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## Law Enforcement Training A Huge Success

By Anne Ensminger

GERL has been holding training seminars with law enforcement and animal control officers for the past several years. Most years we hold at least two such events.

The purpose of the seminars is to call attention to the widespread cruelty and mistreatment of horses in Georgia and to encourage law enforcement officers to become involved in enforcing the Georgia laws which are in place to protect these animals. Granted, police officers are very busy catching “the bad guys” and, in the past, they have rarely found time to concern themselves with animals. The animal control officers have their hands full dealing with dogs, cats, and chicken fighters. Horses have not been a concern to them until recent years. Both of these law enforcement agencies are now receiving more and more calls concerning horses which have been abandoned or horses running loose which can certainly result in tragedy.

Most police and animal control officers are only vaguely familiar with the Georgia 1992 Equine Protection Act.

This set of laws was enacted specifically to address the legal responsibility of horse owners to provide humane and adequate care.

In the past, it fell to the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Equine Division to deal with issues concerning equine. Budget cuts and increased reports of equine incidents, make it impossible for them to adequately meet the need. Thus, GERL recognized the need for additional help from the legal community and the concept of the “multi-county meetings” was formed.

From the very beginning, GERL has been quite pleased with the response to our invitations for officers to attend the meetings. We advertise them well in advance and let the officers know that the program will include information about, not only Georgia equine protection laws, but basic horse handling (live horses provided by GDA), and detailed guidelines for impoundment and successful prosecution of offenders.

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# Law Enforcement Training A Huge Success (cont'd)

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The program lasts for an entire day and is usually pretty much the same, yet many of the attendees have returned to hear the lectures for a second time. We provide lunch and POST credit hours for those who are required to have a certain number of continuing education credits each year to maintain their "POST certified" status.

On May 18th. of this year, GERL's Education Director, Sue Vetch hit a "home run" when she was able to secure the Cobb County Safety Village for our first 2016 training. This outstanding facility is located in Marietta, the very hub of the metro law community.

A record eighty attendees were registered! This is by far the largest Multi-County Meeting GERL has sponsored. Some registrants did not show up but there were many others who showed up without being pre-registered so the final number remained near eighty. We were thrilled!

The day flew by and everyone seemed glued to each speaker's presentation, including those of us who had heard it all before. To top it all off, Channel 5 sent a reporter and cameraman to film the day's activities and they aired very good coverage of the event several times over the next few days. This is just what we at GERL have been hoping might happen so that the general public might learn about our organization and our efforts on behalf of horses in need. The good people in this world care about animals. It is those who are uncaring and who knowingly abuse animals (especially horses!) that GERL seeks to identify, see that they are punished and/or pay restitution, and that they will never be permitted to own horses again. That is where we hope to go with all of this and we cannot do it without the help of sheriffs, police, and animal control officers. We are delighted to have an opportunity to establish relationships with them, be a part of educating them about our equine protection laws, and encouraging them to join our fight against equine abuse in Georgia.

We are fortunate to be able to present three outstanding speakers to provide the training. They are Mat Thompson, GDA Equine Manager, Kevin Hearst, Cruelty Investigator for DeKalb County Animal Control, and Sherwin Figueroa, Esquire, Asst. D.A., from Cobb County. Each speaker imparts, not only their enthusiasm for, but also their extensive knowledge of proper case development which will eventually lead to punishment for those who would abuse any animal.





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# Puttin' On The Feed Bag Recipes

## ALMOST-FAMOUS SPICY FRIED SHRIMP—BAM BAM SHRIMP

ACTIVE: 40 min | TOTAL: 40 min | SERVES: 4 to 6

### FOR THE SAUCE

- ◆ 1/2 A cup mayonnaise.
- ◆ 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon Asian chili sauce (such as sambal oelek).
- ◆ 2 teaspoons honey Kosher salt.

### FOR THE SHRIMP

- ◆ Vegetable oil, for frying.
- ◆ 2 large eggs.
- ◆ 3/4 cup all-purpose flour.
- ◆ 1/2 cup cornstarch.
- ◆ Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper.
- ◆ 1 1/4 pounds small shrimp, peeled and deveined. Bibb lettuce leaves, for serving. Thinly sliced scallions, for garnish.



1. Make the saucer Mix the mayonnaise, chili sauce, honey, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1 tablespoon water in a large bowl; set aside.
2. Prepare the shrimp: Heat about 2 inches of vegetable oil in a heavy-bottomed pot or Dutch oven over medium heat until a deep-fry thermometer registers 350°. Meanwhile, whisk the eggs in a shallow bowl. Whisk the flour, Cornstarch and 1 teaspoon each salt and pepper in another shallow bowl.
3. Working in batches, dredge the shrimp in the flour mixture, shaking off any excess, dip in the beaten eggs, then return to the flour mixture, turning to form a thick crust. Fry the shrimp in the hot oil until lightly golden, 1 to 2 minutes, adjusting the heat as needed to maintain the oil temperature. Transfer to a paper—towel-lined plate with a slotted spoon.
4. Toss the shrimp with the prepared sauce. Arrange the lettuce in a shallow serving bowl or on individual plates. Top with the shrimp and garnish with scallions.

## 2016 GERL Calendar of Events - *Mark Your Calendars!*

**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



I have been doing a lot of running up and down the roads, lately, picking up horses and delivering them to new foster homes. All of these horses, coincidentally, are GERL horses that were adopted out for years in some cases, and are now returning to our program. When a horse is returned, transport is immediately needed and a temporary or adoptive home must be found. CeCe, our Foster/Adoption Coordinator, is great at doing that.

While I was driving down the road I couldn't help but think about all of the horses that I have had to go get and bring back into our program. I could easily count 5 without straining my brain too much. It's not something that we typically talk about, but I thought perhaps we should. We want people to know that we stand by our horses, forever; should they ever need a home after they have been adopted, they will always have a home with GERL. I believe that this is probably how most rescues feel. We always encourage our adopters to call us if anything changes that would impact the horse. Many of them have done just that.

Last year we had a mustang named Red Man who had been in our program back in 2010 and was adopted by a woman who soon became afraid of him. She kept him for 4 years, doing nothing with him during that time to further his education. Finally, on the verge of losing her home and her marriage, she called me and asked me to come and get him. I picked him up the next day and he immediately went into the Rescue Challenge competition with Jordon Faulconer as his trainer. Jordon did a great job with Red Man and won third place. He was adopted by one of Jordon's friends who does endurance, I believe. What a perfect match for this young horse who just needed a job and to be useful to someone.

I recently transported two horses that I picked up from Paulding County Animal Control four years ago. There were two others that were part of the small herd

that included a mare and her foal and two older geldings. Cody was an older, 20+ year-old gelding that just needed somewhere to hang out where he would be cared for, but Gracie was only 8 or 9 years old. They were fostered at the same farm and were adopted by an older gentleman who enjoyed working with them (in the beginning), we were told. They have had a wonderful life for the last 3 years, but during most of that time, nobody was working with Gracie. Well, situations change and people move and horses don't fit in, anymore. Such was the case of Cody and Gracie. By now, Gracie is 12 years old. We really didn't know anything about her riding abilities because the person who adopted the pair never rode either of them.

Gracie is a beautiful mare so it has been decided that she will be our "back up" horse for this year's Rescue Challenge. If one of the five horses which are presently with our Challenge trainers, can not continue for any reason, Gracie will get her chance to shine.

The horses' names change, but the story remains the same. It is usually the horse who suffers. The Rescue Challenge competition provides all of these horses with another chance of finding their forever home where they will be loved AND utilized. And let me say this, about that...GERL will always have a place for them to return, if ever needed.



## Update on the Southern States POP Program

We have raised \$9,330.35 for the horses and I've just mailed off 917 POPs for another credit of \$229.25. Thank you to our newest donors: Louise DeTomaso, Phyllis Bowen, Barbara Hutson, Jan Wilson & Meadow Wind Farm, Loyce Kemper & High Country Stables, Ms. Anne Ensminger, and the Mansfield Impound. All my long-term donors (you know who you are) I am forever indebted to you - no telling how many horses you've helped over the years! The variety of feeds I see on the POPs, from low carb & low starch to senior & performance, reminds me of the great care you give your horses. Thank you for helping GERL to continue to give that same great care to the starved, abused, and neglected horses of Georgia. Please continue to save & mail in your POPs. Every horse deserves a dignified & beautiful life.

Thoughtfully,  
Ginny Scarritt

## 2016 Mingo Trails Fund Raiser

*By Anne Ensminger*

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Upon arriving at the Mingo Trails Saddle Club near Toombsboro, the weekend of April 23, I was full of excitement because the weather was perfect for trail riding and I was anticipating riding my horse, camping, and visiting with many friends who normally attend that ride.

Eddy O'Hern, George and Janice Lilly, and Sarah Schelkopf had done all of the planning and were there early in readiness to welcome attendees as they arrived. Sue Wrensen brought a bunch of items for Saturday afternoon's auction and we were all looking forward to the traditional pot luck supper. We set up our individual campsites and settled our horses for the night. On Friday afternoon, Bob and Judy McCrory as well as a fairly large group from the always faithful, Kel-Mac Saddle Club arrived which encouraged our anticipation for the arrival of others.

Imagine our disappointment as we awoke early on Saturday morning to find that Janice Lilly had been ill during the night so they had to go home. Not only that but we looked around and saw that there were very few folks there to participate in our ride. The only thing we could do was check-in the few who were there, arrange the auction and flea market items in readiness for the afternoon's festivities, saddle our horses, and ride the beautiful trails on the perfect day that the Lord had given us.

We all returned by 2 PM to hold the traditional games on horseback in the Mingo Arena. Although

there were few participants, it was lots of fun, as always. I think everyone won a prize.

The late afternoon brought the pot luck supper. Knowing that our pot luck meals are always outstanding, many Mingo members who were not actually participating in the GERL ride, joined in and brought food. There was plenty for everyone.

Since George Lilly had to take Janice home that morning, we found ourselves without an auctioneer for our auction which was to take place after the pot luck supper. Mingo's Billy Bisette stepped up and did an outstanding job.

If not for the good Mingo members who were there for a weekend of enjoyment at the club, GERL would have had very few bidders but, as it turned out, we ended up making about the same amount of money as we usually make on our Mingo Ride.

Sadly, because of the poor showing of participants for this third annual GERL Mingo Trails Ride, and the fact that it is held just one week before our Round Oak Ride, it was decided that GERL will not hold a spring ride at Mingo in the future. Those of us who were there, had a grand time and I am very sorry to not have the Mingo ride to look forward to each spring.

Thanks to those who attended and the Mingo members who joined in and made our ride a success.

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### GERL is On the Map

Did you know that there is an organization that maintains a map of all registered equine rescues in the entire country? They are The Jodhpurs Company. Yes, they are the long time makers of riding britches. Today they market more than just pants, check out their website: <http://thejodhpurscompany.com>. They have taken the time to put together a very informative map of horse rescue organizations and their contact information.

Take a look: <http://thejodhpurscompany.com/pages/horserescue> (it may take a sec to load) GERL is now a part of that map. It may surprise you when you see how many rescues are listed. GERL will also link to the map from our website. It is the hope that this map will help more rescue horses to find a home. One of the things that I read from their website is something that hit home with me. It could easily become my mantra: "Horse ownership is a constant joy, an occasional challenge, and above all, a privilege."

Thanks to The Jodhpurs Company for recognizing the problem and building a reference tool that can be very beneficial in the world of horse rescue.

# Rescue Challenge 2016

## Participating Trainers



Amy Scruggs

I have known about this competition since its inception, but have not had the opportunity (be it personal, financial, or otherwise) to try to participate until this year. I have been training horses for the majority of my life, and for some time thought I was really great at it until 10 years ago when I met a Thoroughbred who changed my entire world. It turns out, I was great at training dead-head Warmbloods for the hunter ring, but not horses with deep-rooted emotional scars. Because of him, I was forced to go way outside of my comfort zone and away from everything I had ever been taught. It was then that I was thrown right into the mix of natural horsemanship and received a complete crash course!



Joanne McBride

In 2014 I had the honor of participating in the first GERL Rescue Challenge with the amazing Faye Dunaway. Watching her blossom from an underweight filly into the beautiful horse she became was an experience I'll never forget. While winning the event was very rewarding, seeing her adopted into a loving home was the ultimate culmination to Faye's journey. I would love the opportunity to give another horse the same happy ending as Faye through participating in the Rescue Challenge this year.



Kacie Eicholtz

I feel I should be selected for the GERL Rescue Challenge, because it is a passion of mine to take horses that have been deemed hopeless by some and help them to become great partners for the right person. I believe that I can learn something from every horse I come into contact with. I feel strongly that one should never stop learning. I have extensive experience riding horses that did not get a very good start and horses that have not yet been started. In most cases, the horses that had negative experiences when being started are more difficult than horses that had not yet been started, but I am always impressed with how far they can come with correct and consistent handling.



Kylie Small

You may remember Kylie Small; she was in the 2015 GERL Rescue Challenge with Johnny Reb, where she had a 4th place finish. She is currently 20 years old and a sophomore at Georgia Highlands College in Cartersville, GA. She has competed in the all-around events and has won titles along the way including: Northwest Georgia Horseman's Association Queen, 2011 Youth Country Pleasure Racking State Champion and 2012 Top Six Youth Flat Shod Racking. The governor has even recognized her twice for her "Excellence in the Equine Field".

Kylie has ridden under several trainers to learn the most effective ways to work with horses and riders. She worked with Shelly Phillips for years helping with summer camps and trail rides. She looks forward to competing this year in the 2016

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I would love to be chosen to compete in the 2016 GERL Rescue Challenge for several reasons; the main reason is that I think it is a great way to help a horse become a useful ride and to find a home where he/she will be well cared for and used to his/her full potential. I believe every horse is capable of becoming a safe, solid, working horse through a strong foundation in groundwork and a patient rider. Growing up in the show industry, I was constantly learning how a horse's mind and body worked together and how to bring the best of each horse to the surface. When I turned 13, I opted to take a few years off from showing and really focus on learning to better my horsemanship and grow into understanding a horse from the inside-out. I was fortunate enough to be able to lease a 3 year old mare my trainer had just adopted from a local rescue. While at the time she was aggressive and honestly too much horse for me, we powered through and after a year and a half she was the sweetest, smartest mare I had ever had a chance to handle.



Lindsey Gilleland

# Rescue Challenge 2016

## Participating Judges



**Elaina Schmersey**

Elaina is the owner of Fancy Mount Farm, North Georgia's Premiere Extreme Obstacle Course Facility. There Elaina teaches lessons, clinics, and hosts horse shows. Since winning the 2015 GERL Rescue Challenge with Peaches, Elaina has focused on expanding the facility to include two full obstacle courses with over 60 different obstacles. Her teaching philosophy is to help build confidence and knowledge that can achieve success for the horse and rider team. This success is created by a stress free experience through positive reinforcement training methods. Elaina continues to work with rescue organizations in hosting a "train the trainer" program. This program has been helping volunteers of rescue farms learn how to handle rescues and train them from the ground up. By creating this program, Elaina hopes that more rescue horses will be come desirable for adoption. Learn more about Elaina and Fancy Mount Farm at: [www.fancymountfarm.wix.com/fancymountfarm](http://www.fancymountfarm.wix.com/fancymountfarm)



**Betsy Moles**

Betsy's horsemanship journey began when her parents enrolled her in a riding lesson program at a local barn when she was 11. She rode with the Georgia Southern Equestrian Team (GSUET) during college where she served as the Secretary for the first two years and as the President the next two. It was during that time that Betsy started her study of dressage under the direction of the team coach, Christine Manka. She competed successfully for four years at the intermediate level on the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) circuit. As an alumni, / Betsy qualified for Nationals in Western Stock Seat and Reining Pattern where she finished third and fourth respectively in 1998.

During college Betsy also trained and competed in Western Pleasure on the Bulloch Horseman's Association circuit and gained experience working with Stallions. Here she learned about running a stud farm, had an opportunity to work with weanlings and yearlings, and do some colt starting.

The first major milestone in Betsy's horsemanship journey was when she attended a Parelli tour stop in the fall of 2001. In 2005 she relocated to Woodstock GA. and expanded her horsemanship education by spending three months at the Parelli ranch in Ocala, FL.



**Elizabeth Dabney**

Elizabeth Dabney, a 6th generation horsewoman, carries on the family legacy of training with Gentle Horsemanship methods. As the daughter of Ed Dabney, she learned from his instruction and through years of assisting with training and instruction in Ed Dabney's US Clinics and European Clinic Tours.

Elizabeth is the founder and senior instructor of Dabney Riding Academy and the Diamond D Cowgirls drill team which consist of six different teams ranging from ages 6-35 years. Her communication and leadership skills with horses and humans have contributed to the achievement of multiple State and Regional Championship titles. The Diamond D Cowgirls Professional team won the 2015 National Championship in mounted drill competition.

Elizabeth teaches Adult, beginner to advanced lessons, and Advanced Youth riding lessons. Elizabeth's ability to give clear, specific and patient instruction allows her students to gain confidence as they progress in the development of refined horsemanship skills. Elizabeth is also the senior trainer and manager of Dabney Gentle Horsemanship.

As a member of the Screen Actors Guild, Elizabeth has worked in the film industry as a stunt rider, horse trainer and wrangler for two full seasons of Fox TV's popular drama series, Sleepy Hollow as well as other film industry work.



# Rescue Challenge 2016

## Participating Horses



### << Meet Lucy

A 10-year-old 15.1 h Sorrel mare. Lucy came into the GERL foster program March 1, 2016 from Henry County Animal Control. She was a Sheriff's seizure due to nonpayment of board. Seems the owner left town and her horse behind. Lucy was frightened of everything, especially human hands touching her body or feet.

### Meet Gypsy Rose >>

A 5 year old 14hh Sorrel Grade Mare. She was often found running loose on the streets around Hall County. She would escape from her paddock so Hall County would call the owner. The owner would come get her and then it started all over again. At long last the owner surrendered her. GERL was called and GERL accepted her into our program on January 4, 2016. She was skinny, untrusting, dirty, and very reluctant to having her feet handled. Gypsy Rose is also missing an eye. We do not know the circumstances, but she has no problem with being a one eyed beauty.



### << Meet Dudley

A 7-year-old 14.1 Palomino Gelding. Dudley was found running loose in Fulton County. He came into GERL's foster program July 19, 2015. Dudley had some real trust issues and since he was still a stallion he was a real pushy horse. He showed little respect for fences nor humans. GERL gelded him right away. At long last Dudley has found that people really are nice. He has responded so well that we made the decision to add him to the list of 2016 Challenge horses.

### Meet Copper Penney >>

A 10 yr. old 14.3 h Sorrel Mare. Copper was seized by Newton County Animal Control with 2 other others. The GDA was called to take this trio in January 2016. Copper was a body score of 3 when impounded. Untrusting, shy and very pushy, she was sent to the prison impound in Alto. She is now more trusting, but still pushy and leery of her feet being handled.



### << Meet Orion

Meet Orion, an 8-year-old 15.3 Palomino Grade Gelding. Orion came into our foster program March 12, 2016 from Henry County. He was running loose and it took some real cowboy wrangling skills to catch the young stallion. Orion was immediately gelded.

He is now much quieter and is a good candidate for our 2016 Rescue Challenge.

# GERL ADOPTABLES

For adoption fees and additional information, please contact CeCe Calli, Adoption Coordinator. (706) 376-2410 / adopt@gerlltd.org



**Bailey** is a 15 hh 3-4 year old Bay Grade Filly. She spent her first year in a halter tied to a rope and the next couple of years with just the rope tied around her neck. Bailey is learning how to be a horse. She stands like a lady for her grooming and baths, allows her hooves to be picked, and she even likes to be fly sprayed. Bailey is learning how to lead in hand. She loves peppermints and carrots. This girl is going to be stunning and most likely will top out at 15.2 hh or better. If you are looking for a young fresh horse with no bad habits this is your girl.



**Cooper** is a 20+ year-old Sorrel QH gelding with no health issues. He is 14.3 hands and rides like an old pro. Cooper gets along great with other horses. He came into our program with a cribbing collar, which seems to be very effective, according to his foster dad. He would make a very nice trail horse for light riding or a companion horse. Check this boy out and you'll fall in love with his sweet nature and smooth way of going.



**Bella** is a 15ish year old 15hh Sorrel Grade mare. Bella came to GERL from Gwinnett County Animal Control with a body score of one and a real bad case of rain rot. Bella's is a tragic story of people trying to help horses but then they get in way over their heads. Bella is a sweet and gentle mare to be around. We have not tried to saddle her. She has an old injury to her ribs that the vet says is not a problem and is well healed, She also has a lesion on her eye that also dose not bother her or require any medication. Bella would make a wonderful pasture pal as she is a middle of the pack kind of girl.



**Ransom** is a 20+ year-old Sorrel QH gelding. He is 15.1 hands and solid as they come. He is in good health, gets along great with other horses, stands for the farrier and vet and is just a great, laid back trail horse. He already knows what to do and would be perfect for a novice rider. This horse has power steering and smooth gaits. He would make a nice horse for someone wanting to do some light riding or needing a companion horse.



**Cody** is a 20+ year-old black QH gelding. He is 15.1 hands and in excellent health. He gets along great with other horses, stands for vet and farrier. Cody would make a nice companion horse for anyone looking for a nice old gentleman to grace their pasture.



**Justice** is a 2-3-year-old Grade bay gelding. He is a sweet boy and his skills are still being evaluated.

Please visit our website for the most up to date list of adoptable horses. [www.gerlltd.org](http://www.gerlltd.org)

# The Story of Gypsy

By Kriston Glushko

Hello, I'm Kriston Glushko and I'm a Foster Mom for GERL. My newest resident came to me back in January after receiving a call from CeCe Calli, GERL's Foster & Adoption coordinator. She had been speaking with Hall County Animal Control about a horse they'd taken possession of after it had been surrendered to them by the owner. The mare had been running loose but was finally caught and Animal Control tried to return her to the rightful owner. After some discussion, the owner claimed he "just couldn't take care of her anymore". He signed her over to Animal Control and her new journey began.

For those that don't know me, I have been involved with the GERL for many years in various capacities. Invariably, I would get cornered at some GERL function where I was most likely whooping it up and get "persuaded" to take a new position. If you've attended one of the many Fests held each year, you may remember my amazing, one-eyed Quarter Horse mare, Colleen. When I got the call from CeCe about the wandering mare of Hall County, I did not hesitate. In fact, I figured the Gods of Fate had a hand in it. Yes, the waif is missing an eye!

My next step was to contact David Jones at Animal Control. After a few conversations we worked out a time to pick up the mare and bring her back to my home. Sidenote: How do you Gwinett County Residents drive on I-85 everyday and keep your sanity????!! On January 2 I drove to Hall County, which has a very nice Animal Control facility and equally nice employees. Not a pretty job but I admire anyone who does it. After filling out the



transfer paperwork I pulled around to the barn and prepared for the worst. How long would it take to get her on? Just observing her in the paddock I noticed she was not too keen on humans. The old bucket of feed changed that rather quickly. As David and I walked to the trailer we paused for a few quick "before" pictures. She was a body score of about 2. He then led her to the trailer while asking how I wanted to load her when shazam! She walked onto the trailer. That butt bar flew up, ramp got closed and we secured all the other doors. A few minutes with guys promising updates about her recovery and we were ready to go. Now for the journey home.

It was an interesting drive, to say the least, coming down I-85 to get to I-285 then to I-75 and off the freeway. Wears me out just thinking about it. Once we reached my home, I got her off the trailer without too much fuss but could tell she was worn out. We walked around for a while to get her bearings and then she went into the paddock adjacent to the barn. My gelding made his way over and made the introduction over the fence.

She got her first small meal of Senior feed which went down quickly. A few hours later she got the same thing. Dinner time came and we started her on Senior feed with additional supplements of Source Micro Nutrients and Cocosoya. Before turning her back out she got some Alfalfa cube "soup". Again, met with great appreciation. I repeated the same small frequent meals on Sunday.



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## Good Job G.E.R.L.

*By CeCe Calli*

While trying to round up one more horse for our 2016 GERL Rescue Challenge, I took a drive out to the Lee Arrendale Prison in Alto to meet Copper Penny. Copper was in the round pen with her handler and Tracy Holly, who heads the program, told me to go right in. Yeah right, where was the gate? They didn't have one! They had to pull a panel apart to gain entry. Really? Are you kidding me? Not only that, but "you gotta be Gumby" to enter the round pen! Their lead ropes and halters were pitiful. When I got home I called Patty Livingston to fill her in on my day and the couple or 20 things Tracy could really use at the prison. GERL came through with flying colors and the ladies and Tracy now have a beautiful, safe gate for their round pen! Well done, Board of Directors, well done.



# Georgia Equine Rescue League

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# Bulldog Classic Horse Show 2016

By Alice Enix

The Bulldog Classic Horse Show is an annual two-day competition hosted by the UGA Collegiate Horseman's Association, benefitting the Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL). It is always held at the UGA Livestock Arena in Athens. This year, it was held on May 10-11<sup>th</sup>. All the entrance fees, paid by the competitors, are given to G.E.R.L. to support their important programs that help horses all across Georgia. There were, of course, many beautiful horses and riders. The two days were filled with sunny skies and beautiful weather. There were several interesting spectators to have entertaining conversation with during the show. The horse jumping competition was very cool to watch. One of the trainers was there with her 11-year-old pupil, and her horse was flying over all the obstacles. It was just beautiful and the horse made it look so effortless. Another young girl, probably 8-9 years old, was upset that she might possibly get points taken off because her legs were not long enough and her feet did not reach the stirrups. It was a relief to find out no points were taken off, she exceeded her expectations and won a ribbon.

All of the students that were volunteering were so helpful and informative about the competition. As always, they welcomed G.E.R.L with open arms and ap-



One of the participants at the show poses with Alice in Waterland

preciated our booth being there. We appreciate all of the members of the UGA Collegiate Horseman's Association who work so hard to put this event on every year. And, a special thanks to them for their continued support to GERL. Hope to see you at the Bulldog Classic Horse Show next year!

## **DID YOU KNOW YOU HAVE TO RE-ENROLL IN THE KROGER PLUS PROGRAM EVERY YEAR?**

During the 2nd quarter of 2016, The Georgia Equine Rescue League has received \$133.05 from the Kroger Plus Program. That is compared to \$104.34 last quarter. It looks like we are gaining some ground with this program. 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 2nd quarter of 2016, we have received \$ 285.36 from this program. That is compared to \$111.44 last quarter. That is more than double in one quarter. 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

## Update on Jacca (Now known as Buddy)



Here you go...isn't he looking handsome? My vet actually said he is a little over weight now. He is coming along well. He is very quiet now :-)  
Shay McDowell

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## GERL has Stay-Put Blankets for Sale

GERL recently received a donation of a large supply of Stay-Put horse blankets from a lady over in Hall County who invented them. Unfortunately, her company wasn't able to survive the financial crunch that hit in 2008, and they closed their doors sometime after that. BIG thanks to Lara Homans and Judy Ricketson for picking them up and sorting them

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## The Story of Gypsy (cont'd)

By Kriston Glushko

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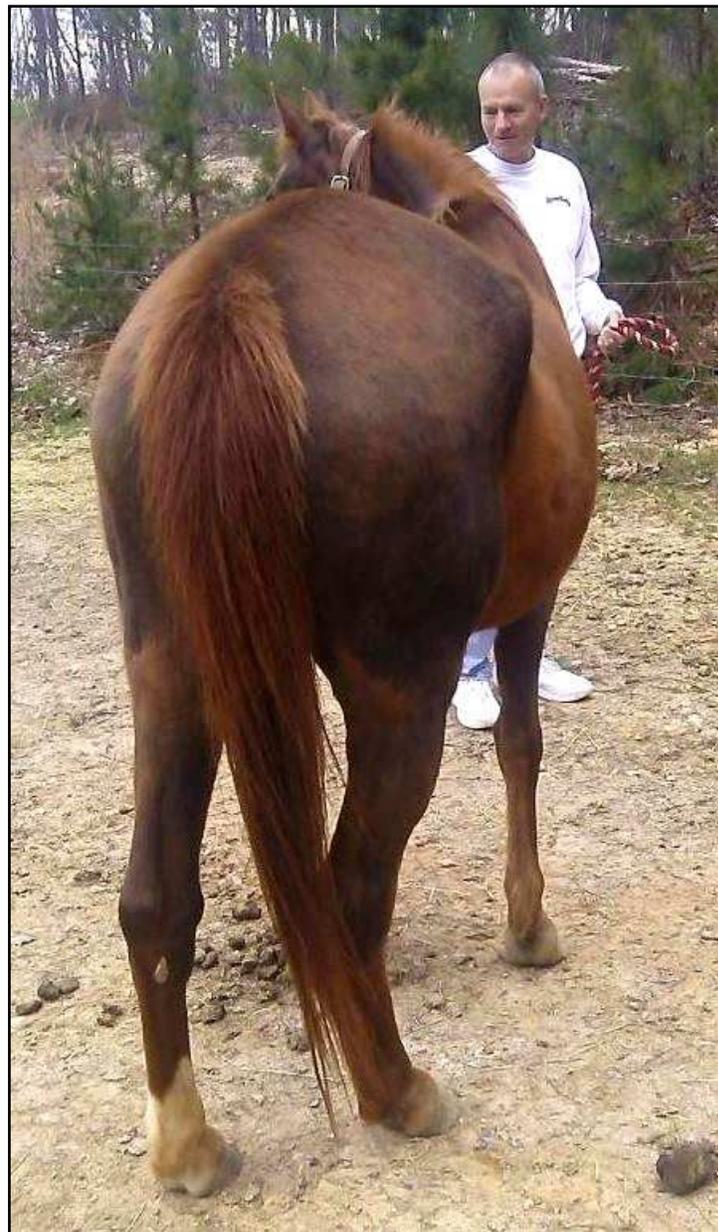
Monday was our first test of patience and manners. Should have reminded her to study for that. My long time Farrier was coming out and of course, I didn't tell him about the new addition. Surprise! We started off ok on the front feet so I relaxed a little. I even asked his apprentice "do you want to hold her?". "No, you're doing fine". Well, that was short lived. The back feet were the challenge but they got them done and no one got hurt. I told them the weather was going to start turning nasty and I wanted to get a sheet on her. The reply was to not try to do it alone. Hmmmm, a challenge.....

Being a worry wort, I enlisted my non-horse husband for assistance in trying to get a sheet on before the cold rain started. Yes, she'd be in a stall at night but we had several nights coming below freezing. Yes, horses have lived in the wild for years, etc. I can't help myself! Our first try was a little scary but we got it on.

From there it was just a matter of keeping her fed. After 2 weeks I turned her out with my gelding who proceeded to inform her of just how their relationship was going to work. When we got a little warm up I removed the sheet to find that she had started to gain weight. Next we scheduled the vet for a visit.

My very patient vet came and Gypsy was tolerant for about 10 minutes. She was probably having flash backs to when she had her eye issues and didn't want any more of that. He determined that she was a little older than first thought but not much, 9-10 years old. We got a tape on her she had gained more weight since when I first taped her.

So her daily routine has been one of leisure. Eat, sleep, eat more, take a short nap then eat! From what little I've done with her she seems to be pretty compliant. I finally got the nerve to see if she would tie to something solid. Using my handy Blocker Tie Ring for safety I put her on the loosest setting. Success! She handled that just fine. Now, to find her a great forever home.





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## Area Coordinator Spotlight

*-Nicole Beyer-*

I was born and raised in Germany and moved to Georgia together with my youngest daughter Cheyenne in February 2013. I got infected by the "horse virus" pretty late at the age of 38 by my two daughters. I took a riding lesson just for fun and after that I couldn't live without riding anymore. 4 weeks later I bought our first horse a fence trotter named Buscadero. I heard about GERL from a good friend and neighbor and I believe that GERL is a great organization that needs as much support as possible. I am the Area Coordinator for Chandler, Evans, Tattnall, & Toombs County.

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## GERL Volunteer of the Quarter

*By Patty Livingston*

One of the things that GERL has a need for are more volunteers to sit at our booths at various events. We often get invitations to come and set up a booth, but the burden typically falls on the shoulders of one of the GERL Board members.

I have a neighbor who comes over and enjoys working with my horses on occasion. She is relatively new to the horse world, but has really taken a shine to the world of gentle horsemanship training. She is much like a sponge, soaking up all of the information from experienced trainers and other horse people. Her name is Alice Enix (Alice in Waterland) and I have written about her in previous newsletters or shown pictures of her working with one of GERL's foster horses that have come through my place over the years.



Alice set up a GERL booth at the Williams Plantation Old Frontier Days last year and enjoyed it so much she recently tended a booth at the UGA Bulldog Classic. She also sat in our booth all day by herself at the first annual Georgia Urban Agriculture Expo at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds back in May. A big thanks to Alice Enix for her willingness to help GERL out at these types of events in order to make people more aware of GERL and the programs that we offer.

Congratulations to Alice on being picked as our Volunteer of the Quarter!

## A Note from the Secretary's Desk

by Anne Ensminger



My, my how GERL has changed over the years.....yet, in some ways, it has remained the same. Any wise person knows that the only sure bets in this old world are death, taxes, and change.

While GERL is still helping horses in need, and always will, perhaps the time has come for some changes. IF we adapt and grow with the times, we will never have to worry about the *death* of our organization. Since GERL is a 501c3 entity, (thanks to the foresight and hard work of our founders!), *taxes* are of little concern to us, except as an incentive to our donors, in the form of tax deductions for their charitable giving. It is *change* with which we must concern ourselves.

The twenty four year history of GERL has only seen three presidents. Betty Evenson was the first and what a wonderful job she did with forming the GERL Mission Statement, heading the formation of the GERL By-Laws, and breaking ground for our present wonderful working relationship with the GDA (Georgia Dept. of Agriculture) Equine Program.

Brian Dees was the next president and he was quite an organizational leader. I was honored to serve on Brian's GERL Board of Directors and he worked very hard to, not only continue the ongoing practice of fund raising, but to put more GERL guidelines on paper so that "we would not have to constantly re-invent the wheel", certainly a sound practice.

Leading GERL at present is Patty Livingston. She is rapidly approaching being the longest GERL sitting president and shows no signs of slowing down. A person of boundless energy, a great lover of horses, and an always positive thinker, Patty has added nothing but fuel to the discovery and growth of possibilities concerning ways that we can "make a difference" for horses in Georgia.

Our very successful annual "Rescue Challenge" held in November of each year was Patty's idea, born of the certain knowledge that untrained rescue horses are almost impossible to place in suitable homes. If you have not attended, or do not know exactly what it is, please look on the GERL web page ([gerlltd.org](http://gerlltd.org)) or the GERL Rescue Challenge Facebook page to learn more about that program.

Patty's GERL Board of Directors, of which I am a member, realizes the importance of obtaining grant money to help finance our work. The process is not simple but we are learning and have met with some success. We now have a volunteer "Grant Writer" with experience and the energy to meet the challenge. We expect great results from her endeavors. If there are others with expertise and an interest in grant writing, please contact any of the GERL Board members listed in this publication.

Sadly, it is our regular, yearly fund raising events that seem to be faltering in meeting our expectations. Years ago our weekend camping trail rides attracted enthusiastic riders of all ages, including families with children. We rarely see children attending our rides in present times. In fact, it is largely the old faithful original GERL members who still make an effort to support those events.

The GERL camping trail rides in years past were looked forward to from year to year with great anticipation. Though it was difficult to find locations suitable to accommodate large groups of campers with horses and the necessary available trails, the rides were always filled to capacity. Pre-registration was required in those days, especially if you wanted to have a camp spot with electricity and/or a stall for your horse.

There are now many more locations suitable for our trail rides and our campers are way beyond camping in tents or the back of their pickup trucks as we did years ago. Most participants have expensive living quarters horse trailers with comfy, warm beds and all of the conveniences.

The problem seems to be that there are also many more horse related events planned for every weekend during the riding season to compete with our tired, same ole' trail rides. The young people who used to attend have grown up, gone off to higher education and new jobs, and the adults have gotten OLD. Heck, we always had a live band to play music so we could enjoy dancing until late at night and then we sat around a roaring campfire after that! What fun! Now we all retire early to our fancy living quarters trailers to watch T.V. and go to sleep so we will have the energy to ride our horse the next day. What was that we were saying about CHANGE? It is truly certain.

We at GERL are very aware that we are going to have to also CHANGE. This is not a sad thing at all. In fact, we are looking forward to exploring new activities for our supporters to enjoy and still have the great satisfaction of warm comradery and knowing that horses in need are being helped with the money we raise. Stay tuned for news of changes!

# Lucy Goes to School

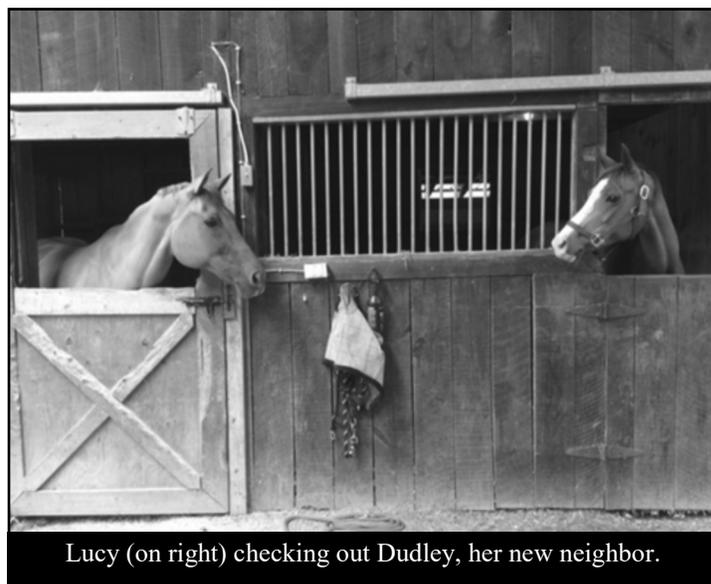
By Patty Livingston and Lindsay Gilleland

I have fostered a lot of horses for GERL in the past 7 years, but there's always those who stick in your brain, long after they've left. Lucy may be one of those. She is just so full of surprises. I fostered her at my farm for approximately 6 weeks before Lindsay, who was one of the 6 trainers participating in the GERL Rescue Challenge, came to pick her up. Sometimes, horses bond with young people better than adults and perhaps that's what I was witnessing. My neighbor and I had barely been able to get around Lucy without her hurrying to get away. She shuddered when we tried to touch her. We found that we had to leave the halter on or we would go through great difficulty to catch her and put it on, again. After a couple of weeks, Lucy had bonded with me some because I was known to carry cookies. She was pretty easy to catch, if she had a halter on, but spraying her with fly spray was a constant motion of her circling and trying to get away. She has a thick scar approximately 8-10 inches long that runs along her right side. I wondered if that has anything to do with her distrust of people.

Now, here was this horse showing a different side, a more confident side, to Lindsay. She walked right on the trailer without hesitation and off they went down the road. Lucy's new life was underway.



Lucy hanging out with Lindsay.



Lucy (on right) checking out Dudley, her new neighbor.

Update from Lindsay:

Hi! We got home around 11:30am- Lucy had a little bit of a rough trailer ride, she was fine as long as we were moving but when we stopped to pick up Dudley she had a little bit of a freak out (pawing/trying to lay down/turn around) but we made it home in one piece aside from a little cut right above her eye. Once we got back she calmed down a ton, checked out her stall & pasture, and made friends with Dudley. She let me hang out in her stall &, after a little reassurance, let me rub her all over, brush her off a little, pick up her front feet & even let me fly spray her. She's so sweet and curious, she's already showing so much heart & potential!

Lindsay



# GERL Attends Georgia Urban Ag & Outdoor Expo

By Patty Livingston

GERL Board members and volunteers, Linda Kundell and Patty Livingston, attended the 1st Annual Georgia Urban Ag & Outdoor Expo on Friday at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds on May 20-21st. Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black was there and helped with the ribbon cutting.

This was a 2-day event that was very well organized and offered a lot of demonstrations with animals and also had several speakers lined up during the day. Please attend and support this important event. There are lots of interesting vendors who had come to adver-



Linda Kundell tends the GERL booth at the Expo on Friday



A sample of the fresh breads, fruits and vegetables available

tise or sell their products, which ranged from food to equipment, including a couple of automobiles.

There was a booth directly across from the GERL booth where they were selling fresh vegetables and strawberries. I couldn't resist.

Alice Enix volunteered to cover the GERL booth on Saturday, which is when the majority of people attended the event. She had a busy day and really enjoyed talking to all of the people who stopped by. Big thanks to her for covering this for us!



# GERL Gets Donated Hay

By Patty Livingston

I received a tip from one of the GDA inspectors about some free hay that a man was willing to get rid of to make room in his barn for this year's cuttings. I called him several times to make the arrangements to pick it up after checking with Jessie Murray, the Mansfield barn manager. Jessie rounded up her two boys and one of their friends, Willie Moore, from the barn, and Josh Rogers a Mansfield volunteer. She and Josh rode in the truck pulling the flatbed trailer, while I followed in my truck with Willie, Jessie's two boys and their friend. We had to drive all the way to Milledgeville to pick up the hay, which was a little over an hour from the Mansfield impound. When we finally arrived we were pleasantly surprised that nobody was going to have to do much lifting because the owner had an attachment on the front of his tractor that loaded ten bales at one time. Wow! How nice for our backs!

We got the trailer and both trucks loaded in no time and headed down the road back to the Mansfield impound. The boys had to do some lifting to unload all of the hay into the barn, but it was a good day, overall. Huge thanks to Mr. Cowart for his generous donation!



Willie and the boys watch while the hay is loaded on the trailer

# GDA SUCCESS STORY

Mr. Wells arrived at Mansfield Impound Facility on June 2, 2015. He is a senior gelding & his body score was 1.0. Being a senior equine, we occasionally have some difficulty getting them back into good condition. Sometimes we can rehabilitate them, however occasionally it is not enough for them to go back to a daily or even a weekly rideable horse. This is NOT the case for Mr. Wells! He was skin & bones, but he had a great appetite & no soundness issues or back problems. He was one of the easiest rehabilitations that we have had in a long time.



Left: Mr. Wells shortly after arrival

Mr. Wells was making ugly faces at his pasture mates but he was & still is one of the sweetest guys ever! Mr. Wells went to the Lee Arrendale Prison impound to add on some more weight with all their luscious grass! He made quite an impression.

Right: Mr. Wells was actually taken into the prison for therapy for the inmates.



Later, Mr. Wells was offered for Auction at our Mansfield Facility and brought the high bid of the day!

Below: Mr. Wells (now named Doc) & his new family & home!  
We want to thank Robin for giving this old man a forever home! We also want to Thank GERL for all their help & support with his rehabilitation.



# GDA Horse Auction – April 16, 2016

By Patty Livingston

It was an exciting day! The Georgia Dept of Ag was hosting a horse auction and there was quite a buzz about several of the horses that really stood out. The crowd was larger than normal, which says something about the line-up. Many of the horses had been down at the Pulaski Women's Prison Impound in Hawkinsville, Georgia, where they were being ridden and handled by the inmates.

The caliber of horses that come out of the Pulaski Impound has really stepped up in the last few years. The women do very well with the horses and are always present to ride them when there is an equine sale at the Mansfield Impound.

There was one horse, in particular, that many had come to see and his name was Draco. He was a beautiful 5-year-old chestnut gaited gelding. He was a head-turner, for sure, especially, when he moved out and got into a rack. Draco was last on the sale itinerary out of 13 horses. Elvis, the little horse being held up in a sling that graced the cover of our Oct Nov Dec 2015 newsletter, was also on the roster. Draco brought the high bid of the day, bringing a price of \$775. Another horse, a 20-year-old, believe it or not, brought \$725.00. All of the horses were rideable, except Elvis, and all of the horses sold, except Elvis. It was heart-breaking, but I'd seen it happen so many times at other auctions. The rest of the horses sold for under \$300, except a couple, that were a popular color, and brought more. In any event, they all went to new homes and hopefully, their forever homes.



One of the inmates and a guard from the Pulaski Impound facility are always on hand at the GDA auctions at Mansfield.



Jordon Mitchell, one of the best things that's come along for the horses at the Mansfield impound.



Some of our volunteers: Rod Trahan, Yvonne Couget, Steven Neal, Mickey Farmer, JoRay Lockridge and son, Brian.

# The 8th Annual Gene Ensminger Memorial Ride

By Patty Livingston

We couldn't have asked for a more perfect weekend, weather-wise, if we had ordered it, ourselves. There was a nice cool breeze that required long sleeves, even during the day. Perfect riding weather! When I arrived at Ron Adriane Cook's farm on Thursday there were 6 or 7 other rigs already there. As the day wore on, more people arrived and pretty soon we had a small



Lynne Robinson and Anne Ensminger handled registration, shown here with Lucy and Julie.

crowd. After setting up my camp, several of us decided that we would take advantage of the weather and go for a short ride before dark. It was great to be in the saddle, again. I had just recovered from hip replacement surgery, so I was particularly eager to get in some riding.

Ron Cook led a pretty large group of riders on an organized ride at 10:00 on Friday morning. Sue Wrensen, LaVon Kern and I decided to delay our riding and get the auctions, flea market, and display boards set up at the pavilion, first. More campers arrived throughout the day, including Miss Anne (Ensminger), who would be handling registration, as usual. Later that evening we all gathered at the pavilion for a potluck dinner, which was fabulous.

I woke up early on Saturday morning to get a text from Lynne Robinson, GERL's Treasurer, and Miss Anne's partner in crime

with the registration. She was lost and needed directions, which I gladly provided. Linda Kundell, our Merchandise Coordinator, arrived early Saturday morning, as well. She was pulling the GERL cargo trailer full of t-shirts and other merchandise. Volunteers jumped in to help where needed and they got everything set up pretty quickly. A large organized ride left at 10 on Saturday morning led once more by Ron Cook. There was a nice cool breeze as we left camp that had many of us wearing long sleeves.

While the majority of people were out riding, a hand full of volunteers stayed behind and worked. I would like to recognize our volunteers because they are so important. Big thanks to: Jaye Herrington, Mickey Farmer, Chip and Joan Grant, Linda Kundell, Pat Allen, Anne Ensminger, Lynne Robinson, LaVon Kern, Sue Wrensen, Marge Mabey, Ronnie Pesserilo and Lucy.

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Margaret Clower



Dinner time!



Margaret Clower, Carl Strickland and Miss Anne



Tex Finley and Joan Grant

# The 8th Annual Gene Ensminger Memorial Ride (cont'd.)

By Patty Livingston

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After we came in from our ride we all gathered at the pavilion for a great lunch of hamburgers, hotdogs and all of the fixings, topped of by the most delicious desserts. As soon as lunch was over, the silent auction was closed out and Mickey Farmer kicked off the live auction. As always, he makes the auction so much fun for everybody. We laugh and have a great time while we're raising money for the horses.

Later that afternoon Mike Rogers and his band arrived and started setting up their equipment to play for us that evening. It was so good to see Mike, again. He was also great to see his 2 sons all grown up now with kids of their own, playing in the band as well. Like so many times before, we enjoyed dancing to the sound of Mike's voice and the High Cotton Band.

We share so much tradition within our GERL family because we have been doing this for many years together. It makes me think about the future of GERL, and of course, the future of the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Equine program. Successful fundraising is the cornerstone of both organizations.



Scott Harris trying on a new hat



Hitting the trail



Some of the trail riders



Diana Kelsey and Adriane Cook



This looks like a beautiful green carpet



Thomas Threatt and Mickey Farmer

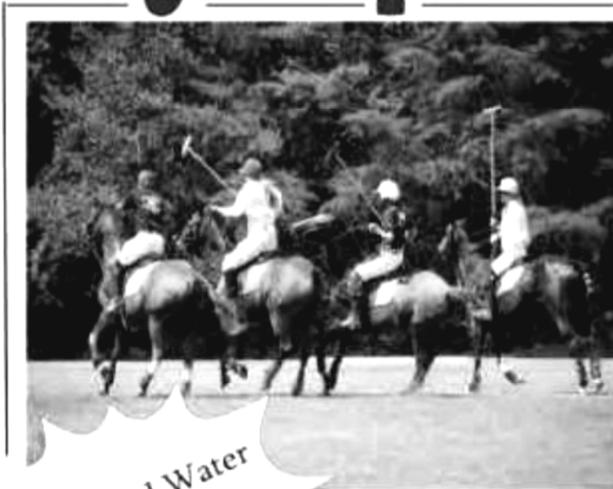
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Our heartfelt condolences goes out to our GERL Vice President, Tamma Trump, after the loss of her mom, earlier this year, and most recently her sister, Jana Willes, and her beloved dog Cascia.



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- ◆ Ashley Morgan Greene, in honor of her birthday, by Dawn Cason

**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 \$ 4,100 for feed for the horses at the Mansfield and Arrendale facilities
- ◆ GERL spent \$ 3,767 for vet care for horses at the Mansfield and Arrendale facilities
- ◆ GERL paid \$728 for hay for the horses at Mansfield and Pulaski facilities
- ◆ GERL spent \$291 for farrier care for the horses at Mansfield facility.
- ◆ GERL paid \$2,100 to repair the well at Mansfield, a vital piece of equipment.
- ◆ GERL spent \$315 to replace the hot water heater at Mansfield. Our thanks to Bob Cooper for installing it.
- ◆ GERL spent \$ 4,561 on our foster horses. This was for feed, hay, vet care and farrier care.
- ◆ GERL spent \$150 to castrate a horse for Henry County. We took him into our foster program and he is participating in our Rescue Challenge.

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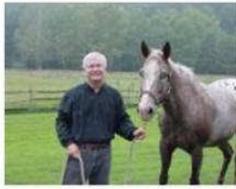
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