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GDA Success Story "ELVIS"

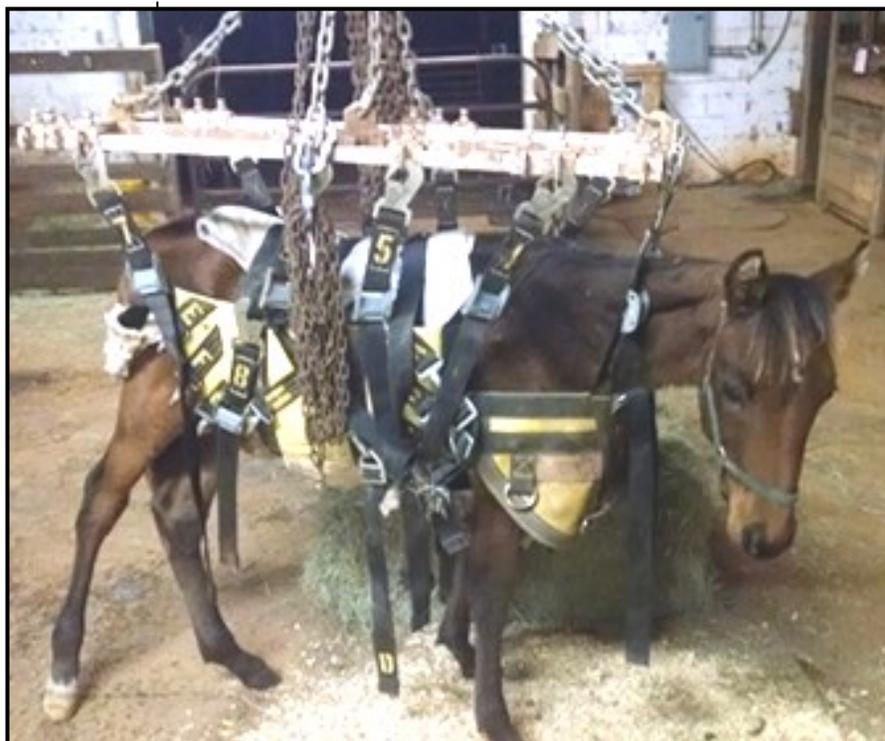
By *Jessie Murray, Barn Manager, Mansfield GDA Equine Impound*

This is Elvis. He arrived at the Mansfield Impound Facility on November 9th, 2015. He is a 12 hand bay colt weighing 99 Lbs. He is approximately 6- 8 months old & his body score is 1.0. His protein levels were low, his body was reacting with edema, swelling in his face. (Picture below) After one day of hanging his hay bag, his swelling went down.

He was very weak and riddled with rain rot all over his body, face & legs. He laid down on Tuesday afternoon and could not get to his feet on his own. It was decided to put him in the Anderson sling, which was done on Tuesday evening (November 10th.).



The colt was still in the sling during the Mansfield Impound Equine Auction on November 14th, 2015. This, although a poor situation, was a great opportunity for the public attending our scheduled equine auction to get a feeling for the seriousness of the conditions of some of our impounded horses when they are admit-



ted. The resulting outpouring of support from many of those attending was sincere and heartwarming. GERL collected over \$200 in donations for Elvis' rehabilitation on that day. These donations will help to provide veterinarian visits, medical tests, medications, deworming, supplements & etc.

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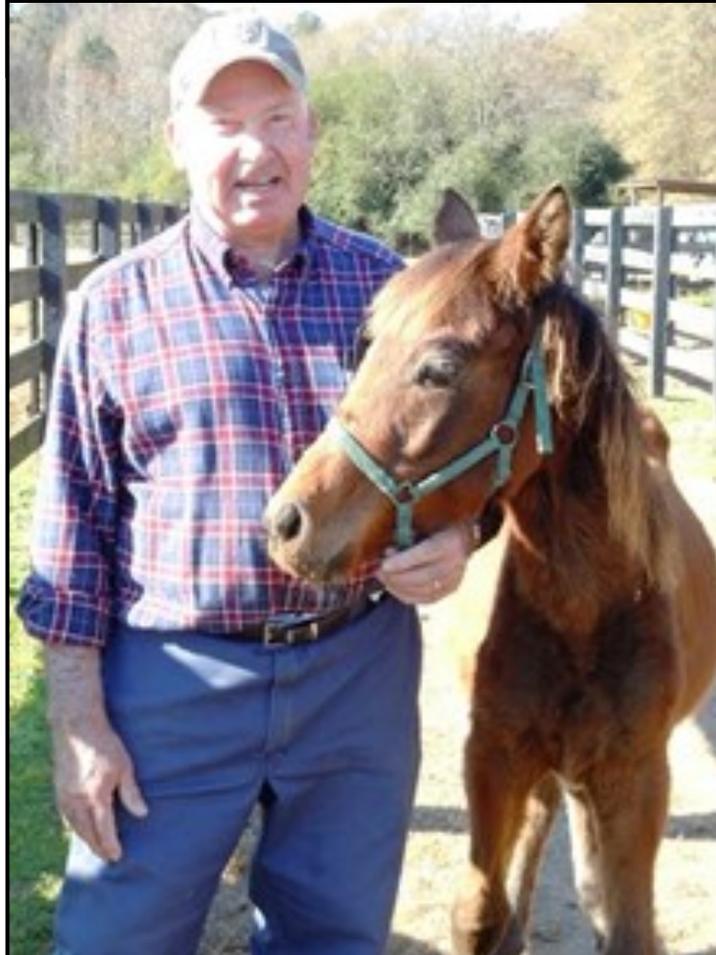
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Daily, Elvis was taken out of the sling and hand grazed. Starting slowly, he was only out of the sling for 30 minutes each day. Then, over time, he progressed to enjoying several hours out of the sling. Each evening, he was placed back in the sling. Pictured below is Elvis with some of his hand grazing friends.

As Elvis got stronger and was able to stay out of the sling longer every day, he progressed to where he could be loose in the barnyard and returned to the sling only in the evenings. Currently, Elvis is out of sling completely and being stalled at night. He is doing great. His weight has doubled, and his appetite is excellent. He still has a long road ahead, however he has improved greatly!

Elvis has had visits from many of the people who have been touched by his story and we are very thankful for all of their support. We also want to thank GERL for all of their help and support through his rehabilitation. Elvis is grateful and appears to know how loved he really is. Pictured below is Elvis in all his curiosity! ELVIS SAYS "THANKS EVERYONE FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME!"





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Puttin' On The Feed Bag Recipes

Double-Crust Chicken Pot

- ✓ 1/2 cup butter
- ✓ 2 medium leeks, sliced
- ✓ 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- ✓ 1 (14.5-oz.) can chicken broth
- ✓ 3 cups chopped cooked chicken
- ✓ 1 1/2 cups frozen cubed hash browns with onions and peppers
- ✓ 1 cup matchstick carrots
- ✓ 1/3 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- ✓ 1/2 teaspoon salt
- ✓ 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- ✓ 1 (17.3-oz.) package frozen puff pastry sheets, thawed
- ✓ 1 large egg



1. Preheat oven to 375°. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat; add leeks, and sauté 3 minutes. Sprinkle with flour; cook, stirring constantly, 3 minutes. Whisk in chicken broth; bring to a boil, whisking constantly. Remove from heat; stir in chicken and next 5 ingredients.

2. Roll each pastry sheet into a 12- x 10-inch rectangle on a lightly floured surface. Fit 1 sheet into a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate; spoon chicken mixture into pastry. Place remaining pastry sheet over filling in opposite direction of bottom sheet; fold edges under, and press with tines of a fork, sealing to bottom crust. Whisk together egg and 1 Tbsp. water, and brush over top of pie.

3. Bake at 375° on lower oven rack 55 to 60 minutes or until browned. Let stand 15 minutes



(Please submit your recipe to: recipes@gerlltd.org)

2015 GERL Calendar of Events - Mark Your Calendars!

January 16th

GERL Annual Meeting
Winder Lion's Club
Winder, GA

March 5th

Andee Rogers Memorial Poker Ride
Dawson Forest, Dawsonville, GA

April 23th

GERL Spring Trail Ride
Mingo Trails, Toombsboro, GA

May 7th

Gene Ensminger Memorial Ride
Round Oak, GA

July 17th

GERL Polo Match
Chukkar Farm, Milton, GA

September 24th

GERL Rescue Challenge
UGA Livestock Arena, Athens, GA

November 12th

GERL Stallion to Gelding Castration Day
Various clinics all over Georgia

December 10th

GERL Christmas Party
Bethlehem, GA

Mark your calendars so that you don't miss any of these wonderful events that will benefit GERL. It's a guaranteed great time, a benefit for a wonderful cause and a way to see old friends and meet new friends!

Visit our website to download flyers and directions to some of these events.

LET ME SAY THIS ... ABOUT THAT

By Patty Livingston, President



As we wind down the year, I can't help but reflect back on how far we have come with regard to helping Georgia's horses. Even though we write and follow a project plan for every event we host, it's still amazing to realize our success at the close of each year. In 2015, we accomplished financial gain, increased membership and learned how to preserve resources. Follow with me while I review the schedule we volunteers perform year to year.

The Mingo Trail Ride was our first major fund-raiser in 2015 due

to the fact that we had to cancel our 20th Annual Poker Ride/Andee Rogers Memorial Ride due to heavy rains. That ride typically occurs in March. This was the Third Annual Mingo ride that is always organized by our Vice President, Eddy O'Hern and his side-kicks, George and Janice Lilley. (George is GERL's Chaplain, if you didn't already know that.) They always put on a great ride and the folks at Mingo always go out of their way to make GERL folks welcome.

| The following weekend (yes, can you believe we do that to ourselves?) was the 7th Annual Gene Ensminger Memorial Ride down in Round Oak where we were able to raise over \$3,000 on what has now become a one-day ride. Jaye Herrington is our Event Coordinator for this ride and she consistently jumps in there and pulls a rabbit out of the hat. The food was wonderful and everybody had a great time. The format is very similar to our annual poker ride where we furnish lunch at the event, but also squeeze in live and silent auctions to boost the money pot. Most of us spend the whole weekend at Ron and Adriane Cook's camp, enjoying the remainder of the weekend to ride our horses without having to work for GERL. Mike Rogers and his new band came out Saturday night and entertained us with a concert. It was our first year at Gene Fest without Andee Rogers and Jack Pesserilo and we were all very emotional.

In July we all drove over to Milton for our annual Polo Match. It was a beautiful day and we were able to raise right at \$3,000 on this event. Of course, much of this is because our host (and owner) of Chukkar Farm, Jack Cashin, always finds it in his heart to give GERL all of the money that is raised. He has always been a very faithful supporter of GERL and I love him for that! We always have a silent auction and flea market at this event, but for the past

few years, we have cooked and sold food.

In September we hosted our second annual Rescue Challenge under the leadership of Tamma Trump. It was another great success with GERL netting right at \$13,000. This event and its growth has blown me away from the beginning. It was a "sell-out" for the second year in a row. It is our biggest fund raiser of the whole year and takes a huge number of volunteers and a lot of pre-planning which starts shortly after the first of the year.

In early November we attempted to host our 20th Annual Poker Ride/Andee Rogers Memorial Ride, but, again, the weather caused us to cancel. The following weekend we hosted the 5th Annual Stallion to Gelding Castration Day, where we had 13 equine veterinarians in North and Middle Georgia castrating horses for \$100, with GERL paying \$50 for each horse. This event was orchestrated by our new Stallion to Gelding Coordinator, Marian Finco, this year. I want to thank her for taking this task over for me. She did a wonderful job and much of the success should be credited to her. We were able to help turn 75 stallions into geldings during this event this year! That is AWESOME!!

In December I always host the annual GERL Christmas party at my house; mostly because I live in Bethlehem, but I'd probably host it, even if I lived elsewhere. It is a lot of work for me, but I do enjoy having a Christmas party for GERL, which has always been very informal and a time socializing. We don't ever have a speaker (or even talk about GERL), we don't play games or exchange gifts. We just eat the BEST food on the planet and enjoy the fellowship of friends.

Three days after the Christmas party, Miss Anne, Linda Kundell, Sue Vetsch, Tamma Trump, Lynne Robinson and I loaded up our vehicles and headed down to the Macon Farmer's Market where we hosted a multi-county law enforcement training meeting with approximately 40 attendees from various counties in Georgia. We all made a big crockpot of soup or chili and hauled all of that, along with the other fixins, to the meeting. It was one of the best training meetings we've hosted in the 5 years that we've been doing them.

If reading about this busy schedule makes your head spin, imagine being at the other end of this as a volunteer. I often picture all of the GERL Board members, along with all of the Leads and volunteers, holding little pick axes in their hands as we all work to chisel out this "equine masterpiece" that was created over 20 years ago. And let me say this about that...what a "masterpiece" we have created that continues to help so many horses in Georgia!



Happily Ever After

By CeCe Calli

What a great month it has been for GERL and our foster horses. New homes have been found for so many horses.

Wizard was adopted by his trainer Trey Anderson. This team was “love at first sight” for Trey who just knew that he had a real special horse to train for the 2015 GERL Rescue Challenge. Trey and Wizard have helped to show the world what can be done with a great foundation and a great connection between horse and rider. Have fun, you two, and we will see you in the show ring!

Red Man aka “Friday” was also adopted. As I was driving home from the Challenge I got a call from Katie Bartz about Red Man. She had fallen into that LOVE that only we true horse people know. Katie wanted to adopt Red Man (“Friday”) and they will be a perfect team since Katie is a very accomplished Endurance rider. So, if you are out on a course and see a flash of red, smile and know that's Katie and Friday doing their thing.

Falcon was also adopted by his trainer Nancy Faulconer. Falcon is one of the deepest horses I have

seen in a long time. He has layers of fear and that fear has come out in some scary ways. Nancy was up for the challenge with Falcon (although I offered a replacement horse). It's all about trust, foundation and connection. Falcon and Nancy dug deep and Falcon at long last has come into the light.

Jacca is one lucky boy! He is living large in Cedartown with his new owner, Shay. Shay and I have been working on finding that perfect connection. When she met Jacca, BAM, that was it! Shay and Jacca will have the type of relationship every horse person works for.

Scarlet, our bag of bones little paint mare is also settling into her new digs. Lauri and her family just relocated from the big city to a great farm in Morgan County. Lauri fell in love with Scarlet at first sight. Scarlet will also have a new stable mate, a beautiful Hafflinger gelding, that Lauri has named Rhett. The two horses have bonded beautifully. This is a great ending for such a special mare.

Thank you all! Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Update on GERL's Kroger Plus Community Rewards Program and Amazon Smiles

IT IS TIME TO RE-ENROLL IN THE KROGER PLUS PROGRAM!

During the fiscal year of 2015, The Georgia Equine Rescue League has received \$656.79 from the Kroger Plus Program. That is compared to \$925.94 in 2014. Many people may not be aware that you must re-enroll in your chosen charity each year. Your selection ended at the end of September and you must select your charity again. Please go to <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com> to enroll or re-enroll GERL as your chosen charity. If you have not chosen GERL as your charity in the past, please consider supporting GERL through this program. The Kroger Community Rewards Program is an easy way for you to support GERL. All you have to do is go to <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com> and link your Kroger Plus card to Georgia Equine Rescue League. This does not affect the shopping rewards that you receive through the program.

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING GERL THROUGH THE AMAZON SMILES PROGRAM.

During 2015, we have received \$ 212.85 from this program. If you shop on Amazon through their Amazon Smiles program, 0.5% of your purchase is donated to GERL. In order to support GERL through the Amazon Smiles program, all you have to do is go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-2080606> and choose Georgia Equine Rescue League as your charity. You also have to begin shopping via that link in order for your purchases to be credited toward GERL. What a great way to support a great cause without spending any of your own money.

You can find links to both of these programs on the GERL website at <http://www.gerlltd.org>. Our thanks go out to all of you who have chosen to support GERL through these programs.

Thank You for Your Support

Written by Lynne Robinson

As the Treasurer for GERL, I process the donations that our supporters so generously send. I imagine you as you sit at your desk and prepare your check for GERL and I wonder if you really know how important your donations are to so many horses and equine. There is a horse grazing in a field in the Mansfield facility that would not be there if it wasn't for you and your support. I know of a donkey happily guarding his field of cows that would not be there if it wasn't for you and your generosity. There is even a Zoney (a part zebra, part donkey?) that is alive and well because you gave us the funds to provide the help that he needed.

To the right is a picture of Bella, one of the horses that we brought into our foster program. In addition to providing feed, hay and care for the horses taken in by the GDA Equine Division, we also have a foster program.

I'm sure if they could, our foster horses would tell you how much they appreciate you. The following are the names of the horses that we were able to bring into our foster program this year because of you:



China	Faye Dunaway	Red Rocky
Jesse	Toby	Holly Day
Bella	Falcon	Wizard
Johnny Reb	Ethyl	Patriot
Jacca	Bailey	Red Man
Dudley	Scarlet	Peaches
Ransom	Cooper	Applejax

As 2015 comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for everything you do for GERL. It is an honor to volunteer for such a wonderful organization and it is a privilege to meet the wonderful people who love horses and give so generously of their time and money to save them.

Stallion to Gelding Day 2015

By Anne Ensminger

“Stallion to Gelding Day”, sponsored by GERL comes each year on the second Saturday in November. Patty Livingston and I met at Countryside Hospital for Animals near Jersey, GA. early that morning as we have for all of the years that the event has taken place. It was a sunny, crisp morning and as the attending veterinarians, UGA veterinary students, and the stallions (soon to be geldings), began to arrive, the excitement was palpable. The Countryside Vets are always willing to help with this very important GERL Program, the UGA Vet Students are very excited to obtain their first experience with castrating a horse, and the stallions are just excited to be horses on such a beautiful morning! I doubt that they (the stallions) know that the rest of their lives will be effected in a good way because their owners have made the very responsible decision to have them castrated.



UGA Vet Students at Countryside Veterinary Service

This yearly event is sponsored by GERL in an effort to encourage the owners of stallions (including Mini Horses, ponies, and donkeys) to have them gelded. We are able to negotiate with many veterinarians over Georgia so that, after GERL pays part of the cost, stallion owners can have the procedure done for the extremely low cost of \$50 per horse. This, in an attempt to prevent the over breeding of horses which has led to the overabundance of horses in our state. This overabundance has brought the value of horses to such a low point that those who cannot afford to own a horse, can easily obtain one. This most often leads to starvation and/or very poor living conditions for these poor horses.

This Stallion to Gelding Day was much like all of the other such events I have attended. All went well and that is the great news! It is still amazing to me to see the horses get up after general anes-



The students performed all of the surgeries.



Amicalola Veterinary Service gittin 'em done!

thesia and the surgery, walk around for a bit, and then load onto a horse trailer to go home within a very short time.

I asked some of the stallion owners what this program meant to them. Many of them said that they would have eventually had their animals gelded anyway but this opportunity to save quite a bit of money, made them make it a priority to have it done on November 14th. After 73 years of observing human nature, I am certain that many of them would perhaps have put off getting it done until it just might have possibly resulted in the birth of an unwanted foal.

All of the vets and vet students participating at Countryside were at the site from 8:30 AM until about 5PM. There were 13 stallions gelded and we all enjoyed a pizza lunch provided by GERL while we enjoyed a lovely day of doing a very good thing. Including the other sites all over Georgia, where the very same thing was going on, 72 stallions were gelded on that day!

Please join us in giving a BIG thanks to all of the equine vets who participated in this event this year:

Amicalola Veterinary Service, Barnesville Animal Clinic, Barrow Veterinary Service, Big Springs Equine Medicine, Countryside Veterinary Service, Fulton Equine Clinic, King Equine Veterinary Service, New South Equine Medicine, Royston Animal Clinic, Town & Country Animal Hospital and Maggie's Menagerie.



The folks at Amicalola Veterinary Service

Stallion to Gelding Day 2015

By Anne Ensminger



Funding provided by the ASPCA! Yeah!



Proud UGA Vet Students



All smiles!

Little Joe Goes to School

By Sue Vetsch

Being the Education Coordinator for GERL, I received a call from a Vicky Luther who is a teacher at Hampton Elementary in Henry County. She was teaching her class about "Horses". She asked if someone from GERL could come talk to them about what we do. So I told her that I could come down and we could bring a horse with us. Since this is something that I do with my minis in the summer I thought that would be no problem. We sat it up for November 4. Now if everyone remembers that was right around the time when we had rain for 11 days straight. My mini's are in a pasture with a run in. So panic set in as I could not take muddy horses. Then I looked at Little Joe who was so nice and clean. Well who else better to represent GERL than Little Joe? After all he has been on television with Patty.

So the morning of the event Danielle loaded up Joe and away we went. By the way he still jumps right on. We got down to the school early. Joe got out and enjoyed looking around. He had his picture taken in front of the school, trying to load on a school bus and by the soccer net. He was rock solid. Never looked twice at anything.

The kids came out and we began talking about horses. I was thrilled to see how much they knew. So then we got hands on. Danielle showed them how she began working with Joe and the blue tarp. Once again Joe stood like a champ. Then we started with the grooming. They knew what each item was used for. So we put them to work. 4-5 Kids at a time were working on Joe. They were cleaning feet, currying him, brushing and working on his mane and



Little Joe basking in the spotlight with his new friends!

tail. Then out came the treats, Joe's favorite part of the trip. We showed how you would give a treat. Then they took turns feeding Joe. The kids loved it. Many have never had such up close contact with a horse before. Also Joe's size did not scare them. Finally before they left we handed out a newsletter to all of them and a Gold Horse Shoe. Even the teacher got her Gold Horse Shoe and she was going to put up in the classroom. Joe proved he was champ that day. He may not like crowds of 300-400 people but he is a super star with small groups. Joe proved to me that day that all rescue horses truly appreciate being saved and loved. Joe was the horse that would not load among so many other things. Now he jumps on the trailer because he knows the trip will always end with him coming back to his home.

GERL ADOPTABLES

For adoption fees and additional information, please contact CeCe Calli, Adoption Coordinator.
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Peaches is a 3 year old, 13.2 Roan filly. She recently participated in the GERL Rescue Challenge event and won first place with Elaina Schmersey as her trainer. She is a beautiful mover. Peaches requires an experienced, confident rider.



Ethyl is a 3 year old beautiful little Pinto mare. Ethyl was trained by Joyce Lewis and came in 2nd in the Rescue Challenge event. She has been exposed to de-spooking, trailering and eventing during her 120 days in training. She requires an experienced and patient partner. Her ground work is great.



Johnny Reb is a 3 year old, 15hh, beautiful black gelding with chrome. He recently competed in the GERL Rescue Challenge, after completing 120 days of training with Kylie Small. Johnny Reb is quite the "looker". He requires an experienced rider.



Patriot is a 12 year old beautiful paint, who was recently gelded. He is 14.1 hh and likes people. We believe that Patriot as been ridden before, but his riding skills have not yet been assessed.



China Doll is a 10 year old Grade mare. She was trained by Danielle Perry for our GERL Rescue Challenge. China has a lovely walk, trot and canter. She has a very level head and will try hard to complete the task



Ransom is a 20ish Sorrel Grade gelding. What a sweet boy he is and smart. We were told that this boy is awesome under saddle. He really needs some good groceries and a bit of toning up. He gets along very well with other horses. This is one special boy.

Please visit our website for the most up to date list of adoptable horses. gerlltd.org



GEORGIA EQUINE RESCUE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING



January 16, 2016
Winder Lion's Club
354 E. Broad Street, Winder, GA 30680



You are invited to attend!
Pot Luck—Please bring your favorite dish to share!

AGENDA

Please come a few minutes early if you are bringing a dish and plan to join us for lunch.

- 10:00 - Arrive and Set up
- 12:00 - Potluck
- 12:30 - Introduction by President Patty Livingston
- 12:45 - Guest speaker Dr Rebecca Gimenez
(TLAER / Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue)
- 1:15 - General Meeting
- 1:30 - Volunteer recognition
 - Marty Paulk Cheerleader Award
- 2:00 - Close Silent Auction
- 2:30 - Adjourn

GERL MERCHANDISE WILL BE FOR SALE!

Potluck - Flea Market - Auction!

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UGA Collegiate Horsemen's Association

by Linda Kundell

The UGA Collegiate Horsemen's Association asked me to come to their meeting in December and talk about GERL. A friendly group of girls met me and got me to the parking lot and the meeting room. We talked about GERL and spent some time discussing the horse show that they are putting on in April on the 9th and 10th. It is a two day Western and English show that is open to the public and will benefit GERL. We will be there with our trailer and our merchandise. Come out to compete in the show, support the UGA Collegiate Horsemen's Association and GERL and buy a shirt. Hope to see you there!

Georgia Equine Rescue League

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Get involved! Ask your friends, family, co-workers and others to help raise money to feed the horses!



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- \$150.00 per month for 4 months to rehabilitate one horse.
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THANK YOU!

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Kel-Mac Saddle Club End of Year Gift to GERL

By Anne Ensminger

I was honored to represent GERL at the Kel-Mac Saddle Club End of Year Awards Banquet again this year. I was there to accept and express appreciation for their donation check for \$1000 to support the work of GERL.

Kel-Mac, established in 1976, is the oldest and probably the largest saddle club in Georgia. The members are horse loving, family oriented folks who work throughout each year to provide horse show and trail ride activities for their members and friends. They are rewarded for their hard work by, not only the warm fellowship that comes from working together, but also by considerable funds raised at these events. Then, at year's end, they hold a banquet where they come together for a wonderful meal at Bonner's Triple B Restaurant near Buckhead, GA and to present high point awards and trophies to their members and to divide the money they earned during the year among several equine related organizations which they vote as worthy recipients. GERL is honored to have been among the recipients for many years. This year GERL was joined by Friends of Hard Labor Creek, Friends of Watson Mill State Park, A.H. Stevens State

Park, and Heritage Park in Oconee County.

After many productive years of service, the present Kel-Mac officers are stepping down for a well-deserved rest. New officers will begin to shoulder the responsibility and the hard work that comes with leading such an organization. GERL wishes them every success.



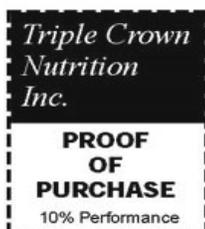
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Thank You In Advance For Your Support! If
you have items to donate or

have additional questions please contact:

Sue Wrensen / (770) 331-6947

swrensen@comcast.net

Area Coordinator Spotlight - Debbie Whitworth

My name is Debbie Whitworth. I am the Area Coordinator for Elbert and Hart Counties. I have lived in Elbert County for almost 11 years, after living in Gwinnett County for the first 48 years of my life. (We had to escape the busyness in Gwinnett). I have 3 horses and trail ride/camp in the spring & fall when I'm not riding my motorcycle. I have owned & boarded horses, taught lessons, had horse day camps and been involved with 4-H and the US Pony Club for the last 28 years. I now drive a school bus (to get health insurance) & I am not as involved in the horse world as I was in Gwinnett. I became involved with GERL several years ago because I thought I could offer some help in Elbert and surrounding counties. The demand for help has been limited, which is good. Since GERL is now involved in multi-county meetings with county officials, castration clinics and vaccination clinics, I'm sure my involvement will increase. I hope to be able to offer some help to Georgia's starving horses through GERL.

Debbie Whitworth
rlwdpw@hotmail.com



GERL Volunteer of the Quarter

By Anne Ensminger

Your Board of Directors has selected a very long time supporter of GERL as our Volunteer of the Quarter. He is Steven Neal of Rutledge, GA. Steven has served on our Board of Directors, is an always willing foster home, and a regular volunteer who wears a number of hats when called upon to help with GERL events.

Steven served as “parking attendant” for our first GERL Rescue Challenge. It was COLD out there but he and the others who accepted that duty did a fantastic job and we never heard one complaint from any of them.

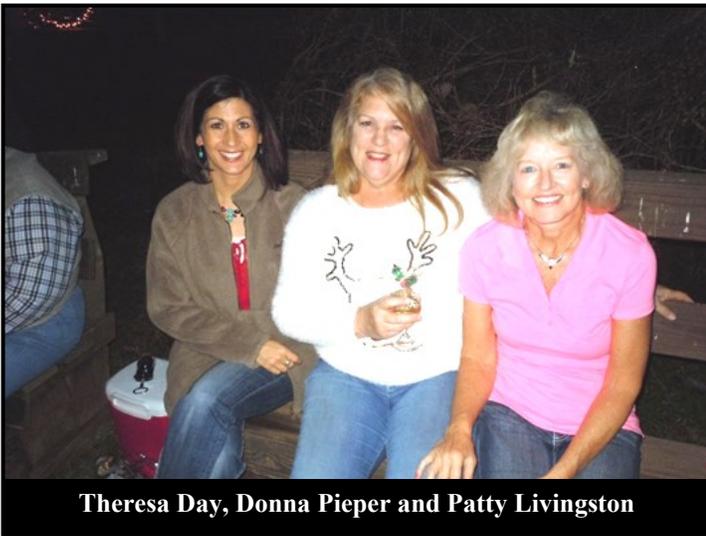
There have been times when Steven has had as many as three foster horses in his care at one time. We always know that any horse that spends time at Steven’s lovely facility will receive the best care and that Steven will miss them when they go to a forever home.

Although it is not his favorite chore, Steven often agrees to be our “grill master” when we sell hot dogs and hamburgers at GDA Horse Sales. He always does an outstanding job. He especially loves to man the grill in July when the temperature and humidity are sky high.....just ask him. The main thing is that he does it, just as we all do whatever it takes to provide the care that horses in need must receive. That’s what we do, so we all just do it. Thank you, Steven, for being a very reliable part of our GERL Team!

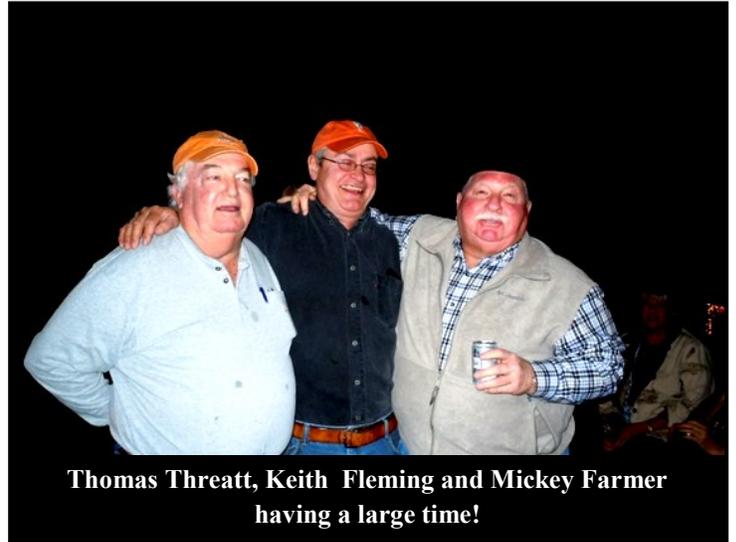


GERL Christmas Party

By Patty Livingston



Theresa Day, Donna Pieper and Patty Livingston



Thomas Threatt, Keith Fleming and Mickey Farmer having a large time!

This year's Christmas party was on a nice clear evening with no rain in sight. Thomas Threatt had come earlier in the week to deliver the wooden benches and wood splitter. I had been working around the house for several days getting all of my Christmas trees (there was a total of 9) and lights put out. I hired a kid in the neighborhood to come over and put net lights over all of the shrubs in the front of my house, while I worked to add another addition (and another Christmas tree) to my birdhouse garden. Finally, I was satisfied that there were enough lights to get Santa's attention, even on the foggiest of nights.

Thomas sent "handyman Russell" over the day of the party to help me get everything ready. Russell arrived at my gate early that morning in a fog so thick that I couldn't see him. He let himself in and went to work with his chainsaw and the wood splitter, and before he left at 4:00 that afternoon there was a huge pile of busted firewood for the party.

I had been accumulating limbs for many months and it was a mountain of brush that had me just a little concerned since my house is cedar. I had suggested that Thomas light the fire before a lot of people arrived, just in case. People started arriving around 6:30. Many told me they had no problem finding my house because of the huge bonfire that was almost as high as the roof.

Before long my house was bustling with activity and the smell of delicious food. There was so much food that all of the tables in the dining room were overflowing. There was a separate table for the desserts that was also full of yummy stuff. There were several new people who attended the party this year, as well as many familiar faces. Of course, Thomas and Mickey stayed out by the fire and kept every-

body well entertained. The weather was perfect...not too cold and no rain.

Things started winding down around 11:00 and it was past midnight when the last group

of people drove home. Several people spent the night, which was a real treat. We got up the next morning and I cooked eggs benedict for everybody. We sat around and enjoyed coffee while we reminisced about the party. I think everybody had a good time and I know that nobody went home hungry!



A bunch of dog-lovers gathered here!



The kitchen chairs always seemed to be full of folks!

GERL Christmas Party

By Patty Livingston



It was nice seeing some new faces at the party!



Alice in Waterland and Scooter Cox taking it easy.



Linda Venable, Amy Cox and Sue Wrensen enjoying the fire.



Party-goers enjoying the huge fire.



Folks enjoying the good food and great fellowship.

More New GERL Merchandise

by Patty Livingston

Tuff, my little dog, got a new T-shirt from his "Aunt Sue" for Christmas this year. She presented it to him at the GERL Christmas party and everybody thought it was the BOMB! In fact, several people asked why GERL doesn't sell doggie shirts. Hmmmm. So, I had a little chat with Tamma Trump, whose sister is in the T-shirt business and carries all kinds of items. If you are interested in ordering a T-shirt for your pet, just go to this link: <http://www.mysticalmoment.info>. GERL will receive a profit from every item ordered through Mystical Moment, so you'll still be helping the horses!



Doggie Baby Rib Tank



- Doggie Baby Rib Tank by Doggie Skins
 - 5.0 oz. 100% combed ringspun cotton (He is 93/7) 1x1 baby rib.
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 - White is sewn with 100% cotton thread.
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- * Black, Green Woodland, Heather, Navy, Pink Woodland, Red and White are available in sizes XS - XL.

Juni Fisher in Concert!

Saturday, January 23, 2016

The Bowen Center for the Arts

334 Highway 9N

Dawsonville, GA 30534

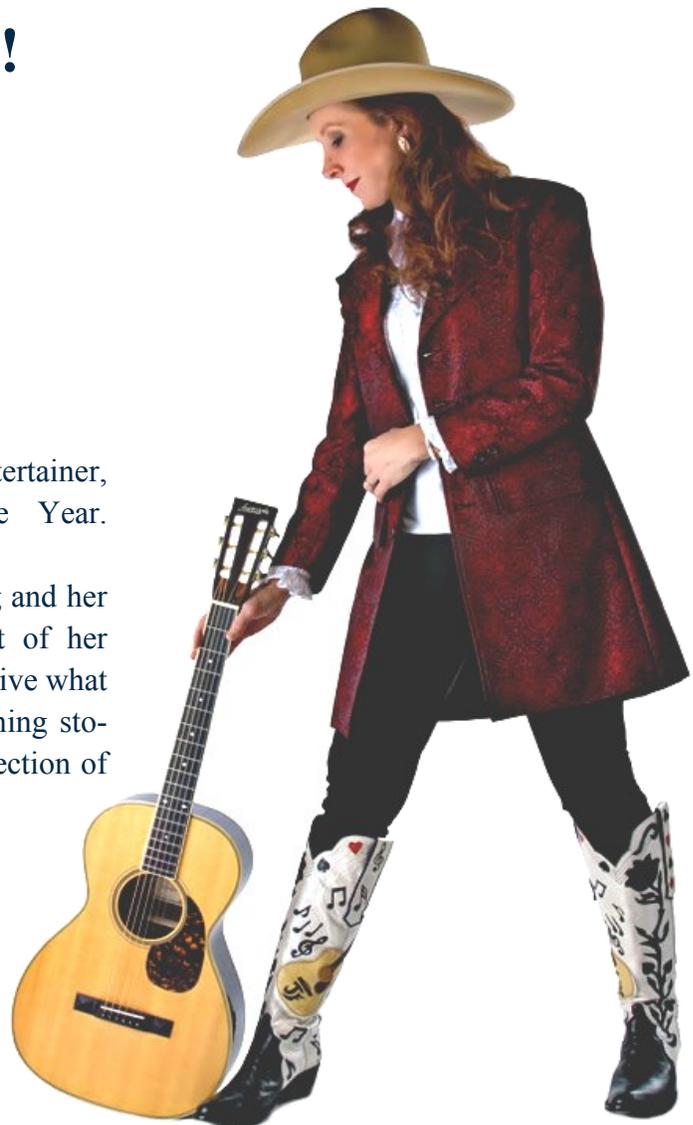
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Multiple award winning Singer, Songwriter, Entertainer, Horsewoman. 2011 WMA Entertainer of the Year.

"Juni Fisher's luminous intensity ignites her writing and her performances." says one journalist "At the heart of her unique and complex artistry is her ability to bring alive what become unforgettable characters and images, stunning stories that often carry a deep and compassionate reflection of the human spirit."

**Concert to benefit
Georgia Equine Rescue League
www.gerlltd.org**

*For more information about Juni Fisher:
www.JuniFisher.com*



As in years past, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals joined forces with the Georgia Equine Rescue League in supporting owners of stallions to have their animals castrated. 2015 marks the 5th Annual Stallion-to-Gelding Castration Day in Georgia. To date, over 600 stallions have been gelded through this important GERL program.

Many of you may know GERL created this event in 2011 as part of "Georgia's Equine Get Well Plan". Equine practitioners throughout the state were invited to participate by hosting a low cost castration clinic in their area.

Though GERL pays 100 percent of the cost of gelding all stallions that are impounded by the Georgia De-

partment of Agriculture, law enforcement officials and animal control officers, a great need still exists for other horse owners who need guidance, help and financial aid when choosing to castrate their stallions. Answering the call, the ASPCA awarded GERL \$5,000.00 this year to help defray these costs. At the state-wide clinics held this year on November 14th, stallions were castrated for a special low cost of \$100.00. GERL pay \$50.00 of this expense and the owner pay the balance.

Hats off to the wonderful service members and volunteers of both organizations. The ASPCA, like our group, stands ready to help when help is needed. Thanks to all!

Rambo

by Margaret Hill

Anyone ever wondered what happened to Rambo? (Article in July, August, September 2014 newsletter).

My name is Margaret Hill. I have a registered 501(c)3 non-profit rescue facility in Mitchell Ga- Four Way Farm Inc. (www.fourwayrescue.org). I had just lost one of my babies, Nellie, in July 2014. As the saying goes "when one door closes another one opens". I mourned for Nellie for a few months & then realized that her death was not in vain, it opened the door for another horse to come to my facility, who was in need of a forever home. I read the article in that newsletter & of course my heart went out to him.

I put a call into Jesse Murray at the GDA & explained my situation & was she happy! "Can you take him tomorrow?" was the question she asked me before knowing anything about me! Beth, an Inspector, came out to my property to check everything out the next day, phoned Jesse & said bring him on!!

So on October 28th. 2014 Rambo arrived early in the morning. What a beautiful horse! The picture in the newsletter does not do him justice.

He has made himself at home here with the other horses in his field. He is very friendly, loves his food &



I am so glad I could give him a home.

I have 2 other GERL/GDA horses: Banjo, came here July 2009 & is thriving- very old but still with us: Spice came here in July 2009 & is enjoying her forever home.

These "second chance" horses, whether unwanted, retired or abused are a beautiful sight when they come running up to the fence to have some loving from me.

Please visit my web site to see the rest of my "babies" – www.fourwayrescue.org.

A Note from the Secretary's Desk

by Anne Ensminger



It has been a very good year for GERL, financially speaking. Started in 1992, the organization has grown and has helped countless horses throughout the years. We fully expect this growth and help to

continue but it is the reasons that our help is needed that I want to address. I love horses and want the best for every one of them. Sadly, it is the people who gain control of some unfortunate horses that cause those poor animals the most suffering. It is these same people who cause GERL the most consternation.

It is not only the horses that GERL takes into our program that concern us. We are also very involved with the horses impounded by the GDA. GERL pays for a large percentage of their feed and hay, as well as veterinary care, dental, and farrier care. Every one of the animals of which I speak, come with a story.....usually a sad story.

The owners of the horses with which we become involved, have some very imaginative tales about the reason their horses carry such a low body score, why they suffer from terrible wounds which have not been treated, or a myriad of other problems which horses cannot recover from without some basic care. It is never the owner's fault. I could make a list of hundreds of excuses we have heard over the years.

On top of the unbelievable tales we hear from owners whose horses need intervention (made possible by the equine protection laws that, THANKFULLY, we have in Georgia), we face resistance from officials who not only block our attempts to help, but

hold the attitude that horses are livestock (not untrue) and must be dealt with as would be cattle.

That is a very hard one to overcome. I suppose if I had no personal interest in horses and my workload was sometimes overwhelming involving the worst kind of human elements threatening the wellbeing of the general public, I might be tempted to take a similar attitude when someone requests my help with a horse not receiving adequate care.

As we have learned by developing relationships with law enforcement and animal control officers throughout the state via our "Multi County Meetings", it is not the officers on general duty who lack enthusiasm to see that abusive pet and horse owners are punished, but it is those in higher authority. If we could only convince them that to prosecute and win restitution and levy fines on these abusers, the rescue programs could, and would pay for themselves! While we can actually understand their stance, we will continue our path to educate those who will listen and physically help the animals which we can manage to remove from the horrible situations some of them must endure. We are making definite progress. Oh, and the first sentence of this article is the good news. We are only able to make such progress because of the money raised by our hardworking GERL Team and that given by those, like you, who share our vision to end equine neglect and abuse in our state.....then on to the rest of our country.



20th Anniversary



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In memory of Andee DeMoss Rogers

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LIVE MUSIC!
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Hand and Win
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Registration begins at
9:00 a.m.
The ride begins at
10:00 a.m.
Rain or Shine.

*Directions traveling Hwy 400 North. 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.



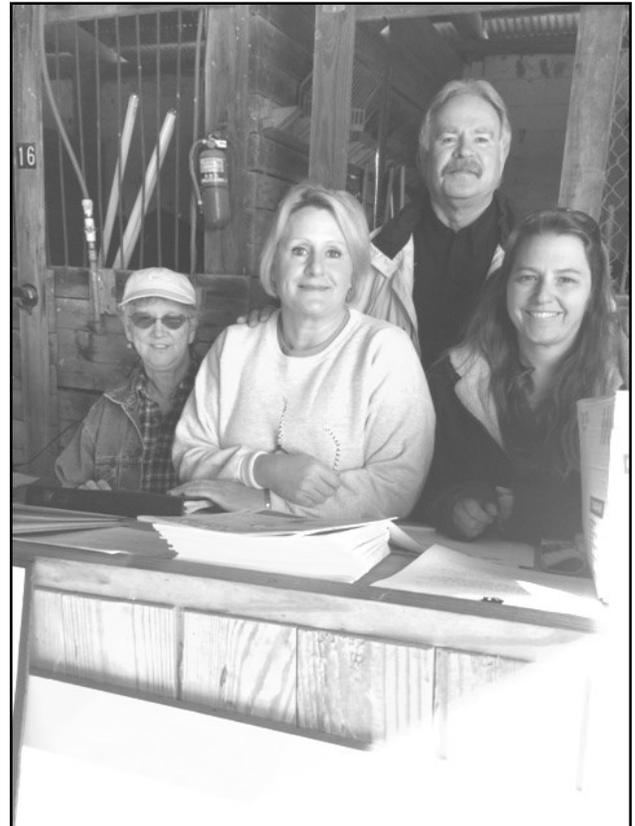
A donation of \$25.00 includes lunch and one poker hand. **GERL MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE 1 EXTRA HAND AT NO ADDITIONAL COST (JUST SHOW US YOUR GERL MEMBERSHIP CARD TO DRAW YOUR EXTRA HAND).** Additional poker hands are available to all for a donation of \$5.00 per hand. **You must show us your horse's negative coggins test 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!* Please call **Anne Ensminger @ (770) 464-3348 or missanne612@bellsouth.net** for 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 \$7 trail fee. If you do not have an annual pass you will be required to pay an additional \$7 for this ride. GERL will collect this fee and forward it appropriately.

GDA Horse Auction - November 14, 2015

by Nancy Bogardts

We had a successful auction and a great crowd at the Mansfield Impound on November 14th. We sold 10 horses for a total of \$3105 and Elvis, a little weak colt in the sling, gained some admirers who donated \$205 toward his care. Venus, who was a no-sale the last time she was offered for sale, was the day's high seller!

Some inmates from the Pulaski Women's prison came up to ride and help with the horses. It was great to see old friends and make some new ones. Thanks again to Mickey Farmer for being our dedicated auctioneer. Mickey has volunteered his time at nearly every auction we've ever had and his presence helps bring as much money for the horses as possible. We appreciate you, Mickey!



2016 GERL Board of Directors

by Patty Livingston

A couple of changes have recently occurred on the GERL Board of Directors and will be effective January 1, 2016. Our current Vice-President, Eddy O'Hern, who has given GERL 3 years of his life, has decided that he will step down from his position in 2016. Eddy will continue with his duties as Area Coordinator and AC Director for the Southern part of our State, as well as host the Mingo Trail Ride for GERL. I want to thank Eddy from the bottom of my heart for the sacrifices that he has made for GERL over the years and wish him much success in his horse training business.

Tamma Trump, who previously filled the position of GERL Board member Alternate, will step into Eddy's position as Vice President. She will continue to fill the BIG boots as our Rescue Challenge Coordinator, which we are all very grateful!

Linda Kundell, GERL's Merchandise Coordinator, will fill the Alternate Board position. She will also continue to keep track of the GERL merchandise, as well as keep track of our volunteers, as she has done for the past couple of years.

Miss Anne will continue to function as GERL Secretary, which position she has filled for the past 12 years! I don't know what we would do without her and personally, I am so very grateful that she has agreed to hang in there for another year!

Lynne Robinson will continue to fill the position as GERL Treasurer, going into her 3rd year as such. She does a wonderful job and may well be the most important person on the GERL Board (I like to say so, anyway) since she is the keeper of all GERL monies! She also fills the position of GERL Area Coordinator and AC Director for the Northern part of our State.

I will continue to act as President of GERL, going into my 8th year in this position. I am not tired, burned-out, nor out of goals or ideas on where I would like to see GERL grow and go in the future.

I hope that you will join me in thanking each of our Board members for the many hats that they wear for GERL, not to mention their dedication and sacrifices! I think they are AWE-SOME!!!

Holly Valley Equestrian Team Holds Raffle for GERL

By Lynne Robinson

GERL would like to thank Vicki Holland, Team Secretary for the Holly Valley Equestrian Team, for choosing GERL to be the recipient of the proceeds from their recent raffle. The Holly Valley team hosted the 2015 Peppermint Pony Classic on Sunday, December 6th at the Chicopee Agricultural Center in Gainesville. The team raffled off several items and raised \$440 for GERL. I want to make sure I mention and thank all the young ladies who worked so hard to make the raffle a success. Leah Holtzclaw, Alana Schmidt, Brooke Wiles, Lana Woodward and Taylor Wells took turns manning the raffle table. Linsey Campbell and Lauren Holland really worked the crowd to sell lots of raffle tickets.

Last year, Vicki Holland adopted Faye Dunaway from GERL for her daughter Lauren. Faye Dunaway, along with her trainer Jo Ann McBride, were the winners of the GERL Rescue Challenge in November of 2014. Faye Dunaway's name is now Ginger and she is thriving under the love and care she received from Vicki and Lauren.

We would also like to thank the following individuals and businesses who donated items for the raffle: White Co Farmers Exchange, Cherokee Feed & Seed (Gainesville), Holly Valley Equestrian Center, Horse and Hound (Gainesville), Maddox Feed and Seed, Betty's County Store (Helen), Ace Hardware (Helen),



Leah Holtzclaw, Alana Schmidt, Brooke Wiles, Lana Woodward and Taylor Wells manned the raffle table.

Donna Ayoub, Yonah Mountain Vineyards, and Frances Moore of Moore's Saddlery.

The Peppermint Pony Classic is a part of the Inter-scholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) and is an IEA point show. The IEA program allows for middle and high school students to participate in equestrian sports and competition. Students who participate in IEA do not have to own a horse, thereby opening up equestrian sports to those who otherwise would not be able to participate. If you would like to find out more about the IEA program, please visit <http://www.rideiea.org>.



Linsey Campbell and Lauren Holland stayed busy selling raffle tickets.



Here are some of the great items that were donated for the raffle.

GERL Hosts Multi-County Equine Training for Law Enforcement and Animal Control

Written by Sue Vetsch

On December 16, 2015, GERL Volunteers gathered at the Macon State Farmers Market to hold another training class on Equine Handling and Cruelty Investigations. We had invited Police and Animal Control Officers from 42 counties. This is the 9th. time GERL has hosted such a meeting. The purpose of the meetings is to educate the officers concerning Georgia's Equine Protection Laws and to provide training on evidence gathering to prepare for a winning animal abuse court case. We also provide practice with live horses (transported to the event by GDA, Equine Inspectors) to those interested in learning about the nature of horses and effective ways to interact with them. We teach the officers how to catch loose horses, properly halter a horse, and ways to successfully load a horse onto a trailer. Some of the officers have never even been close to a horse and are, understandably, reluctant.

These periodic training classes are sponsored by GERL and GDA, Equine Division as a way to partially fulfill Patty Livingston's "Get Well Plan" which is a path to solving the problem of too many horses, the result of overbreeding, which Patty believes leads to the neglect and abuse we frequently encounter. Two parts to the plan are (1.) to provide education to law enforcement, animal control agencies, and the community, and (2.) push for prosecution, fines, and punishment of neglectful and abusive owners.

We reached out to Happy Wyatt, Macon Farmer's Market Manager. She very graciously offered the entire center to us to hold our first training in Macon. Adjacent to the building was the perfect safely fenced, grassy area where the horses involved could be placed for the day. Here Mat Thompson teaches the details of body scoring horses and provides the hands-on instruction mentioned above. GERL is extremely fortunate to have three very knowledgeable and willing instructors for these events. They are Mat Thompson, GDA Equine Manager, Kevin Hearst, Field Supervisor/Chief Cruelty Investigator for Dekalb County Animal Services, and Sherwin Figueroa, Asst. District Attorney with



Cobb County Asst. D.A., Sherwin Figueroa

Cobb County Judicial Circuit. Mat Thompson speaks on Georgia Equine Protection Laws and describes what constitutes equine abuse. He also teaches how to body score horses and loves to share his experience in horse handling. He also graciously helps to provide live horses for horse handling practice.



Mat Thompson shows everybody horse-handling.



Patty Livingston opened the meeting with a little history.



Lunch Time!

GERL Hosts Multi-County Equine Training for Law Enforcement and Animal Control

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Kevin Hearst, Investigator, Dekalb Co. Animal Services

Kevin Hearst never fails to present an information filled and humorous account of his experiences concerning the proper way to carry out and document animal abuse cases. At one point, he passes out actual photographs of some of his past cases to several teams which include all of the attendees. They are to examine the photographs and give their combined analysis of the pertinent details. They actually did quite well and all seemed to greatly enjoy this exercise.

Last, but not least, Sherwin Figueroa provides detailed information concerning what she, or any prosecuting attorney, needs to be able to successfully prepare a case which would insure a conviction. After all, what would be the value in doing all of the work it takes to issue and execute a warrant, prepare a case, and then lose the case or have it dismissed

for lack of evidence.

All three of these speakers are passionate about protecting all animals, through the use of our laws, and making sure offenders are punished. GERL shares that passion. Several GERL Volunteers (Myself, Patty Livingston, Lynne Robinson, Tamma Trump, Anne Ensminger, Cynthia Anderson) provided lunch for all, gave out door prizes to several lucky attendees, passed out weight tapes, class notes, and provided halters and lead ropes to those who wanted to have them in their on-duty vehicles. Each attendee was presented a Certificate of Training and those with the need, were provided six P.O.S.T. Certification Hours.



Horse Handling 101: Learning how to use a weight tape.

We were also happy to welcome Cheryl Flannigan (Save the Horses – Cumming, GA) as our guest for the day.



Sherwin and Happy share a moment with their new friend!



A small crowd gathers to learn about horse behavior.

GERL Hosts Multi-County Equine Training for Law Enforcement and Animal Control

Written by Sue Vetsch



Linda Kundell, Miss Anne, Happy Wyatt and Mat Thompson



The horses provide everybody an opportunity to get up close and personal.



Lynne Robinson, Lynne Robinson and Sue Vetsch



Everybody enjoyed the homemade lunch of soups and chili.



Sherwin was quite taken with the horses.



The GDA always furnishes horses for the "hands-on" session.

Georgia Farm Bureau Commodity Conference at Jekyll Island

by Patty Livingston

Imagine my surprise when I received a phone call asking me if I would speak at the Georgia Farm Bureau Commodity Conference down at Jekyll Island. The date was December 7th and they were securing a hotel room for me for 2 days. I felt like I'd been waiting on this invitation for years. Not literally, because I didn't even know that they held an annual meeting in Jekyll Island, but I have been hoping to be able to speak to people who are involved in the horse industry, but not knowledgeable about the great work that GERL has been doing.

So, on Sunday, December 6th, I headed south to Jekyll Island, where I would meet my mother, who was driving up from Florida. It was overcast and very windy when I arrived at the hotel. My mom was already there and had checked into our room, which had a beautiful ocean view. We went out that evening and got something to eat and then, settled in for the night. I set up my projector and laptop and performed a dry run of my equipment before going to bed. I didn't need to practice my presentation. I've carried that soapbox with me everywhere I've gone for the past 5 years, at least. I know it by heart!

The next day we drove to the golf course and had a nice breakfast and then headed for the convention center. It was a very busy place with hundreds of people swarming everywhere. We registered and then went inside one of the giant ballrooms where all of the vendors were located. Each of the Georgia Commodities had a booth set up and most were giving out free samples. The Honey industry, for instance, gave out free straws of honey, the Peanut industry booth gave out peanuts, etc. I noticed that there wasn't a booth for the Equine Commodity, but everything else you could think of was represented.

I was speaking at 2:00, so I went to the assigned room and set up my equipment around 1:30. After getting everything set up, I introduced myself to several people who had gotten there early. It turns out that they were the officers of the Equine Commodity. I did

see a couple of familiar faces. Boyd McLocklin and Danny Hogan who are both Board members of the Agriculture Commodity Commission for Equine (ACCE), of which I am a member of their advisory board.

My presentation was chock-full of information about the many programs that GERL has implemented in the past several years, making up the Georgia Equine Get Well Plan that we have been promoting since 2011. Of course, I didn't forget to tell them all about the great partnership between the GDA Equine Program and GERL and how it is unique to any other in the entire country! We have something in Georgia that other states would love to have and I wanted them to know that.

At the end of my presentation I took questions from several people before concluding. Danny Hogan came over to me afterwards and told me that if I would wait he would write me a check for his membership to GERL! I couldn't have been more pleased. How about that for a successful day at the office?!!



WELCOME NEW GERL MEMBERS

New Member	Referred By	From
Linda Brownlee	Tucker	GERL
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Lisa Cochran	Gordon	Rebecca Gimenez
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GDA and Other Updates

For those of you who like to know where GERL spends your donated dollars, below is an update since our last quarterly newsletter:

- ◆ GERL paid \$ 2,401 for feed for the horses at the Mansfield and Arrendale facilities
- ◆ GERL spent \$ 1,607 for vet care for horses at the Mansfield and Arrendale facilities
- ◆ GERL paid \$ 4,218 for hay for the horses at Mansfield and Pulaski facilities
- ◆ GERL spent \$ 4,348 on our foster horses

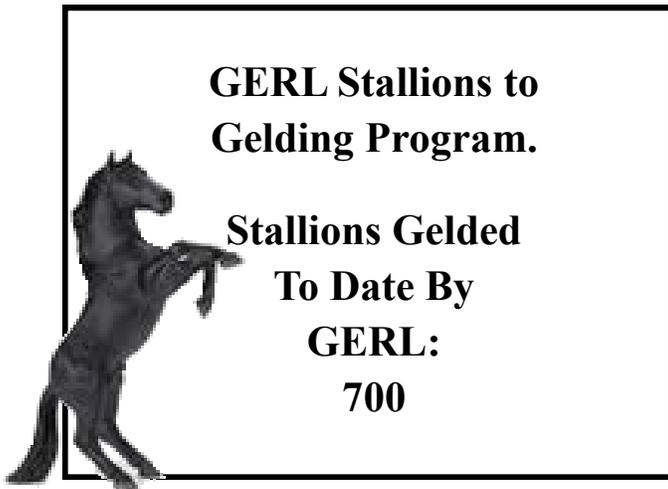
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Stallion to Gelding Thank You

Thank you to Dr. Kittrell at New South Equine Medicine for donating all the sedation drugs used to castrate 3 horses on our Stallion to Gelding Day in November.

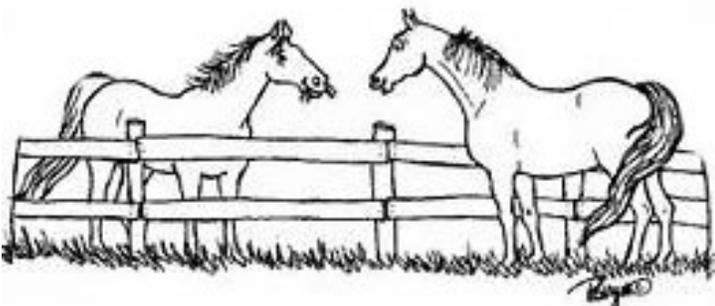
Thank you to Patti Henry and Michelle Williams for their donations to support our Stallion to Gelding Program

Thank you for donating to the “Feed a Horse” Program

John Lynn
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Thank you to those who sent donations to help Elvis. Thanks to you, he is getting better every day and has a chance to survive. If you haven't seen it yet, there is a video of him on our Facebook page. Check it out

B.Y. Whitmire
Sandy Green



My name is Whoa Whoa I said Whoa.
What's your name?

In Memory of

So sorry for your loss of “Mac”, Ronnie Pesserilo. Although Mac was your daughter, Estraya’s horse, he was in your care for most of his almost 35 years of life. The old ones are so precious to us. What a comfort to know that he received the very best of care through the years he was with you and that he was granted a dignified end of life when it was time.

- Ricky by Geri Kono
- Poppie by Lee Hager
- Cody Hayward by Gillian Hayward
- Doug Tate by Barbara Clark
- Abby and ASHley, beloved dogs of the Faulkners, by Jeanne Barsanti
- Betty Simmons, mother of Denise Haas, by Cator Hartley
- Dr. Rick Hinton by Audrey Young
- Magic by Marcia Geraci
- A Christmas gift in memory of Gene Ensminger by Dan & Perri Walden
- Santana by John and Laurie Absalon
- Splash, a pony owned and loved by Charlene Baldwin by Mary Thornton
- Shorty, Teresa Byrnes' beloved horse, by Nancy Bogardts

In Honor of

- ◆ Sandra Freeman and Martha Shepherd, two riding buddies, by Barbara Clark
- ◆ Echo, Beaver & Sam, 2 fine horses, by Cheryl Evans Shedd
- ◆ A Christmas gift for GERL in honor of Traci Moss by Christopher Skelton
- ◆ In honor of GERL members and volunteers by Marcia Geraci
- ◆ A Christmas gift for GERL in honor of Jaime & Steven Rearley by Tammy Sundry-Snyder
- ◆ A Christmas Gift in honor of Anne Ensminger by Dan & Perri Walden
- ◆ Gabby Fiveash by Laura Fiveash
- ◆ Charlene Baldwin by Mary Thornton
- ◆ Kel-Mac friends who support GERL by Susie Cottongim
- ◆ Fellow horse lovers: Sandy Hagge, Sharon Reynolds and Cathy Merritt by Denesa Snell
- ◆ For Pepsi, a rescued horse, and all the horses out there that need rescue, by Linda and Hoyt Bruce
- ◆ A birthday gift in honor of Grant Posey by Susie Keck

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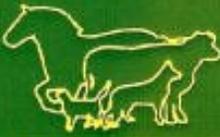


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