments and will require surgical intervention. In these cases, the inferior check ligament (a very dense, tight supporting ligament branch in the mid cannon area) is severed resulting in tension release and stretching of the musculotendinous unit. Follow up on these surgical cases still usually involves correct trimming and some type of toe extension.

“Despite the recent advances in breeding, nutrition and farm management, flexure deformities continue to be seen at an alarmingly high rate”, says Dr. Steven O’Grady of Northern Virginia Equine, a veterinarian and master farrier. “Interaction between veterinarian and farrier is necessary for a successful outcome when treating flexure deformities”, continues O’Grady, “regardless of whether treatment is conservative or surgical”. Early recognition of these conditions by the breeder/owner and quick utilization of one of the many techniques for treatment can also be a difference maker in the long-term confirmation, health and athletic potential of that foal. Owners seeking an easy, effective conservative treatment might consider PVC pipe extensions one such method of treatment.

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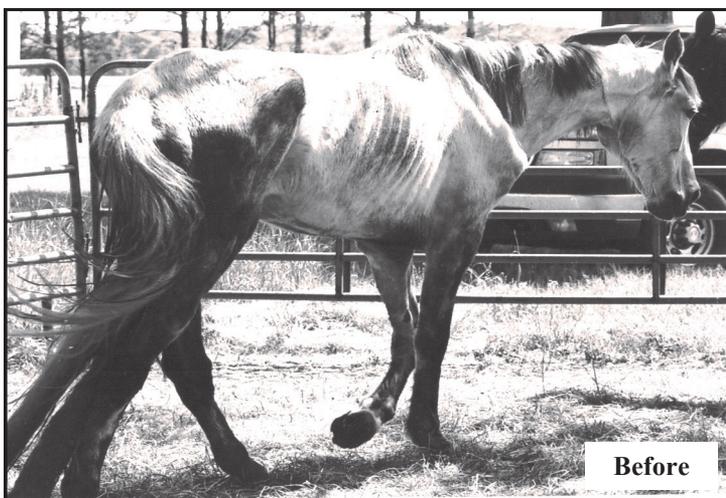


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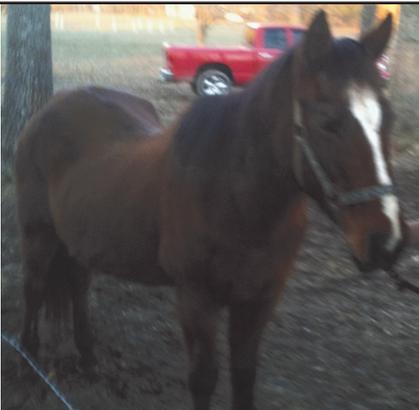
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GERL is proud of our many success stories but we are aware that none of them would have been possible without the ongoing support of our members and others who share our love and concern for horses. The continuing success of GERL depends on annual membership dues, various donations from individuals and other organizations, as well as the time and energy of our many volunteers. We are a non-profit organization with 501 (c)(3) status. All donations are tax deductible.

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William & Vicky Parker

Darla (right) & Reigns getting acquainted



GERL Christmas Party 2010

If you missed the GERL Christmas Party 2010, you missed a great time. Of course many faithful friends were there but it was amazing how many new people made an effort to come out to enjoy the fellowship on an evening with such an “iffy” weather prediction.

The dining table was filled to capacity with various covered dishes and it was certain that not a tummy left that evening wanting something to eat!



GERL President, Patty Livingston was, as always, a gracious hostess. Her beautiful home was completely open and many began to feel the spirit of Christmas as they enjoyed her “festival of trees”. There were eight fully decorated trees in different rooms, all with a different theme. Outside (yes, OUTSIDE!), a roaring bonfire

was tended for the entire evening by Thomas Threat and Tom Cauley. Many enjoyed going out from time to time during the evening for a little fresh air conversation and to check the weather.

Everyone loves a good party but when those attending share a common deep concern, as do members of GERL, it becomes more than just a pleasurable evening. In this case it was an opportunity to meet and get to know others who, not only care for and enjoy horses of their own, but who feel a deep desire to improve the plight of Georgia’s many starved, abused, and unwanted equine as well. Yes, parties are wonderful, but it was our shared commitment which brought us to that party and which sent us home with new friends and a refreshed determination.



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We want all members to proudly display GERL Stickers on their vehicles and other places, so if new stickers are needed, please email missanne612@bellsouth.net or send a request to 3662 Dally Rd. S.E. and let Miss Anne know how many you need. They will be mailed immediately and free of charge.



Kel-Mac Saddle Club Continues to Support GERL

By Anne Ensminger

The Kel-Mac Saddle Club Christmas party, held on December 5, 2010 at Bonners Restaurant in Buckhead, GA, marked the third time that I have attended that annual event for the purpose of accepting a check on behalf of GERL. Actually I attended with GERL President, Patty Livingston, and she accepted the check this time.

Kel-Mac is a large, family oriented organization of horse enthusiasts which has been in existence for 34 years. Their web site is headed by the words, "Friends, Family, Fun, and Fellowship". Those words pretty much describe what the club is all about. I might like to add "Fenerosity" (since I can't think of a word beginning with "f" to describe the club's wonderful giving nature and this 'made-up' word hopefully sounds somewhat like "generosity").

Patty and I greatly enjoyed their slide presentation depicting the many Kel-Mac activities held in 2010 as well as the award presentations for outstanding performances by many participants in their 2010 activities. It was obvious how well the members work together to organize and produce several schooling horse shows, trail rides, and camp-out weekends each year. Their work is not only for the education and enjoyment of their member families but at year's end, they enjoy giving all of the money they have worked so hard to earn, to worthy horse related programs.

Georgia Equine Rescue League was the largest recipient of their generosity this year. Patty accepted a check for \$2000 for our program and another check for \$780 earmarked for use by the GDA Mansfield Equine Impound. We knew that we were going there to accept a check but we were very surprised and humbled by the amount. Other programs accepting checks that evening, bringing the total Kel-Mac donation for the evening to \$6,500.00, were two Georgia State Parks (A.H. Stevens, and Watson Mill) which provide trail riding facilities, Newton County Special Olympics Equestrian Team, Camp Twin Lakes Equine Program, and Stirrup Some Fun Hippotherapy Program. Kel-Mac Saddle Club, no doubt, is here to stay. That is very good news for their many members and for the horse community in general. Thank you, Kel-Mac!



Kelmac members Rosemary Vogel and Susan Walton present GERL President Patty Livingston with a donation check

Goodbye, Colleen the Super Mare

By Betty Evenson

It is with a heavy heart that I write to express our sincere condolences to Kriston Glushko on the loss of her mare Colleen the Super Mare. One December 6th Colleen lost her battle to an infection that developed after a bought with choke on Thanksgiving night. Kriston and Colleen are known to many GERL Members. Many of you have met Colleen at various GERL functions throughout the many years that Kriston has been involved with GERL.

This is what Kriston had to say when I asked her about Colleen ...

“Colleen was my second horse. I had sold my first horse due to his lack of willingness to share my desire to trail ride. He enjoyed the "back at the trailer snack time" and that was it.



I worked with a gal that owned Colleen she had no time for Colleen asked if I wanted to come out and ride. My first visit was a shocker. I found her several hundred pounds underweight and in serious need of a farrier. And that little missing eye thing was now out of the bag. I called my previous vet and farrier, warned them ahead of time of her condition and set about starting her rehab. I bought her food and hay which the owner agreed to start giving her and I just got sucked in. After several months, I got the "I'm going to need to sell Colleen" phone call. After swearing I was going to take my time to find my next riding buddy, I found myself in a panic that I might lose this skinny, sassy, one-eyed wonder. So, I bought a 17 year old mare with limited vision for a trail horse. And the adventure began from there.

We tried everything - jumping, dressage and trails. I don't know if she was happy with any of it but she seemed to tolerate the trail riding the most. We met lots of great friends along the way and she had a few "attentive" admirers at our boarding barn. That's when I learned the term "moody mare" the hard way.

Her favorite partner by far was Jason. They had a real love-hate friendship and were always very competitive on the trail. Our most memorable ride took us to Cochran Mill park in Fulton County. Neither Larry nor I had ever been there but had heard it would be fun. After a while on the poorly marked trails I said "Larry, I know for a fact that we have just passed this tree stump for the third time. I believe we are lost." Larry said "well it's getting late and I am not about to call my wife and tell her I'm lost in the woods with you. We'd better figure a way out." It didn't go so well so Larry suggested we let the horses find our way back. Sure enough, we got down and Jason plowed a path back towards a main trail. Two marriages were saved that day!"

Middle Georgia Equine Network donates funds to GERL!

by Diana DeMoss, Ruth Sarrett and Patty Livingston

In December, Patty Livingston and I attended a Christmas party held by MGEN at the home of Ruth Sarrett. Every Christmas they have a party and donate funds to an equine organization. This year, it was GERL!



Middle Georgia Equine Network was founded in 2008 by a group of equine enthusiasts in the Morgan County area. They wanted to have a forum to share information and just get together for fun. They meet six times a year, for pot luck dinners and good conversation. They often have feature speakers, like a vet or someone from a trail organization or riding club. In the spring they go on a trail ride as a group and in the summer they have a swim party/cookout.

They try to spread news about local events: trail rides, shows, etc. that are available in the middle Georgia area. Most of their group members come from Morgan, Walton, Newton, Rockdale, Jasper, Greene, Oconee, Butts, and Putnam counties, but they are open to any interested party. They network via e-mail regarding the above-mentioned things as well as horses, trailers and tack for sale, dogs for adoption, help wanted, hay available, anything farm-related. They have also tried to raise awareness of particular equine health concerns, etc. common to their area.

Patty and I knew most of the folks there, as most were GERL members! Thank you MGEN and Ruth for choosing GERL as the recipient of your funds this year!

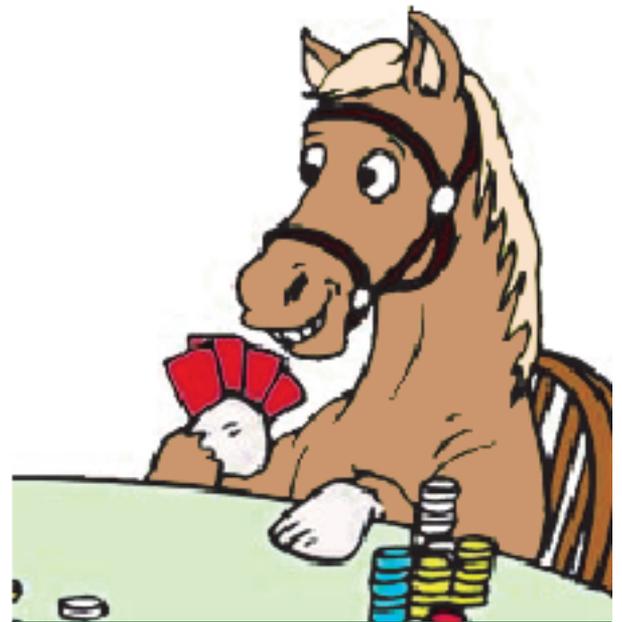
16th Annual POKER RIDE

TO BENEFIT THE
GEORGIA EQUINE RESCUE LEAGUE, LTD.



Saturday - March 12, 2011
Dawson Forest
Dawsonville, GA

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
the ride begins at 10:00 a.m.



Lots of Prizes Awarded!

A donation of \$20.00 includes lunch and one poker hand. **GERL MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE 1 EXTRA HAND AT NO ADDITIONAL COST (JUST SHOW US YOUR GERL MEMBERSHIP CARD TO DRAW YOUR EXTRA HAND).** Additional poker hands are available to all for a donation of \$5.00 per hand. **You must show us your horse's negative coggins test (yellow original or certified copy only)** at the time of registration. Water is available on the trail, but not at the trailer area. *WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU BRING WATER FOR YOUR HORSE!* Pre-registration is greatly appreciated, but not required.

Please call Susan Archer (770) 554-1381 or e-mail: susangerl3@bellsouth.net for registration and further information. Come ride against horse abuse and help us raise money for the starved and abused horses in Georgia. **ALL PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT 2 PM!!!** *Dawson Forest has a \$5 trail fee. **If you do not have an annual pass you will be required to pay an additional \$5 for this ride.** GERL will collect this fee and forward it appropriately.

*Directions traveling Hwy 400 North from Cumming. Go through lights at Hwy 369 / Hwy 306 and Jot Em Down Road. Go left on Dawson Forest Road at Dawson Premium Outlet Mall. Cross Hwy 9 and follow signs. Go through gate and turn right into Dawson Forest parking lot.

DALLAS AND TIDBIT GET A SECOND CHANCE

by Diana DeMoss

Dallas and Tidbit came into our Foster program in September, 2009. Dallas was an emaciated, sad Palomino with bites and scrapes and fungus all over him. Tidbit was a little over 1 year old and was still nursing on her mother, Little Bit, who was also emaciated. Sweet Pea (body score of 1.5) also came in with that group of four from Paulding Co. Animal Control.

All four horses were in our Critical Care facility. Little Bit and Sweet Pea finally got to go to Susan McCullar's for the remainder of their rehabilitation, were adopted and live happily in their forever homes.

In January of 2010, Scott Sauerbier called and said he was interested in fostering Dallas and Tidbit and wanted to come take a look at them at the Critical Care facility. After their visit, it seems as if Scott and his dad, Rich immediately bonded with the horses. In short order, we loaded Dallas and Tidbit up and took them to their new foster home.

As time went by, Rich had been working with Dallas and getting more and more attached to him! Before you know it, he wanted to adopt Dallas. We were delighted to hear that news, as the Sauerbier family had exhibited such a love for these unfortunate horses. Next thing you know, Scott is calling and saying, "I want to adopt Tidbit for my wife, Laura!". Wow - now that's commitment!

A year has gone by since the Sauerbier's adopted these two lucky equines. As you can see from the "before and after" pictures, Dallas has bloomed and is making a nice trail horse for Rich. Rich is so proud of the work he has done on Dallas!

Tidbit has grown into a beautiful, young mare. She is in training and all the girls at the barn fight over who gets to ride her next!. Laura's knowledge of horses has grown right along with Tidbit. She beams when she talks about Tidbit!

Thank you, Scott, Laura and Rich, for adopting these horses and giving them a real "forever" home! Please visit the Sauerbier's ad in this newsletter: 2nd Chance Ranch.



Dallas-before



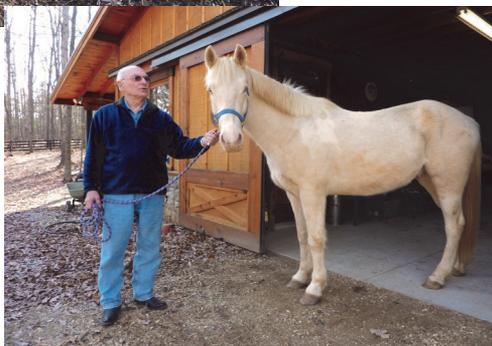
Tidbit-before



Dallas-after



with Rich



Tidbit-after



with Laura





Puttin' On The Feed Bag 5 Minute Chocolate Mug Cake

- 4 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)
- A small splash of vanilla extract
- 1 large coffee mug (Microwave Safe)

Add dry ingredients to mug and mix well. Add the egg and mix thoroughly. Pour in the milk and oil and mix well. Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla extract, and mix again. Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts. The cake will rise over the top of the mug but don't be alarmed! Allow to cool a little and dump out onto a plate if desired. And why is this the most dangerous cake recipe in the world? Because now we are all only five minutes away from chocolate cake at any time of the day or night!

Submitted by Debbie Crowe

Feed Bag Recipe Submissions

Do you have a wonderful, easy recipe that you would like to share?

Putting On the Feed Bag is a new section in our newsletter and we want your suggestions.

Please submit your recipe to:
gerlbetty@aol.com

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Please thank and patronize the businesses that supported Fright Fest with their donations.

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SWGA Therapeutic Riding Center Donates Horse Trailer to GERL

Just before Christmas, GERL President Patty Livingston received a call from Georgia Department of Agriculture, South Georgia Field Supervisor Laura Fokes who wanted to let her know that an old friend was offering to donate a nice horse trailer to GERL.

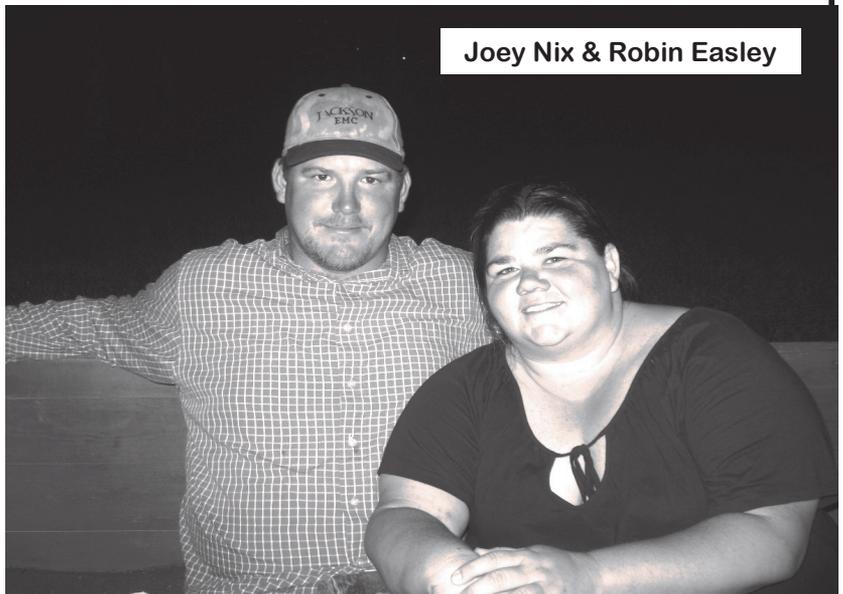
Tara Payne Okon, a Physical Therapist with the Southwest Georgia Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., along with the rest of their Board of Directors, were being forced to close the doors to the riding center due to lack of funds. Since the horse trailer was purchased with funds raised by the people of southwest Georgia, they felt it appropriate that the trailer be used exclusively by the GDA Inspectors who work closely with the Pulaski Prison Impound. The trailer can haul as many as seven horses at one time by removing the head-to-head partitions and can easily accommodate mares with foals. Corey Cravey, one of the GDA Inspectors from south Georgia, took delivery on behalf of GERL. He immediately called to let us know that the trailer was perfect for their needs and how happy they were to receive it. It is agreed that the trailer will remain the property of, and be maintained by GERL. Thank you to Tara Okon and all of the members of the SWGA Therapeutic Riding Center Board of Directors for this wonderful, much needed piece of vital equipment which will greatly benefit the GDA Pulaski Prison Equine Impound!



Welcome GERL Education Director, Robin Easley

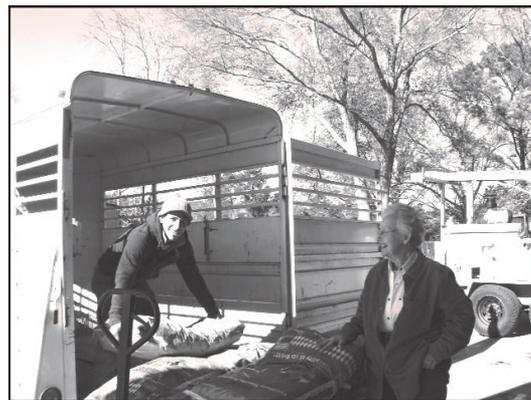
Few people involved with horses in Georgia do not know Robin Easley. She makes her home in Carnesville, Georgia and until recently, held a supervisory position with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Equine Division. In that capacity, for the past twelve years, Robin has been closely associated with the rescue of hundreds of starved and abused horses in Georgia.

She is an expert in equine nutrition and rehabilitation from near starvation and has vast experience with, and a thorough understanding of Georgia laws which protect equine. An excellent speaker and teacher, Robin is a natural for the position of GERL Education Director. We are especially grateful that Robin has accepted this position at a time when GERL is beginning to reach out to local law enforcement and animal control agencies throughout our state. We anticipate that she will be an invaluable part of our efforts to enlist the help of these agencies to insure enforcement of Georgia equine protection laws, therefore helping GERL to win our fight against equine abuse.



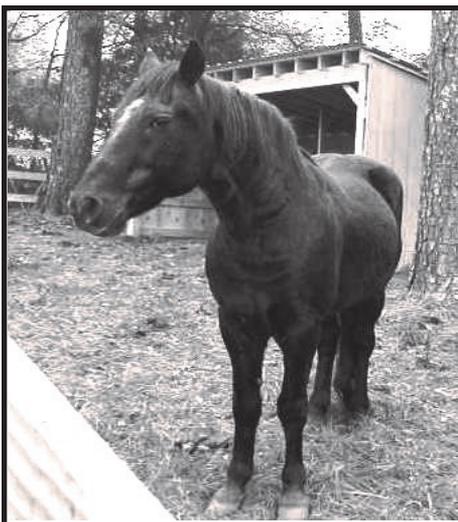
Michelle's Feed Donates to GERL and the GDA

We received a phone call recently from Michelle Leach of Michelle's Feed in Jersey. Sadly, they were closing their doors for business and wanted to know if we were interested in picking up a large load of donated feed, feed products, vitamins and other equine related health products. Of course, we jumped at the opportunity. She told us to bring a large trailer when we came. We took the GERL stock trailer and headed over to Jersey, having no clue how much there actually was!



Luckily, Michelle's husband has a shop next to the feed store and we were able to sweet talk one of the guys to help load all of the heavy stuff. We knew that there was no way either of us was going to be able to unload it by ourselves, so we immediately started calling the impound barns to see if we would be able to take it to Mansfield. We found out that Willie Moore and Jessie Murray were both at the Mansfield impound and would wait for us to get there to help unload. Willie got the tractor and the task moved quickly.

GERL will use some of the supplements in the gift baskets that we make up for our many auctions throughout the year. Thanks so much, Michelle!



Condolences
To Paul & Susan
Carlson
on their loss
of Brutus

Please Help!
GERL receives money
for the following ...

Please save Proof Of Purchase
seals from bags
of these Southern States feeds ...
Legends, Triple Crown & Reliance

and send them to:
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Atlanta, GA 30342

If Your Name Is Listed Here, Your Membership Is Due For Renewal!

This Will Be Your Last Newsletter Unless You Renew.

**Membership form is on the back cover*

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Judy Bradberry
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WITH YOUR HELP ... We Will Make A Difference

GERL Receives Donation from the GHJA Juniors

On November 20, 2010, The Georgia Hunter Jumper Association held their finals at Wills Park in Alpharetta. GERL President Patty Livingston and longtime member Marge Mabey set up a booth and attended this event on behalf of the Georgia Equine Rescue League.

The GHJA Juniors sponsor the GHJA Junior Equitation Challenge throughout the show season. Riders participate in the class and must qualify for the year end event. Proceeds from this class are collected and a donation is made at the end of the year. The GHJA juniors once again decided to donate their money to the Georgia Equine Rescue League. The donation was made in memory of Ashley Howard, a fellow rider that will be missed by many in the GHJA community.

We are very grateful for the GHJA Juniors who presented GERL with a check for \$1000.00 to help Georgia's starved and abused horses!



**ANNUAL BULLDOG CLASSIC
OPEN HORSE SHOW**
to benefit
the GEORGIA EQUINE RESCUE LEAGUE
WHEN: APRIL 2nd, 2011
AT THE UGA LIVESTOCK ARENA



**This show is organized by the UGA Horsemen's Association
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VOLUNTEER & BOOTH COORDINATOR NEEDED

GERL gets many calls from groups and organizations asking us to be present at a show, function, retail store and others. We need help!

This person will receive the calls from these groups, gather all the information for their event, place the event on our calendar and coordinate volunteers to work the event. This may include coordinating volunteers to man a small GERL booth to coordinating volunteers for every aspect of a large fundraising event. Coordinator must have access to a computer and have an email account.

Please contact Diana DeMoss for
more information:
(770) 267-0867
or
diana@gerlltd.org

GERL Annual Meeting 2011

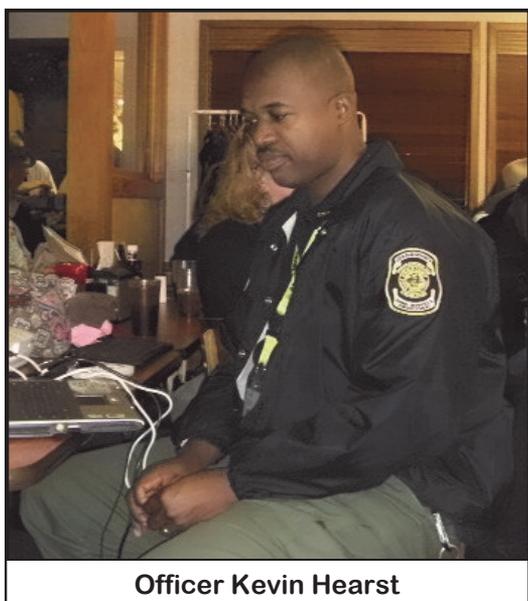
By Anne Ensminger

To say that the room was full is an understatement. Every seat in the large meeting room at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Winder was occupied by GERL members who had made a special effort to attend and learn more about what GERL is doing for horses in need and what members can do to help. Many left home early on the morning of January 22nd and then drove long distances. To say that the GERL Board of Directors was extremely gratified and humbled by the large number which gathered is yet another understatement. With hope in our hearts for another such turnout for the 2012 Annual Meeting, we will definitely find a larger meeting room!



First on the agenda Dotti Carter, GERL Director of Area Coordinators and Robin Easley, GERL Education Coordinator joined in a very informative presentation concerning questions often asked by Area Coordinators and members about how and where to report abuse cases. These ladies gave some very valuable tips about how to approach such situations without antagonizing owners of horses about which we are concerned, while at the same time staying within the law. None of us ever get enough practice in the art of equine body scoring so they touched on that subject as well as the very important subject of how to take photographs which will best demonstrate body condition so that reports concerning starvation cases can be as effective as possible.

A beautifully updated CD which includes various useful informational materials for Area Coordinators, as well as copies of GERL Forms often needed by ACs, was prepared and distributed by Steven Neal. Thank you, Steven! For those who were not able to attend the meeting, the CDs are still available through Dotti Carter.



Officer Kevin Hearst

Next, everyone in attendance stood to introduce themselves and let others know what part they play in the organization. Many play several roles. I especially enjoyed hearing those who are presently fostering horses for GERL tell about how special their foster horse is to them. This part of the meeting did not pass without all hearing a word or two about my foster horse, Honor.

When guest speaker, Kevin Hearst, Animal Cruelty Investigator from DeKalb County got up to speak, he easily demanded the full attention of the entire group. Graphic, very moving photographs of some of his actual cases were presented as part of his outstanding Power Point presentation. Kevin has been a professional advocate for animal rights for several years. He provided some valuable and pertinent information on how to properly gather evidence which may assist in the prosecution of careless and abusive animal owners. Many questions were asked and Kevin patiently and thoroughly answered each one. He answered questions not only by

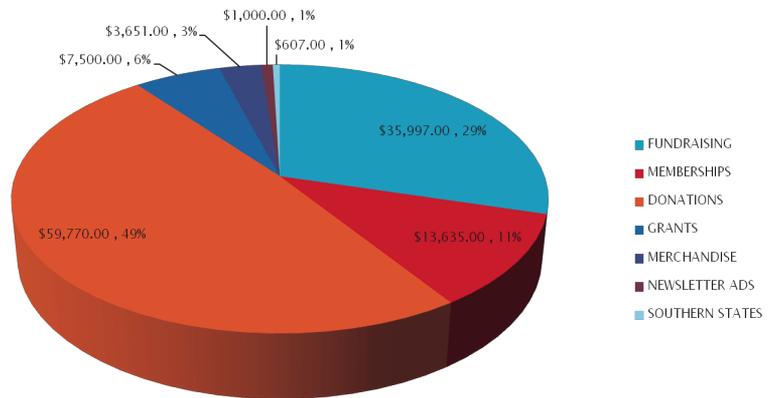
drawing from his vast experience, but by often adding just a sprinkling of "law enforcement humor" ... in other words, he doesn't feel sorry for the bad guys when they get what is coming to them!

GERL Annual Meeting 2011

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The meeting ended after a report on GERL accomplishments for 2010 which was presented by our President, Patty Livingston. Everyone is familiar with, and very proud of the success of our castration and vaccination clinics, as well as partnerships with law enforcement and animal control agencies which are rapidly forming via our multi-county meetings. Many were surprised to learn that we presently have nearly fifty horses in our Foster Care Program, which is many more than we have ever had in the past. Patty was happy to report that in spite of the fact that our traditional annual fund raisers brought in less than in previous years, GERL still managed to raise twenty five thousand dollars more than we raised in 2009! The reason for this is, as Patty pointed out, that we simply got busy and held additional fundraisers in 2010.

Let's Talk About the Money



INCOME 2010

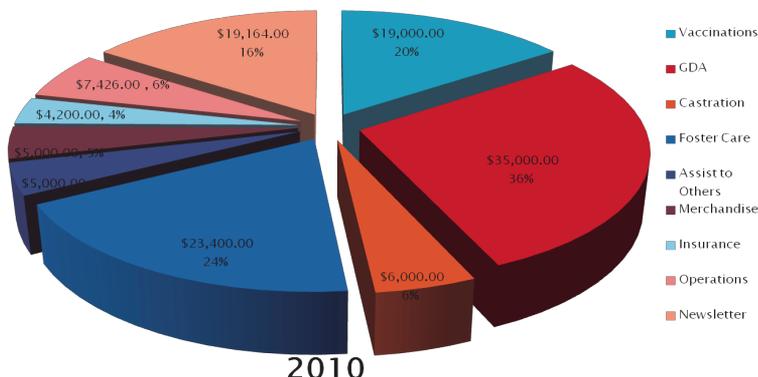
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- We spent \$35,000 on the GDA impounds.
- We spent \$5,000 on other individual assistance.
- We spent \$19,000 on vaccinations
- We spent \$6,000 on castrations.
- We spent \$23,400 on foster care.
- We spent \$5,000 on merchandise (T-shirts, etc).
- We spent \$4,200 on insurance.
- We spent \$7,426 on operations (Cost of doing biz).
- We spent \$19,164 on the newsletter.
- We spent a total of \$124,190 in 2010.

Let's Talk About the Money

- We raised \$35,000 at FUNDRAISERS.
- We received \$13,635 in MEMBERSHIPS.
- We received \$59,770 in DONATIONS.
- We received \$7,500 in GRANT FUNDS.
- We received \$1,000 from NEWSLETTER ADS.
- We received \$607 from SOUTHERN STATES POPS.
- TOTAL INCOME FOR 2010 WAS APPROX. \$125,000
 - Feed-A-Horse Program brought in \$10,900.
 - Stallion to Gelding Program brought in \$1,000.
 - Adoption fees brought in \$4,134.
 - GDA Donations brought in \$2,606.

Let's Talk About the Money



2010
Income: \$125K Expenses: \$124.1K

We applied for, and received some very generous grants while stepping up our solicitation of donations from members and friends. The last item reported was an account of how GERL money was spent during the previous year. It was a very satisfying meeting in that everyone attending was energized, not only by the obvious growth and success of the organization, but by the realization that they are a part of something good and valuable. While every GERL member shares a deep concern for the welfare of horses, and many of us work for the organization in different ways, we find that strong friendships are formed and a deep sense of satisfaction is gained along the way. I am positive that I get just as much benefit from working with GERL as do many of the horses we help.



Incoming Mail...



Hot Rod and Nellie have been adopted!

Below is an email I received from the family. What a wonderful match they are!

Hey Diana,

I thought I'd give you a quick update on the minis. First, you would think they had always lived here. Nellie, who is now Coffee, really took to my daughter Lauren. (Lauren came with us the first time.) You can just hold your hand out and she'll come right to you. Not like the day we picked her up! lol Anyway, they know when it is feeding time and don't give me any problems trying to catch them. As a matter of fact I can just open the gate to their pasture and they just run to their stall.



Hot Rod, who is now Cowboy, always comes to you, especially if you hold your hand out. I try to keep treats at a minimum. I've started feeding them a very small amount of Strategy Healthy Edge. Of course they love it! (I have the advice of a lady that raises show minis and she's been very helpful.) She did caution me about worming them with Quest wormer. Seems there have been some adverse reactions to that particular wormer with minis with some even dying. I thought I'd pass that on in case you have anymore come in.

We have had several people slow down to take a look at our new additions. We live on a busy road so they get quite the looks---even the motorcycle riders have stopped---with folks even pulling in our driveway to look! I should put a sign up that says they were adopted thru GERL. (That would be a good idea!--hint, hint). What is funny is that our golden retriever thinks they are dogs. He'll go up and stiff their tails like he would another dog. I informed him that he may one day get a face full of hoof!! Of course they aren't much bigger than he is.

You can't look at them and not smile!!! I can understand how you miss their little whinnies. We laugh every time we hear it. And their little feet! Oh gosh, don't get me started! It is the best horse money I've ever spent.

Anyway, just wanted to let you know that they have settled in very nicely. We would absolutely adopt from GERL again.

Thanks for all your help!

The Hise family

**Thank You For Donating
To Our
Feed A Horse Program**

Carol Royer
Constance Burchette
Michelle Lyle
Tina Turner
Susie Hansen
Pamela Fagan
Bob Burris
Paul & Trish Manns

**Thank You For Donating
To Our Stallion to Gelding Program**

Sarah Hill

Thank You

Martha Shepherd of Decatur, Georgia gave a generous donation in memory of her horse, Cotton and in honor of her friend, Barbara Clark "who took care of Cotton for 13 years", her friend, Sandy Freeman, "who has shared her horses with me for over thirty years", and in recognition of Dr. Sandra Psillos with Athens Equine Medical Services, "for her skill and compassion".

GERL Attends Spotlight Horse Show

Spotlight Horse Shows held a horse show at Wills Park in Alpharetta on February 13th and GERL was there. Spotlight Horse Shows is a new show venue serving the Alpharetta Community & Surrounding areas. GERL Area Coordinator, Sue Wrensen, and Marge Mabey, both arrived at Wills Park early Sunday morning to set up the booth. They met a lot of people and shared information about GERL and what we do for horses in Georgia. They were also able to sell several shirts. Thanks to Sue and Marge for all they do for GERL. Educating the public about GERL and our cause would not be possible without volunteers like these two who give their time often to man booths in their area.



Thank You For Your Donations

Nancy Janosik
Lenore Threlkeld
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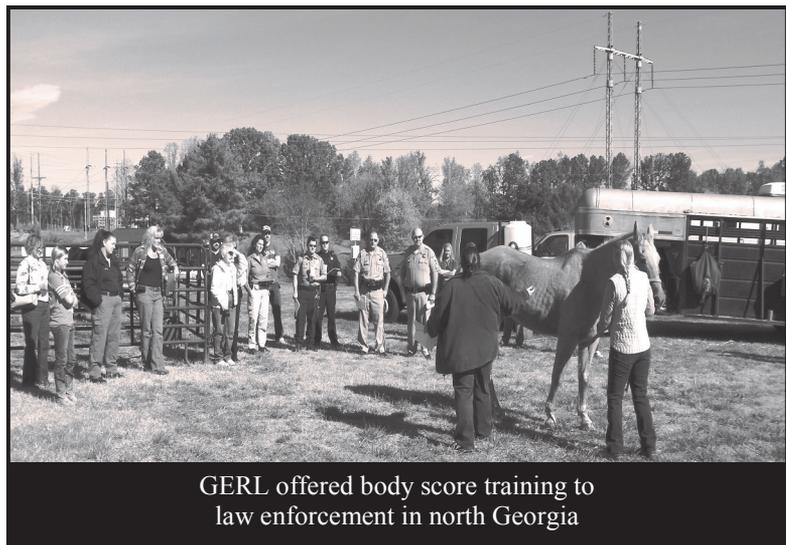
WELCOME NEW GERL MEMBERS

New Member	Referred By	Location
Mechelle Dutton & Family	GERL	Oxford, GA
Ken & Beth Dykes	Bob & Judy McCrory	Waverly Hall, GA
Katie & Kayce Gallup	Mary Ellen Carson	Dunwoody, GA
Ernie & Leslie Gassmann	Susie Bond	Social Circle, GA
Kathleen Hall	Cheryl Fanagan	Clarksville, GA
Joey & Brandy Hendricks	Randy Watson	Danielsville, GA
Tyler & Abby Hendrix	Sandy Stephenson	Dawsonville, GA
Hal & Jennie Hollis	Pat West	Alpharetta, GA
Brad Johnson & Family	GERL	Lake City, GA
Little Goob Kelsey	Big Goob	Aurora, CO
Mac Kendrick	Jill Williams	Green Cove Springs, FL
Debra Kovac	GERL	Loganville, GA
Dianne Lacefield	Patty Livingston	Cumming, GA
Ryan Luke	Dottie Carter	Abbeville, GA
Dawn Maines	GERL	St. Mountain, GA
David & Laura McClellan	GERL	Rabun Gap, GA
Diana McEntyre	Linda Stallings	Dallas, GA
Dennis & Barbara McLendon	Helen Abercrombie	Blairsville, GA
Tara Anne Payne Okon	Laura Fokes	Leesburg, GA
Ken & Brenda Owens	GERL	Monroe, GA
Susan Prugh	Susie Bond	Buckhead, GA
Ioana Radu	Linda Stallings	Athens, GA
Anthony Robinson	Becky Gregory	Calhoun, GA
Steve & Elaine Ruggiero	Judy Ricketson	Hahira, GA
Michael Sanders	Eddy O'Hern	Warner Robbins, GA
Shirley Sroka	Ken Marcella/Ray Ziebell	Ball Ground, GA
Linda Stallings	GERL	Social Circle, GA
Linda Stringer	GERL	Dacula, GA
Darcy Sun	Tanya Kingsley	Lizella, GA
Natalie Thorn	Donna Pieper	Hampton, GA
Cindy Ward	Helen Abercrombie	Blairsville, GA
Julianne Werner	GERL	Snellville, GA
Michael Worley	Marshia Milam-Medford	Gainesville, GA

Area Coordinator Update

By Dotti Carter, Area Coordinator Director

2010 was a busy year for GERL's area coordinators. South Georgia hosted two vaccination clinics, Towns/Union Counties established GERL's first hay bank, two multi-county meetings were held for law enforcement and animal control officers and our area coordinators helped man numerous fundraisers, trail rides and GDA auctions. This does not include responding to abuse and neglect calls throughout the year and assisting the adoption and foster coordinators. Angela Hughes, Charles DeVane, Debora Hines and Eddy O'Hearn have stepped up to volunteer as area coordinator lead for their regions. We are hoping to find additional leads during 2011.



GERL offered body score training to law enforcement in north Georgia

One of our biggest accomplishments is increasing the number of area coordinators by 20, bringing the number to 40 for year end 2010 and we have two new ACs that have signed on so far this year. We now cover more counties than ever before. Our goal is to have at least one area coordinator in every Georgia county.

Now that Robin Easley has taken the position of Education Director, we are planning to offer more training to the area coordinators. Monthly conference telephone calls are now in place to offer a forum for questions, sharing information and training. We hope our ACs will get to know each other better through these calls and will build a strong network of support. Please contact me if you have any suggestions for topics you would like to see covered in these calls. Patty will schedule the calls each month. We are also offering training after the multi-county meetings.

A new informational and training CD has been completed by Steven Neal. This CD contains many of the GERL forms, training materials for the multi-county meetings and a lot of other very useful information. Copies were handed out at the annual meeting in January. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of this CD, please let me know and I will forward one to you.

Our goals for 2011 include increasing our number of area coordinators, establishing more hay banks, hosting more multi-county training for law enforcement and castration clinics and building a strong network of caring individuals who want to see a better life for Georgia's horses. In these hard economic times fund raising is difficult at best. All rescue groups are seeing more cases than ever. By promoting castration programs, responsible horse ownership and with your help ... we will make a difference.



GERL volunteers hosted the north Georgia multi-county meeting

We Need Your Help! Auction Items are Needed.

We have upcoming events that will include auctions.

We need you to help by donating auction items. These items can include new or used tack, home décor items, gift certificates, etc. Remember... our auctions are only as successful as the items that we have to offer.

Do you have a beach house? A cabin rental? Do you have a timeshare that you do not use? Perhaps you would consider donating a few nights or a week for one of our upcoming auctions? It's tax deductible and benefits a great cause.

Thanks You In Advance For Your Support!

If you have items to donate
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2011 GERL Calendar of Events

**March 12th
Poker Ride
Dawson Forest - Dawsonville, GA**

**April 2nd
Annual Bulldog Classic
Open Horse Show
At the UGA Livestock Arena**

**April 29th - May 1st
Gene Ensminger Memorial Ride
Round Oak, GA**

**July 17th
GERL Polo Match
Chukkar Farm - Milton, GA**

**October 28th - 30th
Fright Fest
Location to be announced**

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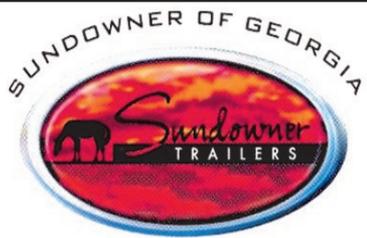
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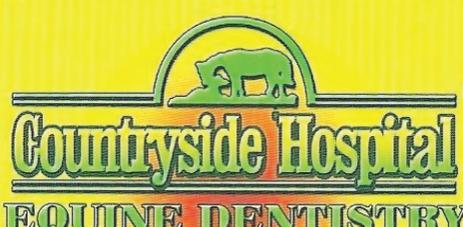
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