



Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. NEWSLETTER

Helping Starved, Abused & Neglected Horses in Georgia

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Six Horses in Crisis

By Patty Livingston

One Friday morning I received a phone call from my State equine inspector, Beth Miller, who asked me if I might be available later that afternoon to help with a 6-horse seizure that was planned. I told her that I would

wore rubber boots because it was muddy.

My two friends and I arrived at the address first and waited down the street until the county animal control and Beth arrived. I wish I had gotten it on video when



make myself available if I was needed. She asked me if I could find a couple of other people who could act as horse handlers. I agreed to make some phone calls. Later that day Beth called me back to confirm that they had obtained a written order by a judge for the seizure and the time and location we were to meet. It was a short distance from my house. The last thing Beth mentioned before we hung up was to be sure that we

they made their move. It was quite impressive, watching the procession of law enforcement in action. Though they had an order signed by a judge, they decided to talk the owner, an elderly woman, about relinquishing all the animals, which also included 9 goats. Within 15 minutes she agreed and as soon as the county's "equine go-to person" arrived with two stock trailers, the evacuation began.

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Did I say it was muddy? Muddy wasn't the word! It was disgusting. The horses were located in what used to be the yard of this run-down mobile home. There was no grass, just deep, stinking mud, everywhere. The owner had to park outside the yard and take a board path that led up to the front porch to get to her house. There were no screens on the windows, which were all wide open, indicating no air conditioning. It was plenty hot, and I couldn't even imagine how miserable it must be inside.

The county had come in 4 trucks intended to transport the goats. They worked on getting all the goats loaded while we concentrated on the horses. Beth handed halters to my friends and me and we got busy. I sunk up to my mid-calf in mud when I stepped off the board path, which made me glad that I had chosen knee-high boots! It was very difficult to walk because it was so deep. It was hard to imagine horses living in this. As they were caught, we had to lead them outside the fence where Beth was waiting with her clipboard, weight tape and camera.

There was a very skinny paint mare located in a goat pen behind the house. We were told that she had been put there to separate her from the other 5 horses that were taking her food. Of course, it was a mud hole, too, making it difficult to see her feet. Her skin looked like she had mange. It made me sick to think how long this had been going on. As she was led out to the pavement we had an opportunity to see her feet. They

were so awful, I knew almost immediately that she would most likely have to be euthanized.

While all the activity of moving goats and horses was going on, we could hear the owner crying to the deputy sheriff who remained on the front porch. She was telling him how much she loved her horses! If I hadn't seen case after case exactly like this scenario for the past 10 years, I might think I was the crazy one. How does any sane person have horses in this condition and not see it? Crying and denial are normal reactions as far as what I've witnessed.

Finally, all the horses and goats were loaded, and everybody disbursed. The horses were taken to a temporary location until the Department of Agriculture's Equine Division could pick them up after the weekend. I received a phone call from the DOA after the horses were brought into the impound barn and a vet had come out to check them over. The feet of two horses, including the paint, were so severely damaged, they had to be euthanized. All the horses, except one, had large hernias from trying to move around in the deep mud for so long. Estimates from UGA to repair were upwards of \$800 each. Of course, GERL has approved the cost of surgery. In the meantime, they are gaining weight and I'm sure, very happy to be out of the mud!



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I recently received a phone call from Beth telling me that the case had gone to court and the owner plead guilty. She was charged with 6 cases of animal cruelty and ordered to pay restitution. It remains to be seen whether she ever pays anything, much less the total cost of the mounting vet bills. She was also on a 2-year probation period where she is not allowed to own

horses. I have been told that she is looking forward to the 2 years to be over so that she can own horses again! I pray that this never comes to pass, but it wouldn't surprise me.

And, THIS folks, is why prosecution is such an important part of the Get-Well Plan!



Pickers Paradise

GERL's Booth at Pickers Paradise Gets a Face Lift

You may have read in the last newsletter that GERL has rented a booth at the Antique Mall, Picker's Paradise, located behind the BB&T Bank on Spring Street in Monroe. We recently built a pegboard wall to add to our booth to allow easy access to more items. In addition, we've just posted a 20% off of everything! So, if you're in need of English or Western tack or a GERL T-shirt, please visit our booth at Pickers!



Charger's Story

By Janis Londraville

In May of 2012, his name at the GDA horse auction sale was PL Charger. He came out of Long County, GA in 2011. I am guessing he was one of two horses and a donkey still living in the horrible "Loonie Farm" case there. He was bought at the auction by good people whose lives fell apart sometime after he was purchased.

Sandi, the person to whom he was given by the people who bought him at that auction, LOVED him but lost her job and thought she found a wonderful home for him near Turtletown, TN. The pasture was bad there and other horses bullied him away from group feeding. And, to make matters worse, his teeth were not good enough to eat hay.

Long story short, he was finally rescued by Whippoorwill Horse Rescue of TN. The first day I saw him, two months after his rescue. He was not responding or gaining weight. "When my friend Cathy P., director of Whippoorwill Horse Rescue, asked me to bring two of her recent acquisitions to our little farm, I thought it might make for a rewarding summer, a change from my old horse show days. "They're friends," she said. "The two sweetest souls you'll ever meet; but they



PL Charger's owner fell on hard times and, once again, he needed to be rescued.

need significant attention." Significant? She meant intensive. Both were skeletons. Sable, the little black mare, was 30. How do you bring back such an old horse from the effects of starvation? The big chestnut "PL Charger" was even worse, though ten years younger. Never had I seen a horse in that state. My heart sank. There was no meat on him at all. His skin seemed to be held together by rain rot. His eyes were either swollen or he just didn't have the strength to do more than squint. Where to start?

Charger's blood test showed compromised kidney function, a poor liver enzyme reading, and anemia. Why even try? Euthanasia seemed the kindest choice for him. But little Sable loved her tall friend, and Charger's affection for her let me see just enough light in his eyes to give him a chance. Even with all that was wrong, his ears were always flicking, listening, trying to show us the ghost of what he had once been. I couldn't just start feeding them. They would colic and die. But they needed something: careful pasture, controlled grain calories, hydration hay, and supplements that wouldn't make them sick.



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By Janis Londraville

We looked for a way to begin—a single broad spectrum component that would work on weight, skin, heart, and brain. I found the answer: Manna Pro's Senior Weight Accelerator that made this my choice to turn Sable and Charger's lives from gloomy to glistening in just a few weeks! Both horses are doing well.



There is a recent photo of him doing his "Saddlebred look." The kids in the neighborhood call him The Giraffe!

The Manna Pro story.

Manna Pro asked me to write a story about these horses. I have gotten a lot of reaction, and I hope it has helped others with their care of senior horses.

Info.mannapro.com/equine/senior-horse-supplement

He is still PL Charger, in honor of the ladies at Pulkaski Prison who helped save him after he was seized by the Georgia Department of Agriculture. He is the most wonderful horse I have ever had, and I have had many over my life. Sandi, his previous owner, comes once a month to see Charger—a 100 mile drive—and she pays for his Farriers Formula Double Strength Plus Joint for him. The American Saddlebred Association is currently running a DNA on him. His health is perfect now. He was expensive to save but SO worth it!



Daniella and Grayson

Celebrating the 4th of July. You may remember Grayson, who was picked up in Gwinnett County several years ago. He was a stud when he came into the GERL foster program. He was gelded immediately and adopted by Daniella, shortly afterwards. They have been all over with Pony Club. You may have seen some updates of these two partners in our previous newsletters. It's always good to hear from folks who adopt from GERL!

GDA Equine Auction on September 8, 2018

by Nancy Bogardts

The day dawned a warm and sunny one as we all headed out to the Mansfield Equine Impound for the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Equine Auction on September 8th. Fewer than a dozen bidders were on hand and they all seemed to be vying for just three of the horses as six equine received no bids at all. I was most surprised that the two donkeys were not snapped up as GERL frequently gets questions asking if we have any donkeys available for adoption. The three horses which were popular and sold for reasonable money were Sam, Jasper and Fred. Our world-famous auctioneer, Mickey Farmer, rattled off the bids as our long time GDA volunteer Starr Archer coaxed as much money out of the bidders as he could. As we chatted about why the six equine received no bids we recognized that each horse has to find the one prospective owner who is looking for them and the fact that we did have some older horses in this sale. To me, an older horse can be an ideal first partner for a new rider or a child; they tend to be more settled and sane and if you're not looking for a barrel or eventing prospect, they can be perfect! The tack and flea market was set up and

organized beautifully but we didn't get too many shoppers there to help move the items so I suspect that we'll have some fantastic things on hand to sell at the Rescue Challenge. If you need saddle pads, girths, bridles, blankets or a saddle, we've got some really nice things available. (Don't forget that we have a very nice booth at Picker's Paradise on W. Spring St in Monroe if you would like to go check it out!)

One part of the sale that I always truly enjoy is catching up with other GERL volunteers and the GDA staff and volunteers. These folks are devoted to the care of the equine who come into the impound and all have hearts the size of Texas when it comes to these horses. Being together gives us a chance to catch up and to discuss the problems and concerns that we in the equine rescue community hear day after day. We've been having some of these same conversations for many, many years. It can be easy to become discouraged about the continuing problems of horse overpopulation, equine neglect and abuse by some owners and the lack of funding and other support provided by some local and state agencies. I also feel that if we all want to make a difference with these problems, we've got to continue volunteering, speaking up when we see a horse in trouble and donating money to causes we support. If you also feel led to help make a difference we encourage you to become involved. Come volunteer with us at an auction or an event, become a volunteer at the state impounds, speak up for horses when you see them in bad situations.

As we do at each auction, we send the horses off with prayers for a safe, happy, and healthy life with their new owners and I'm pleased to say that we've already received photos of two of the auctioned horses settling in at their new home.



Mickey Farmer, Patty Livingston, Susie Bond and Gloria Bell stop for a photo.



Donna Harrison helped out by warming some of the horses up before the auction started.

GERL Attends the 25th Anniversary Celebration of A Day At the Ranch

By Patty Livingston

Southern Cross Guest Ranch, located in Madison, Georgia, held their 25th Anniversary Celebration of A Day at the Ranch on Saturday, July 21, 2018. They invited GERL to attend and set up a booth at no charge.

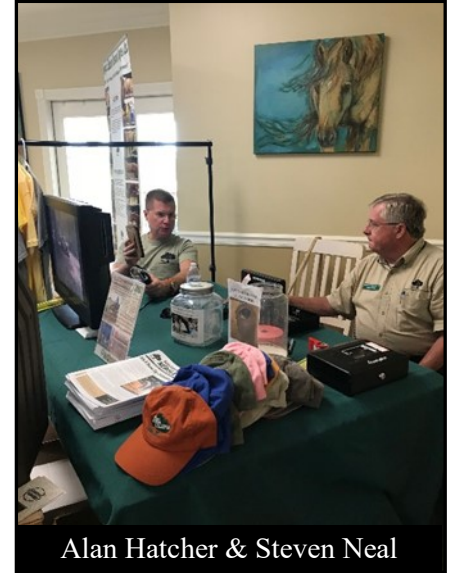


Southern Cross even had a band playing at their event.

I arrived at Southern Cross Guest Ranch that Saturday morning to set up and just as I pulled up to their building the bottom fell out and the rain came down. I wondered how that was going to impact the activities they had planned throughout the day. Pretty soon I was directed to pull around to the restaurant and unload our booth materials. They decided to move the vendors into the dining room where the tables were already set up. It turned out to be a great deal for us because when the rain moved out and the sun came out, it became very muggy and hot. It was nice to be in the air conditioning.

Two of my volunteers for the day, Steven Neal and Alan Hatcher, arrived shortly after I did to help unload and set up our booth. GERL sold tickets for a chance to win a controlled feeder and we also had t-shirts for

sale. A little later, GERL Secretary, Cynthia Anderson, showed up to help. She brought a rare cat with her to give to a friend who was coming later. Her cat attracted more attention at the GERL booth than we could have ever imaged. Who knew there were so many cat lovers out there!?



Alan Hatcher & Steven Neal

The administration at Southern Cross sold tickets to participate in a fun game that cost the participants \$5.00 to play. They made \$300 and donated all the proceeds to GERL. Thank you to Southern Cross for their generous donation and for inviting GERL to attend!



Some folks checking out the GERL booth.



Volunteer of the Quarter

By Patty Livingston

My gratitude and admiration for this quarter's Volunteers of the Quarter has been long-standing. I first met them a few years ago when I delivered a new foster horse to their farm, named Patriot. They were very serious and diligent about working with Patriot to find him a forever home as soon as possible. I was totally impressed with their dedication and wasn't a bit surprised when Patriot was adopted so quickly (compared to most of our foster horses).

Who are they? These wonderful GERL volunteers are Pollyanna and Travis Chavez of Loganville. Pollyanna played a huge part of our Help A Horse Day success by creating a triage team that went around to all the GERL foster horses and performed a thorough evaluation, along with videos and photos. Because of the publicity Pollyanna pushed through social media, we were able to adopt out eleven horses during the two-month contest sponsored by the ASPCA earlier this year.

Just recently, this couple rose to the occasion, again, by agreeing to foster a little mare named Lula. And, like Patriot, they work with her consistently and are diligent about taking photos and videos of her accomplishments in hopes of finding her forever home. Travis does most of the "hands on" work with the horses, but Pollyanna is right there with the camera, filming and promoting.

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Travis and Pollyanna for their hard work and dedication to such a worthy cause of helping with the placement of GERL horses. They really get it! So well, in fact, that we are now emulating their model!



Travis & Pollyanna Chavez

GERL Donates Controlled Feeders to UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Allen Brock, GERL Area Coordinator, unloaded the five Controlled Feeders that GERL donated to the UGA Large Animal Teaching Hospital, recently. Allen also works as a caretaker at UGA large animal hospital.



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AREA COORDINATORS NEEDED in MIDDLE AND SOUTH GEORGIA!

We Need You!! Please consider volunteering to be GERL's horse "go to person" in your area. The types of things that you might be asked to do would be to perform a "drive-by" to check out a "skinny horse" report in your area. Perhaps someone in your area has applied to adopt one of our horses and we need someone to perform a farm visit. Please call Patty Livingston at the number above if you can spare a little of you time.

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, and our supporters, made it possible for Olivia to have much needed eye surgery at UGA. The cost was \$996.
- ♦ GERL provided \$7,391 worth of feed for the horses at the Mansfield, Arrendale and Pulaski facilities.
- ♦ GERL spent \$5,018 for vet care for horses at the various GDA facilities.
- ♦ GERL expenses related to our foster program was \$2,733. This was for feed, hay, vet care and farrier care.
- ♦ GERL maintains equipment at Mansfield and paid \$252 for service and repair.

Spotlight on Our Area Coordinators

Gloria Bell recently moved to Coweta County from Tennessee and is thrilled to be part of the GERL Area Coordinator Team. She believes in the mission of GERL and understands that together everyone can continue to make a positive impact on the horses and people in surrounding communities and work hand in hand towards the goal to increase awareness of Equine Care and STOP cruelty. While Gloria didn't grow up around horses, she has always had a passion and love for them and has volunteered with other equine rescue shelters, in addition to supporting various national organizations that are committed to fighting against horse slaughter in the United States. With the desire to help horses and others, Gloria's passion is to learn more about these amazing animals and spend as much time helping as possible.

Gloria's background has been in business leadership and management for over 25 years. She has proactively created a career that is multifaceted in business development, strategic planning, and marketing, to include product development, corporate branding, project management and human resources.

Gloria will be serving as Coweta and Fayette County Area Coordinator. She is looking forward to helping and meeting everyone.

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FARM HELP WANTED

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: Applicant must reside within 35 miles of the barn (Mansfield, GA) or be willing to relocate.

The Mansfield Equine Care Barn is the main rehabilitation center for equine that enter the GDA program. This position will work on the weekends and at least one-two days up to 29 hours per week. This position is not eligible for benefits.

Responsibilities include:

- Under general supervision, perform routine general horse care and farm work;
- Perform general repairs to water lines, fences, and general farm maintenance;
- Operate a tractor, weed eater, riding mower and other related equipment;
- Administer medication to equine;
- Clean office, feed room, and bathroom area;
- Clean stalls and paddocks and properly disposing manure;
- Other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED and one year of experience working with livestock.

NOTE: This position lifts hay bales weighing approximately 50 pounds.

Interested applicants, please contact Farm Manager 770-687-1527 or go to http://www.agr.georgia.gov/Data/Sites/1/media/ag_InspectorGeneral/personnel/files/State-of-Georgia-Application.pdf

Please fill out an application.

GDA Hosts Training Luncheon at Mansfield

The Georgia Department of Agriculture held a training luncheon at their Mansfield impound barn on Sept. 27th. GERL President, Patty Livingston, was invited to attend and she took the opportunity to tell the participants including, veterinarians, inspectors and supervisors, about the problems of the unwanted horse and what we are doing about it in Georgia.



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If you would like GERL to assist with an Equine Abuse case call (770) 464-0138

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Join our Feed A Horse Program

Starved and neglected horses impounded by the Georgia Department of Agriculture need your help! Donations will be applied directly towards feed and hay for impounded horses. Currently, the cost for rehabilitating a horse is approximately \$150 per month, per horse.

Make your TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation through the Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. "Feed a Horse" program. We need your help so that these horses can live.

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



Itty Bitty Before



Itty Bitty After

I would like to make a donation of:

- \$150.00 per month for 4 months to rehabilitate one horse.
- \$600.00 one time donation to rehabilitate one horse.
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Help Your Business -- Help GERL!

Highlighting Harris Waterproofing & Construction, Inc.
By Donna Harrison

For profit or non-profit. That's kind of like "to be or not to be", isn't it? Let me help distinguish between the two. Businesses are, well, *in business* and they are in business to make a profit. 501 (3) (c) non-profits, like the Georgia Equine Rescue League, exist not to make money but to fulfill one of the purposes recognized by federal law: charitable, educational, scientific or literary. Tax-exempt nonprofits often make money as a result of their activities and use it to cover expenses. In fact, this income can be essential to an organization's survival. As long as a nonprofit's activities are associated with the nonprofit's purpose, any profit made from them isn't taxable.

Here's the deal: businesses around Georgia, around the southeast, in fact around the nation have opportunities to contribute financially to non-profits as they see fit. Such is the case with several for-profit businesses in our area. This quarter we are highlighting Tim and Laura Harris' Waterproofing Company, a business with an impeccable customer review record. Please check out what they have done to support GERL!

<http://www.harriswaterproofingatl.com/about-us/local-horse-rescue.html>

Tim and Laura Harris, you are the kind of people God throws into the mix to make up for all the flotsam and jetsam that floats around in life. Bless you and your wonderful, responsible work as you help Georgians waterproof their houses against damage and destruction - a work that increases the value of what is the most important investment any of us make: our homes. And thanks for adding "Lilly, the Wonder Horse" to your advertisement. What a Diva she is!

We believe your example of support will serve as a springboard for more companies and businesses around Georgia to add "a shoulder to the wheel."

All our thanks and all our support BACK to you!

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

YOUR KROGER PLUS CHARITY SELECTION WILL END SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 !!

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November 10, 2018

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GERL ADOPTABLES



Ladybug came to the GA Department of Agriculture (GDA) in January 2017 as an “owner surrender” from south GA. Over the course of her time at GDA, tests were done and she was diagnosed with Cushing’s Disease. Her condition is easily managed with one pill that she eats willingly with her feed. The care that GDA provided along with the medication and an adequate diet has allowed her to put on weight, her coat looks much healthier, and her overall demeanor indicates she is feeling much better.

Ladybug has a gentle soul and is very easy to handle. She gets along well with other horses. She leads well and is very willing. She stands quietly for the farrier and the veterinarian. She is sound and moves with liveliness. She has been ridden but, due to her low back, the use of special high wither pads and a good fitting saddle is a must.

She was just transferred to the GERL adoption program and she is ready to find her forever home. Once she gets to know you and gets over her initial shyness, she is a true lovebug and would be great for a home looking for a companion horse, a backyard pony, and an overall lovely companion. Her adoption fee is \$100.

GERL Attends UGA Horse Owners Seminar

By Linda Kundell

The UGA Horse Owners Seminar was a lot of fun. Patty Livingston, Cynthia Anderson and I were there to promote the Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL). We had a nice booth set up and spent a lot of time talking to people. I guess that is what I do best. There are still a lot of people who don’t know about GERL and all the things we do. Well, everyone at this seminar does know us now. We passed out a lot of newsletters, we talked about the Rescue Challenge (I’m sure that everyone has a ticket already! Right??). We showed our new shirts (you can buy one at the Rescue Challenge). Life is busy for all of us, but the UGA Horse Owner’s seminar was important for us to attend. I have been to approximately six of them, so far, and at each one I have talked to people and had some people join. I think that next year I will invite someone who hasn’t ever attended to help us spread the word. So, be prepared to join me and have a good day promoting GERL to horse people who care.



Cynthia Anderson manning the GERL booth at UGA Vet School

Have You Made Arrangement for Your Horse?

by Patty Livingston

I am constantly harping on the number of people who contact GERL to take their horse(s) because they have turned old, sickly and often, broke. You've probably read several articles in the newsletter about GERL's involvement with many such cases and just to prove that point, I recently had to drop everything I was doing to go pick up two very nice horses a couple of hours away because the owner was being evicted and the water had already been cut off to the property where her horses were located. She had \$3 to her name and was desperate.

When she first called and gave her tale of woe, I told her to send me her flyers on the horses and we would see about blasting them out on the internet to get interest. Of course, she had no flyer. I offered to make a flyer for her if she would send me photos and info, which she did. After receiving all the info, I was amazed that she hadn't been successful in rehoming them, herself. She really had nice horses. I knew it was because she hadn't given it any priority. What a

shame. She had owned her horses all of their lives and now they were quickly becoming part of the unwanted horse problems. She called me every day, begging me to come get her horses, until I relented.

On the drive back home with the horses, I started thinking about my own situation. I wasn't really any more prepared than all the people I was being so critical of. I live by myself and have no family in Georgia. If something unexpected happened to me, I didn't have anything written down on paper so that someone (my mother?) would know what to do with my dog and horses. I made up my mind right then and there....no more procrastinating! I would reconfirm with my friends that they would, in fact, take care of the disburial of my animals in the event of a catastrophic illness or accident. And then, I wrote it down and put the instructions with my other important papers.

So...having said all that, have you made arrangements for your animals yet? If not, please make this a priority in your life and get it in writing.



GERL News

GERL and the Georgia Department of Agriculture will host another law enforcement training meeting for equine in LaGrange, GA., on November 8, 2018. Participants who are POST certified can earn 5 POST credit hours for attending. We'll have 3 informative speakers at this event who will talk about equine, equine laws and prosecuting offenders. For more information or to register contact Cynthia Anderson at gomaisfat@yahoo.com or call 770-713-9887.

GERL Calendar of Events - *Mark Your Calendars!*

October 20, 2018
GERL Rescue Challenge
UGA Livestock Arena
Athens, GA

Buy tickets online @
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November 10, 2018
GERL Annual Castration Day
Vet Clinics all over Georgia

December 8, 2018
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 for up to date information on events: www.gerlltd.org



LET ME SAY THIS...ABOUT THAT

By Patty Livingston, President

I recently had a couple of people forward a link to an article that appeared in *The Horse* magazine. The name of the article was “Homeless Horses: An Update on Unwanted Horses in the United States”. While I read with interest, I noted that a lot of the information is the same as what I have been writing about for years. The first paragraph of the article starts out by saying: “Unwanted horses are a challenging issue without easy answers. “The more you know about it, the more difficult the solution seems”, says Tom Lenz, DVM, Dipl. ACT, who’s been searching for answers to the problem for the past 20 years.”

As I see it, for the past 20 years, most of the energy from the masses of horse organizations, individuals, etc., it all seems to be about two things: Slaughter (or not to Slaughter) and Rescue. Don’t any of these people know by now that neither one of these things is going to fix the unwanted horse problem? I’m not that smart, but it is inconceivable that someone hasn’t come up with a Get-Well Plan (besides GERL).

One of the things that I learned from the article is the relationship between many of the larger, well-known organizations. For instance, did you know that in 2005, the American Horse Council and its allies- including breed registries and the AAEP (American Association of Equine Practitioners) - founded the Unwanted Horse Coalition (UHC)? The UHC is an organization that promotes castration through their Stallion to Gelding program, which was so impressive to me and the other GERL Board members, that we decided to adopt the name and application they used to create our own Stallion to Gelding program. They have provided GERL with a \$1,000 grant for several of our Castration Day clinics over the years and I applaud their work.

Some other interesting information contained in the article was about how the situation has evolved in re-

cent years. For example, in 2014 the European Union banned the import of horse meat from Mexico, meaning fewer U.S. horses shipped to Mexico for processing. As I have said for many years, the situation with slaughter would eventually take care of itself. Eight years ago, I saw a You-Tube video of Europeans throwing horse meat in the floor of the grocery store where they shopped, in protest of the “tainted horse meat” that was being imported for human consumption. I’m not sure of the reason they banned horse meat from Mexico, but Canada could be next. That would put approximately 130,000 unwanted horses into the mix. Unfortunately, many of the big equine charities are putting most of their efforts in promoting rescue and rehoming. I think there needs to be a real solution in place before that happens or I fear that we will see a huge spike in the number of abused and neglected horses.

Of course, you know I’m sitting here rather smug because I believe with every fiber of my being, that our Equine Get-Well Plan that we have been following for the past 8 years is the closest thing to an answer as I’ve seen out there, anywhere. Over the years, I have grown weary of the fact that none of the big animal advocate organizations choose to acknowledge GERL for the many programs we have created to become a more diversified non-profit. They have been furnished a copy of our Get-Well Plan more than once but have shown no interest.

However, after reading this article, let me say this about that...I am in this for the long-haul and I will prepare a letter, along with a copy of the Get-Well Plan, to Tom Lenz, DVM, Dipl. ACT! We’ll see what he has to say!



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A Note from the Secretary's Desk

by Cynthia Anderson



A challenge to our members...

It is time again for the GERL quarterly newsletter. Every quarter we publish articles to keep our members updated on what is going on with GERL. I have always enjoyed reading the stories, learning about upcoming events, what companies support GERL, and just basically being amazed by what our members are able to ac-

complish to help equine in the state of Georgia. I have come to the realization that during my time with GERL I have gone from a person that just wanted to support this group by attending a few events to a person that is passionate about helping GERL try and solve the problem of the unwanted horse. I guess Patty Livingston is rubbing off on me.

Well, soon I will be moving into a new chapter of my life, I am going to be retiring in May. So, now the question is, what am I going to do to help GERL move toward solving the problem of the unwanted horse? Well, I decided to start by rereading Patty's "Get Well Plan" (if you have not read the "get Well Plan", you need to. It is available on GERL's web site www.gerlltd.org) The "Get Well Plan" is unique to our group and it addresses the problems associated with neglected and abused horses. It starts by listing 5 things that need to be addressed if we are ever going to help solve the problem of the unwanted horse. They are as follows: A. Reduction of reproduction, B. Prosecution, C. Disposition, D. Financial, E. Education. It then goes on to describe what can be to help solve these problems. I encourage everyone to read this carefully and then decide if and what you could do to help.

Personally, I feel that I will be able to provide the most help through education. I have spent the majority of my adult life as a college professor. As you can tell

from this article I am not an English professor. Anyway, I have always enjoyed teaching and research. I love introducing information that provokes thought in my students. For me it is very rewarding to see a person actually start thinking about a topic or issue instead of just reacting. For example; Last fall I saw an opportunity to educate a colleague on the equine problem in Georgia. Taylor Upole, a non-horse person, teaches a criminal justice forensic class at the college. So, I invited her to attend a GERL Law enforcement training class in Jesup. I convinced her and our administration that this would be an excellent professional development opportunity. With the support of our administration, Taylor accompanied me to the training. She was very impressed. In fact, she was so impressed that she arranged for Kevin, one of our speakers, to come and give a presentation to her class. This was approved and supported by the college and the students loved him. Through this one opportunity, over 25 criminal justice majors were introduced to the problem of animal neglect in Georgia. These are our future law enforcement officers. Hopefully, because of this exposure, they will be more willing to prosecute animal cruelty cases. Kevin's presentation was so well received by the students it has led to the college supporting more training. They are giving me the opportunity to attend the Animal Law Symposium in Atlanta.

So, when I retire my goal is going to be to take every opportunity possible to get the general public, county, and state official, anyone that will listen to identify the problems associated with neglected and abused equine in the state of Georgia and to think about finding solutions.

Now I would like to challenge you, our members, read the "Get Well Plan" pick one small thing and see what you can do. It doesn't take much to help find a solution to the problem of the unwanted, neglected, and abused equine in Georgia.



Grant News

By Donna Harrison

Hello, faithful followers of Grant Writing 101! The past few months have been a flurry of activity with our Georgia Equine Rescue League family hustling about, preparing for, and sweating through the work of our second ASPCA HelpAHorse day campaign. The 2018 campaign's focus was on adoption and we aced that! During the short eight-week competition window we found forever homes for nine lovely, rehabilitated and trained rescued horses. And while fostering did not "count" toward our credits as far as the grant awards went, we successfully found foster homes for even more.

That's a WIN!

In addition, incredibly gifted "techno-volunteers" came forward and put their shoulders to the wheel. It was magic! The result? A social media campaign unsurpassed in our history! Our precious rescues were profiled through colorful still photographs and exciting, entertaining video productions set to music. Important information relating to their conformation, their skills and their talents was highlighted on a new and specially created Facebook page. In essence, we stretched far beyond our usual limits by reaching out to more than our membership. We used Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media outlets. We literally reached the world! People responded with monetary donations and most importantly, with questions about our rescues. Were they ready for adoption? When could appointments be made to see them personally? It was fulfilling, and we kissed horses goodbye to happy futures and healing hands. Who did this? Pollyanna Chavez skillfully chaired the committee. Meagan Waddell was the supreme photographer for videos and stills, Autumn Tuchek provided her horse handling skills and gave each animal the chance to "show" themselves on camera, while Cindy Burt and Nancy Bogardts manned the computer centers, mystically creating the videos we all came to know and love - the videos that brought horses needing homes to homes needing horses.

That's a WIN!

More magic followed. Allen Brock of Equine Production Services along with his dad, Dan, and friend, Oscar Franco, put their heads together and schemed up a scheme to beat all schemes! Let me say in advance this team is All Pro: having worked in Hollywood, California for twelve years, Allen has what it takes to understand cinematic production. His dad, a professional videographer and Oscar, a professional stuntman, combined their talents and combed the state for actors and actresses to take on hard-working parts in the making of the short film, "What Horses Dream". This video was required as part of the ASPCA's grant application. These guys killed it! Here's the link: type it in, watch it, and weep happy tears. An abandoned and lonely horse dreaming of a forever life with a young girl. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xogS73j4jjE&t=419s>

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That's a WIN!

A third component that the ASPCA judged was our ability as an organization to raise funds. Well, we rocked that, too! I'll begin by reminding you that last year's HelpAHorse day fundraiser netted over \$4,000 in one day! A hefty sum that went to feed, vet and re-home abandoned, abused and hopeless horses. We adopted out one horse that same day. This year? Well, sit down: we grossed over \$17,000! Not too shabby. We saw nine horses adopted to the best homes. We fostered additional ones. We even had one "commitment to adopt". (Thank you, Alice Farrar!) Donations, adoption fees and vendors all contributed to this insanely huge pocket-filler. These funds will go to continue our good work -- to help horses who have little hope, to aid responsible horse owners experiencing hard times and to give release to animals who need to cross over the Rainbow 3Bridge. We are GERL. We rescue. That's what we do. and -- That's a WIN!

All that being said, and through tears, I must also say we did not win, but we only lost a grant funding. There were organizations who walked away with money and we applaud their great work without taking away from our own efforts. Horses across the country won: 100 groups competed; over two million dollars was raised to save animals who were lost, there were 1,000 horses adopted in 8 weeks, and three fourths of the groups exceeded the number of adoptions they made during the previous year. (We were one of those. And that means we are doing better than ever.)

I call that a WIN, too.

I can't say we will take advantage of the opportunity to compete again next year. I'm getting a little long in the tooth to commit. However -- may I introduce two sterling personalities, ladies who have the ability, the heart, and the power to continue our grant efforts with grace and determination: Ms. Alex LaPierre and Ms. Carol Upshaw.

These women will carry the torch proudly and bravely (yeah, girls, you gotta be brave!) and I am so thankful for their volunteerism and incredible spirit. Please, when you members can, take time to contact these helpers and thank them personally for their undertaking. Finding in one's email inbox news that your beloved rescue has been awarded monies to carry on our most important work will make anyone's heart sing. But, please, sing to these women even before a grantor offers a blessing of funds. Thank those mentioned in this article and never, never, never quit!

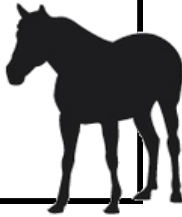
Now let me thank you for the opportunity to be your grant writer these past few years. I have gained so much, learned so much, and felt like I did a tiny bit to effect change in my small corner of the world. I will continue to work with GERL when and how I can. God bless each and every one of you.

Horse Hugs, Donna Harrison

GERL Stallion to Gelding Program.

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Ladybug	Steven Neal
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Cloud	GDA

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- ◆ Ellen Stara by Carlos and Carol Martel
- ◆ Louisa Branscomb's horse Nikki by Dr. Ava Talmage
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- ◆ Andrea Fossett’s horse Julie Marie, by Dr. Ava Talmage, Amicalola Veterinary Services
- ◆ Tim Ruth Milburn’s horse Keo by Dr. Ava Talmage, Amicalola Veterinary Services
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- ◆ Bo and Toby by Amelia Bolton

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- ◆ Donna Harrison, for our Help A Horse Day Event
- ◆ KENHUNT, Inc. for our Help A Horse Day Event
- ◆ Cindy Wilttrout’s birthday by Pam Barnette
- ◆ Leslie Lambert’s birthday by Anne Ensminger
- ◆ Dorothy Wice’s birthday by Mary Anne Jewell

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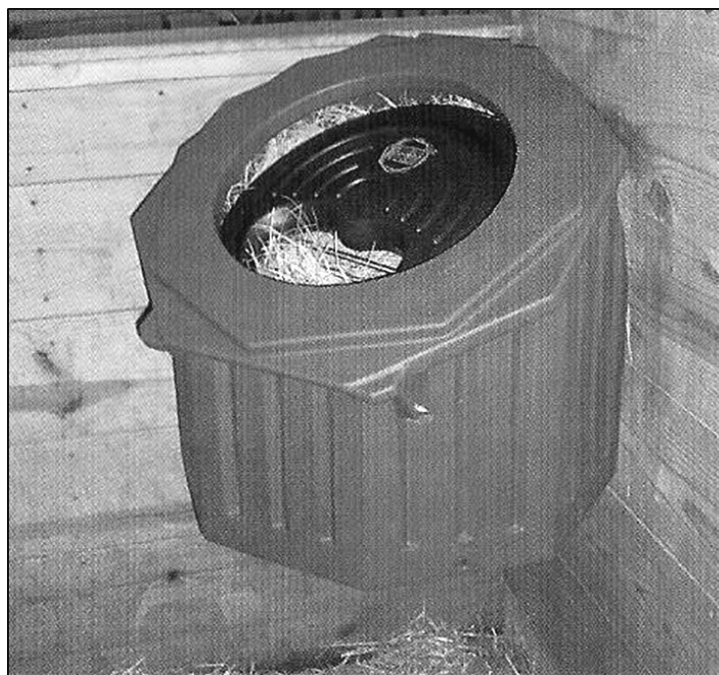
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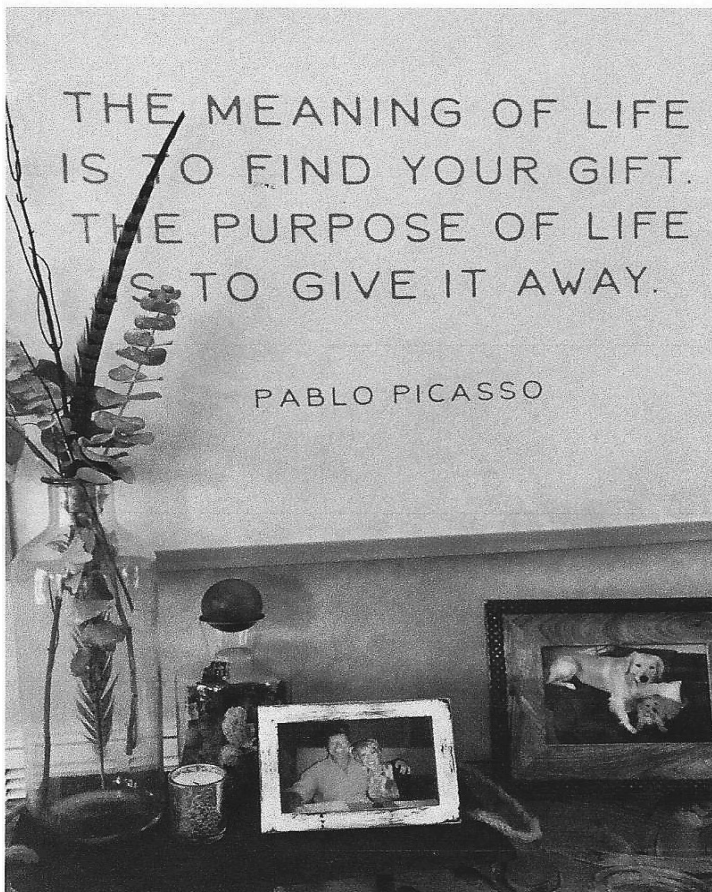
NEW GERL Volunteer Coordinator

I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Leslie Lambert and I am your new volunteer coordinator for GERL. I had recently retired and told Patty I could be more involved. I asked her if there was anything she needed. Knowing volunteer organizations, she said they really needed a volunteer coordinator. Wanting to help I said of course. Then I asked myself what I was thinking. I have not done something like this before and have a huge learning curve. Of course the first event is the challenge. I promise I will do my best.

So from all of you I need help. GERL cannot do anything without volunteer participation. I know people who join this organization do so with a love for horses. I am trying to get a go to list for volunteers for the events we put on or support. If you are interested in volunteering please email me at gerlvolunteers@gerlltd.org and leave your name and email. I will get you on my list. Once again with all your help we can and have made a difference for the horses of Georgia.



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GERL Rescue Challenge 2018

by Tamma Trump

Mark your Calendars and buy your tickets today! On October 20, 2018 GERL will hold our 5th Annual GERL Rescue Challenge in the climate controlled UGA Livestock Arena in Athens. This event has been a huge success in helping GERL place our young and untrained foster horses.

Our three judges are going to have a tough time this year! We have four great horses and trainers that will be showcasing their talents in three different phases of the competition; In-Hand, Natural Trail Course and the popular Freestyle where the trainers choose music and a routine, these are always a crowd pleaser.

These four teams of horse and rider have endured many challenges in their 120 days. From learning to trust humans again to enduring the extreme heat this summer, the trainers have worked hard to improve the lives and make a brighter future for our horses. The trainers will be available during the day to show you their horse and answer any questions that you may have.

In addition to the three phases, The Cowboys and Angels Madison County 4-H Drill Team will be performing the Opening Flag Ceremony. We will have a live Jousting Demonstration with Knights from Medieval Times who will also do a demonstration on how they train the horses. Dr. Rebecca Gimenez will demonstrate Technical Large Animal Rescue and The Hilltoppers Pony Club will be doing Pony Games.

A must at every GERL event is our Silent Auction followed by a Live Auction, of wonderful items collected throughout the year especially for the Rescue Challenge. There will be vendor booths to peruse and food available and a drawing for a slow feeder from all of those who pre-purchased a ticket. This is a \$150 dollar value!

If you haven't already, you can follow the horse's progress on our GERL Rescue Challenge 2018 Group on Facebook. The horses will be available for adoption a week after the competition. If you are interested in any of the horses you will need to complete an Adoption Application and have your farm inspected. Don't miss this action packed day. Go to the website and purchase your ticket



For more information visit pages 28, 29 & 30.

G.E.R.L. Salutes a Little Girl with a BIG Heart

By Patty Livingston

You may remember a story that we ran this time last year about a little girl named Lucy Hight who elected to give all her birthday money to GERL in lieu of birthday presents. Lucy is the daughter of proud parents Mike and Shelly Hight, of Loganville. She rides at Serenity Creek Farm in Monroe, which is where her birthday party was held. Lucy was able to raise and donate over \$500 to the Georgia Equine Rescue League, which went a long way in helping the two horses below that were picked up by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Equine Division. They're names are Flapper and Fitz.

Flapper, pictured above, arrived at the Department of Agriculture's equine impound barn on July 18, 2017, with a huge wound on her chest. She was also thin and needed to gain at least 150 pounds. Flapper ended up with a mild case of EPM which was treated by medication donated by another loyal GERL member. She recovered and was sold at the State's equine auction at



Flapper on Arrival – 7/18/17



Fitz on Arrival – 7/18/17

the Lee Arrendale State Prison impound in September of 2017. Below is a photo of Flapper after her recovery.

Lucy's donation also went to help a horse named Fitz who also came into the State's impound barn on July 18, 2017. He was extremely emaciated and needed plenty of Senior feed for his rehabilitation.

This is a photo of Fitz after rehab. He is happy and healthy now. He was recently chosen as one of the 5 horses that will be competing in the upcoming GERL Rescue Challenge event at the UGA Livestock Arena in Athens on October 20, 2018. Well known Mustang Makeover trainer, Josh Peebles, has drawn Fitz, whose name has been changed to "Foxfire". Josh will work with Foxfire for 120 days before the showdown for the competition.



Flapper on Auction Day – 9/23/17



Fitz (Foxfire) running in the pasture at the Mansfield impound

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By Patty Livingston

This was an opportunity for these horses to get a brand-new start on life and it all started with someone who cared. In this case it was Lucy Hight, who thought outside the box and did something HUGE to help horses in Georgia!

Fast forward one year to July 9, 2018 and Lucy's ninth birthday. She had already decided that she was going to go bigger this year. She set a goal to raise \$800 for GERL in lieu of birthday gifts. Thanks to family and friends who wanted to help Lucy reach her goal, she was able to raise \$1,040.00! Lucy's mom, Shelley, reached out to invite me to the small birthday party celebration at Serenity Creek Farm to accept the donation. As President of this organization, one of my favorite parts of this job would definitely be having the pleasure of accepting on behalf of GERL and meeting great people like Lucy, her parents and the folks at Serenity Creek!



And, by the way, Lucy's donation qualifies her for a life-time membership to GERL, which I believe, makes her the youngest life-time member in the history of GERL!

On August 4th, Lucy and her parents met us at the Mansfield impound to pick out a horse that she would like to sponsor with the money she raised. As soon as Lucy met the little orphan filly named Mavis, it was a done deal!

What an ambitious young lady you are Lucy Hight! Thank you so much for your generosity and for just being YOU!



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2018 Rescue Challenge Trainers



I'm **Tinker Moffitt**, seems I've been riding and training horses what seems like all my life. Along the way I have had the honor of working with and learning from some of the most knowledgeable horsemen in our industry. Everyday is a new day training a horse a horse might remember yesterdays' lesson or you might have to go a few steps back. Working with horses is a humbling experience.



Betsy Fajen Rengito 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.



My name is **Bennett Smith** and I am 16 yrs old. I enjoy riding both Western and English. I have been riding for a little over 8 years and compete in Jumpers as well as drill team. I started out by training my own horse and then moved on to helping others with their horses. Creating a bond between horse and rider is my ultimate goal because a relationship built on trust and respect will last a life time.



Josh Peebles started working with horses at the early age of 14 as an apprentice trainer. When Josh was 21 he started training horses on his own for the general public. He has re-started off the track Thoroughbreds, started hundreds of colts, and worked with a variety of dangerous and problem horses. Josh has taught a variety of clinics such as colt starting, problem solving, ranch roping, and mounted shooting.

For complete information about our Trainers, Judges and to purchase tickets, please visit our website www.gerlltd.org

2018 Rescue Challenge Judges



Julie Richards has been riding and training horses for 27 years. Starting with a solid foundation, Julie learned dressage and jumping. She attended William Woods University where she completed her B.S degree in Equestrian Science, and expanded to riding Saddle Seat, Western, and even Driving.



My name is **Kailey Perkins Fordham**. My husband Jake Fordham and I own Star K Equine, LLC located in Statesboro, Ga. I am a certified farrier and offer farrier services to Statesboro and surrounding areas; along with starting horses, giving horsemanship lessons, and working problem horses at our Star K location in Statesboro.



Elizabeth Dabney Smith, 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.

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