



# Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. NEWSLETTER

*Helping Starved, Abused & Neglected Horses in Georgia*

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## GERL Hosts Equine Training for Law Enforcement and Animal Control Officers

*By Gloria Bell, Area Coordinator*

Since the earliest days of animal protection, animal welfare investigators and law enforcement have played central roles to aid animals that have been victims of human abuse and neglect. Increased public awareness is one of the major goals of the Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL) which has increased the awareness and concern for the animals that share our communities. With increased neglect that our nation is facing, so too should be the attention is helping professionals to do their jobs better and to accord greater protections for animals; the problem of unwanted horses focuses additional attention on equine volunteers and law enforcement, who are seeing more abandoned and abused horses than ever before. Those who become involved in responding to animal abuse not only help address the needs of individual animals that clearly suffer but fulfill their oath to use their skills for the betterment of society.



In all states, animal cruelty is a crime. There are both civil and criminal avenues for prosecuting animal cruelty depending upon the facts of the case. ***This is where education and training are crucial in the growing caseload of animal cruelty crimes.***

On Thursday, July 18, 2019, GERL hosted another successful meeting and an all-day training session in LaGrange, Georgia to educate the officers concerning Georgia's Equine Protection Laws and to provide training in evidence gathering to prepare for winning animal abuse court cases.

Law Enforcement and Animal Control Officers from 42 counties were invited to participate. The response was extremely positive, and the

Law Enforcement Training Center in LaGrange was full of dedicated and interested enforcement professionals.

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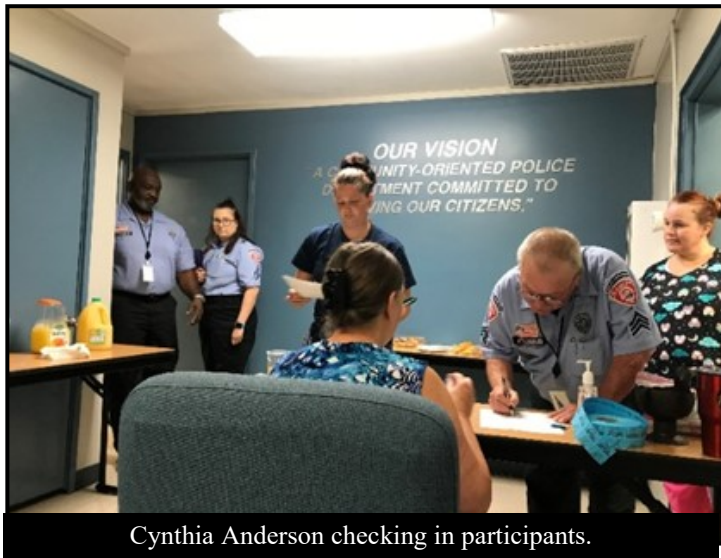
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# Multi-County Equine Training for Law Enforcement

By Gloria Bell, Area Coordinator

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In addition to experienced volunteers that are members of GERL, GERL was and always is extremely fortunate to have very knowledgeable, experienced and willing instructors for this event.



Cynthia Anderson checking in participants.

Our EXPERT Instructors were:

- **Mat Thompson**, Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA), Equine Manager
  - o Mat Thompson manages the GDA Equine Health Section which is responsible for enforcing the Humane Care for Equines Act, the Equine Act of 1969 and excerpts of the Animal Protection Act. Enforcement of these laws is achieved through the inspection of equine sales, abuse complaints, stables and events under his direction.
  - o At this training, Mat Thompson delivered information on Georgia Equine Protection Laws and described what constitutes equine abuse. He instructed how to body score horses and loves to share his experience in horse handling. He also graciously helps to provide live horses for horse handling practice during this session.
- **Kevin Hearst**, Retired Field Supervisor/Chief Cruelty Investigator for Dekalb County Animal Services. We are honored to have Kevin share his expertise for this training. Kevin has been a member of our National Animal Cruelty Investigations School faculty for over seven years and is recognized as an expert in the field of animal cruelty investigations. This school is written into policy in several jurisdictions throughout the United States

and has been recognized as one of the leaders in education for humane investigators. Kevin is the primary reasons for this honor. He has been asked to and delivered many presentations for conferences throughout the nation. (Retired) He served as DeKalb Animal Services & Enforcement Academy director, Lead field supervisor and Chief cruelty investigator for our (Animal cruelty Taskforce). He also served as liaison In-service instructor for DeKalb Co. Police Academy, Sheriff Office, Code Enforcement, Emergency Management Agency and District Attorney & Solicitor-General's offices. He served as an expert witness due to his extensive knowledge, training, and experience in animal cruelty/ equine, dangerous animal and blood sports investigations.

- o Kevin never fails to present an information filled and humorous account of his experiences concerning the proper way to carry out and document animal abuse cases. In addition to keeping full attention of the participants, Kevin shared amazing knowledge, passed out actual photographs of some of his past cases to have team participation in the class which included all of the attendees. They examined the photographs and gave their combined analysis of the pertinent details. Much is learned from this exercise and the interaction within the class.



Cynthia Anderson kicked off the meeting.

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- Jessica Rock, Special Prosecutor

Jessica provided detailed information concerning what she, or any prosecuting attorney needs in order to successfully prepare a case which would insure a conviction. What would be the value in doing all of the work it takes to issue and execute a warrant, prepare a case, and then loose the case or have it dismissed for lack of evidence. While we are saving these animals from abuse, the offender repeats the abuse all over again if not convicted.

In addition to information provided in the training facility, we also provided practice and instruction with a live horse outdoors (transported to the event by GDA, Equine Inspectors) to those interested in learning about the nature of horses and effective ways to interact with them. Demonstrations and hands on training was provided in evaluating a horse that has been neglected, how to handle them, their body score and various handling demonstrations. Some of the officers had not had interaction with horses in the past, as this training provided basics to enable them to handle and make better decisions in the welfare of the animal.



The Dept. of Agriculture brought a skinny horse for the "hands on" portion of the training.



Mat Thompson, GDA Equine Mgr. and Patty Livingston



We had a full house for the training class.



Kevin Hearst entertained the class with his riveting presentation.

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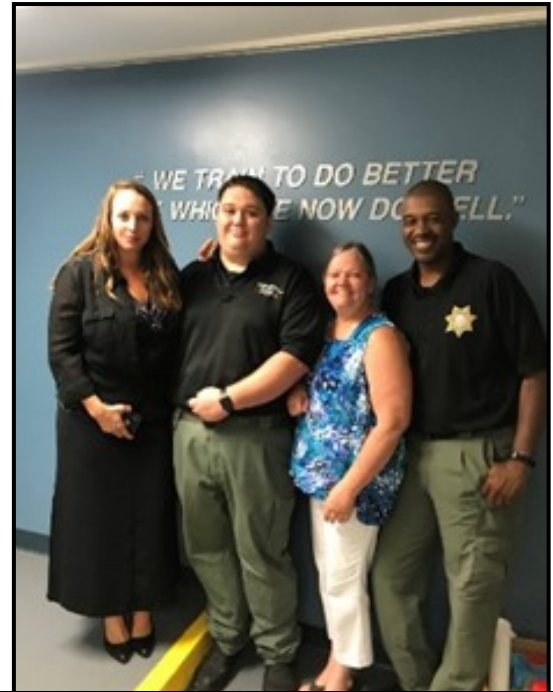
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All of our experienced speakers were passionate about protecting all animals, through the use of our laws, and making sure offenders are punished. GERL shares this passion. Several GERL Volunteers (Patty Livingston, Cynthia Anderson, Linda Kundell and Gloria Bell) provided lunch for all, gave out door prizes to several lucky attendees, and class outline and documents. All attendees were presented a Certificate of Training and those with the need, were provided six P.O.S.T. Certification Hours.

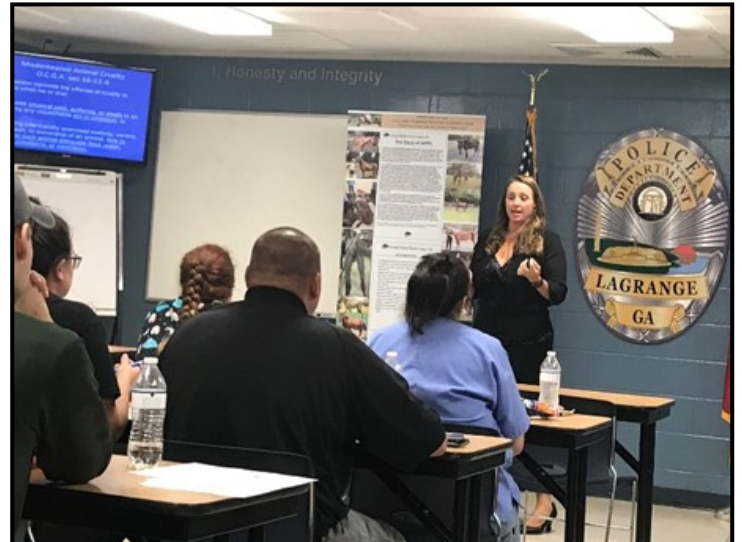
These ongoing training classes are sponsored by GERL to carve a path in solving the problem of too many unwanted horses, overbreeding, and unnecessary abuse and neglect. Patty Livingston, GERL President has created a "Get Well Plan" which was created to help prevent the increasing neglect. Two parts to the plan are (1.) to provide education to law enforcement, animal control agencies, and the community, and (2.) push for prosecution, fines, and punishment of neglectful and abusive owners. GERL's next equine training will take place in Cobb County on November 25, 2019.



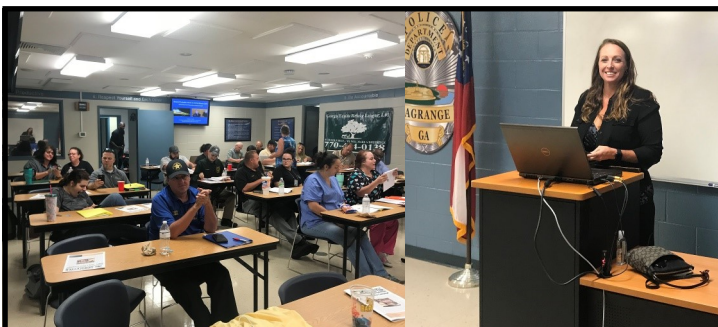
Jessica Rock, Chris Bussey, Cynthia Anderson & Kevin Hearst



Training included horse handling 101



Jessica Rock, Special Prosecutor



# Lucy Hight Does It Again!

By Patty Livingston

You may remember a couple of stories that we've run in our newsletters about a little girl named Lucy Hight who, for the past three years, has elected to give all her birthday money to the Georgia Equine Rescue League (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 parties are always held. Lucy's mom reached out to invite me to the small birthday party celebration and to accept the donation. I was totally blown away when Lucy handed me the envelope. This year she was able to raise and donate \$1300 to GERL thanks to the help of family and friends!

Lucy is the most selfless little girl I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. Having no children of my own, I think I am a pretty good critic and you just don't see kids like her very often. Therefore, I'm going to take a moment to brag on her. Lucy is respectful, sweet and just a pleasure to be around. She is a horse crazy little pixie of a girl who is obviously very comfortable on the back of a horse. I love to watch her ride. Lucy is happy to give her birthday money to horses in need and knows that we have plenty of them right here in Georgia. She has been to the Mansfield barn and has seen what condition the horses are in when they arrive. Speaking of which, the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Equine Division recently picked up 10 very thin horses and donkeys so I'm sure that Lucy's generous donation will go a long way to help them get back to good health.



Lucy with her favorite ride.

What an outstanding young lady you are Lucy Hight! Thank you so much for your generosity and love of horses!



Lucy presented GERL President, Patty Livingston, with \$1300 that she collected for her birthday.



Lucy's birthday party with all of her friends and family.

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# Rescue Challenge 2019

By Tamma Trump

Mark your Calendars and buy your tickets today! On October 5, 2019 GERL will hold our 6th 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 sum-



Toby Daw and Toby practicing for the big day.

mer, 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

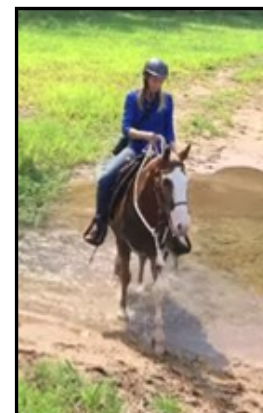


Tinker Moffitt and Annie driving a cow during a training session.

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. The UGA Eventing Team will be performing as well as Elaina Schmersey and her cute mini Cookie Monster! 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. If you haven't already, you can follow the horse's progress on our GERL Rescue Challenge 2019 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.



Douglas Owens and Kendall cutting down a tree



Kira DeRosa and Skittles going for a trail ride.

## Update on Slider

Remember this guy? This is Slider. He was the skinny stallion on the cover of our Jan Feb March 2019 quarterly newsletter. Well, look at him now! He was castrated shortly after going to his new forever home. Fully paid for by GERL. He looks awesome today!



Slider – Before (January 2019)



Slider – After Rehab

## GERL Attends UGA Horse Owners Seminar

By Linda Kundell

Leslie Lambert, CeCe Calli, Phyllis Bowen, Linda Kundell and Patty Livingston attended this event in August. We met a lot of very nice horse people and did a lot of talking about GERL and our upcoming Rescue Challenge. We put newsletters on the table and each time there was a break in the classroom all of the attendees came out into the vendor area where there were approximately twelve vendors' tables set up with their wares. We had a lot of people stop by and most of them took at least one newsletter.



Linda Kundell

This year I meet a man who had rescued a horse about three years ago in Tennessee. He really loves this horse and said that a rescue horse is the way to go for him. Of course, he also mentioned that he has two rescue dogs and a rescue cat. I laughed when he said

that he had even rescued his wife. She was laughing right along with us since he had pulled her out of the water when they were kids! It was a fun day for us all.

This is about the sixth or seventh year that we have attended. Every time we enjoy meeting and greeting horse people who want to know about us (GERL). We will be there again next year.



CeCe Calli, Linda Kundell and Leslie Lambert



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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.

**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING GERL  
THROUGH THE  
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As of August 2019 GERL has received \$3,162.82. That is very encouraging, thank you to those who always go to the Amazon Smile link and support GERL while you do your shopping. 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 <https://gerlltd.org>. Our thanks go out to all of you who have chosen to support GERL through these programs.

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## Puttin' On The Feed Bag Recipe

# Pumpkin Bars

- ✓ 4 eggs
- ✓ 1 2/3 cups white sugar
- ✓ 1 cup vegetable oil (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- ✓ 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ✓ 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ✓ 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ✓ 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon 1 teaspoon salt (3 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- ✓ 1/2 cup butter, softened
- ✓ 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ✓ 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

In a medium bowl, mix the eggs, sugar, oil, and pumpkin with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Stir into the pumpkin mixture until thoroughly combined. Spread the batter evenly into an ungreased 10x15 inch

jellyroll pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in preheated oven. Cool before frosting.

To make the frosting, cream together the cream cheese and butter. Stir in vanilla. Add confectioners' sugar a little at a time, beating until mixture is smooth. Spread evenly on top of the cooled bars. Cut into squares.

## GERL and the GHC Partner to Host Horse Fair in 2021

By Patty Livingston



As many of you may already know, in 2018 the GERL Board of Directors agreed to fill their same positions on the Georgia Horse Council Board. During our first annual (kick-off) meeting last August we discussed hosting a horse fair.

There was a lot of interest and 16 people signed their name as a volunteer for a 2020 Horse Fair that day. The committee met almost every month, with more and more of our volunteers dropping by the wayside. Still, there was a small hand-full of folks who didn't want to give up on the idea. One of those people was Nancy Cox, who is a certified project manager in her working life. Over the months, she has been busy researching and guiding the rest of the committee. However, there were some important positions that were not filled on our committee which prevented us from moving forward at the pace needed to make a horse fair happen in the Spring of 2020, as first discussed. Nancy came up with an idea to merge a GHC horse fair with the GERL Rescue Challenge and move the venue to the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers. Everyone thought it was a great idea and it was presented to the GERL Rescue Challenge Committee members. They thought it was a

great idea, too!

Nancy, Doug Mundrick and I scheduled an appointment at the Horse Park to discuss our needs and find out the cost and schedule a date. Unfortunately, they didn't have anything available in 2020 that was suitable for us and also allowed enough time for the planning. The date that they came up with is April 17, 2021. That seems like a long way off, but I can tell you from the prospective of planning an event like this (for the first time and in a new venue) we're going to need every single day we have available. So, we're looking for vendors, sponsors and volunteers. We are still lacking in the area of a marketing person and other important positions. If you would like to see Georgia hosting a horse fair with the Rescue Challenge as a headliner, along with Medieval Times and other entertainment, clinicians, classroom educational sessions and more, PLEASE contact me at 770-867-0760 and let me know. I know this will be a great event that will attract more people than just hosting a Rescue Challenge. I think it is a win-win for Georgia horse lovers! Come join us and don't forget to SAVE THE DATE!! APRIL 17, 2021!!



# Pickers Paradise

## GERL's Booth at Pickers Paradise

You may have heard 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 had 2 volunteers by the name of Terry and Pat Allen who built 2 very nice shelves 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!



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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.

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**Itty Bitty After**

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# Horse Trailering Tips

Learn how to improve your horse's trailering trips.

The following 10 suggestions are based on researchers' current knowledge of shipping's effects, but as more is learned, these guidelines may change. Any stress-reducing measures you can implement will improve your horse's response to his time on the road.

## 1. Leave horses untied--or tied long--while they travel.

Researchers agree that a horse who can lower his head below the point of his shoulder will be much less likely to suffer respiratory stress from traveling. Some trailer designs do not allow horses to lower their heads very far and some horses fight with their neighbors if given any leeway. Yet when possible, allow the horses to take advantage of whatever room there is to carry their heads in a natural, mucus-draining posture.

## 2. Transport horses in familiar, congenial groups.

When shipped with his pals, your horse has less risk of exposure to infectious disease and of suffering injury, and he won't be doubly stressed by dealing with new horses at the same time he's coping with the physical effects of transport.

## 3. Keep the trailer spotlessly clean.

Pathogens from dried manure can overwhelm a respiratory system weakened by trailer stress. If your trip is a long one, pick manure out of the trailer at each stop. And, at the end of each trip hose out the trailer thoroughly to remove all manure and urine.

## 4. Educate your horse about loading and shipping.

Loading is the most stressful part of the entire shipping experience and the time when injuries are most likely to happen. Make sure your horse is thoroughly familiar and comfortable with the whole procedure. If your horse is a particularly difficult loader, it's wise to get the help of an experienced and patient trainer to help rebuild his confidence. And, even if you never go anywhere, load your horse several times a year and drive around the neighborhood as a refresher.

## 5. Maintain good air quality inside the trailer.

Unless you are shipping in the coldest, wettest climates in an open stock trailer, the risk of horses getting too cold is minimal compared to the risks associated with stagnant air, accumulating exhaust fumes and excessive heat. When in doubt about the temperature, blanket the horses and leave open air vents or windows. To check for drafts, ride in the back of an empty trailer, and adjust vents and windows to redirect any strong blasts that could chill the horses. Keeping rear windows closed, using floor mats without bedding and wetting hay are measures that reduce amount of dust in the trailer.

## 6. Rest horses at least a week after a long journey.

Shipping-induced physical changes that leave a horse vulnerable to illness can persist for days after the trip is over. To ensure you don't stress an already compromised horse, plan for the horse to arrive at his destination a week before he'll be asked for a major athletic effort.

## 7. Keep the trailer in good repair.

Eliminate any opportunity for vehicle failure by regularly checking and repairing your trailer as needed. Pay particular attention to the floorboards, ramp, brakes and hitch. If anything looks suspicious, don't use the trailer until it is professionally inspected and fixed.

## 8. Be a sympathetic driver.

While there have been no large-scale studies of the effects of driver technique on shipped horses, researchers agree that a slower, steady journey is easier than an erratic, speedy one. Take a ride in the back of an empty trailer yourself to experience the differences in driving styles firsthand. A useful test of your own driving ability is to place a half-full glass of water on the dashboard. If you can drive without the water sloshing to the three-quarters level on the glass, your driving is passenger friendly.

## 9. Provide ample water and adequate hay but no grain.

Water during travel is essential for battling dehydration, a common side effect of shipping that can lead to other, more serious problems. At every stop, or at least every four hours, offer horses water from home in a familiar bucket. Many in-transit horses won't drink during the first eight hours on the road and some may never partake, but continue to offer anyway. Hay is a great pacifier of traveling horses and helps retain water in the gut. In certain trailers, however, the hay dust may blow directly into a horse's respiratory tract. Wetting the hay can help to control the dust. Researchers agree that feeding grain to traveling horses is not a good idea. If stress affects gut function, as they suspect it does, the grain will sit and ferment, possibly leading to colic or laminitis.

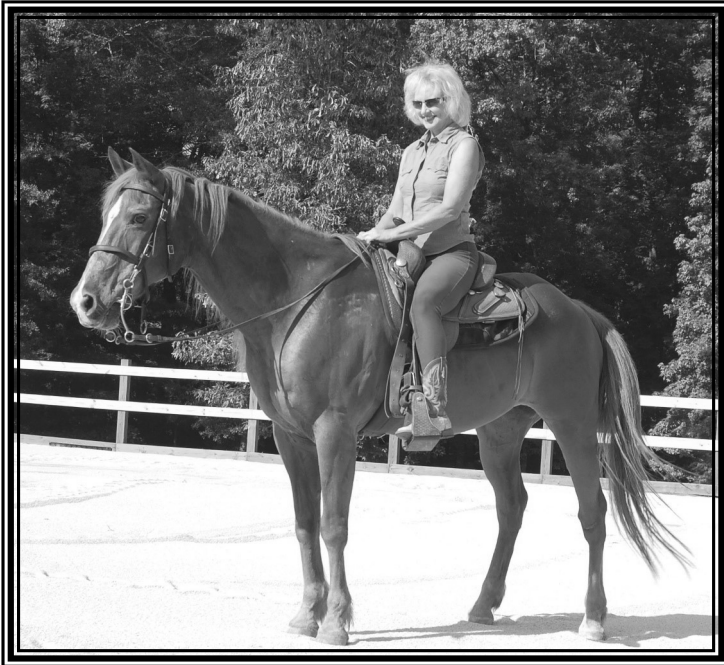
## 10. Cater to each horse's individual preferences.

Perhaps the most important thing to keep in mind when shipping is the preference of each horse. Some horses travel quietly in situations others find intolerable. Experiment with every variable--traveling positions, watering routines, even the time of day you travel--until you find a combination that suits your horse or the majority of the horses that normally travel together.

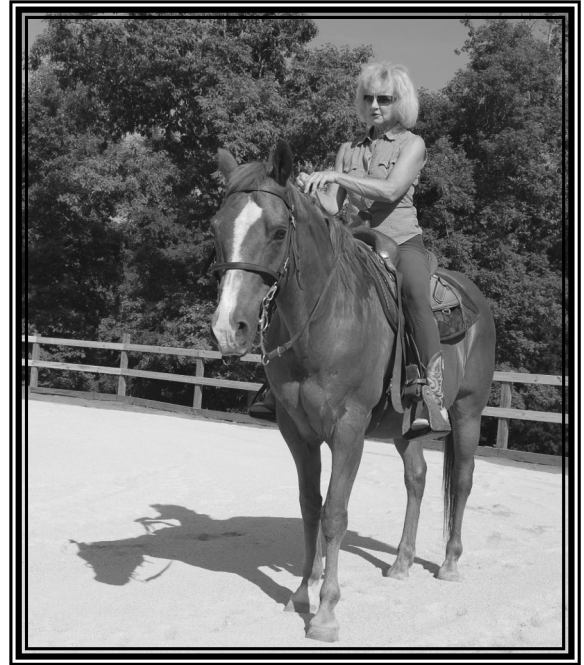
Note: This excerpt originally appeared in the article "Road Tests: How Shipping Affects Horses" in the April 2000 issue of EQUUS magazine. It recently appeared in the USRider newsletter and we thought it worthy of a repeat in our newsletter.

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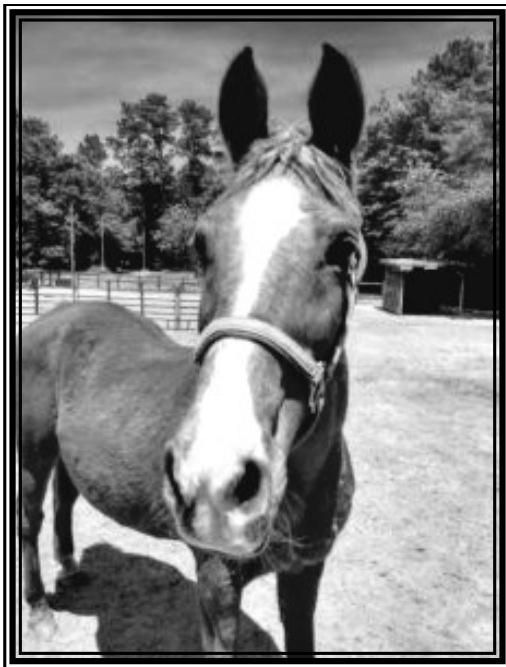
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**Ransom** is a 15.1 hh 20 year old Sorrel QH Gelding. He gets along well with other horses and is very sweet. He has good ground manners, stands quietly for the farrier and the veterinarian. He does require a half Previcox for arthritis. Pasture pal only.



**Cooper** is a 15 hh 20+ year old Sorrel QH Gelding.. He is being offered as a pasture pal,. He is easy to handle & good for farrier. Cooper is looking for a forever home where he will be loved and cared for.



**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 does require a pill once a day for Cushing's.



**Yankee** is a 15 hh 15 year old Blue Roan QH Gelding. He was a stallion when he was picked up by the GDA, but was gelded in October of 2018. He has an old injury to his left front pastern. Pasture Pal only.. He is easy to handle & good for farrier.

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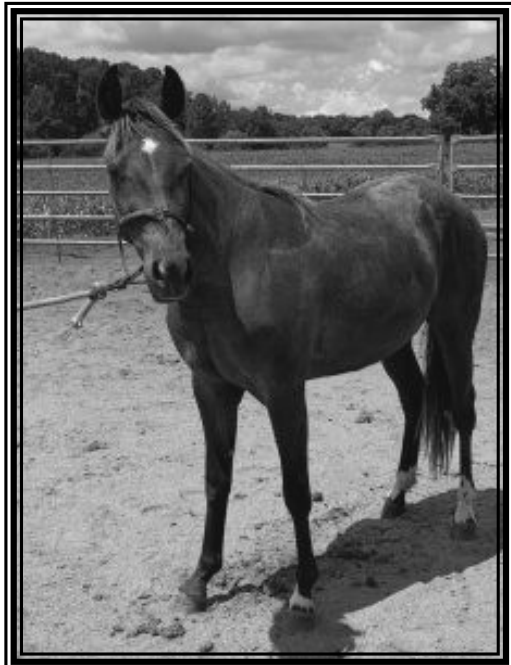
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**Kendall** is a four year old, 13.1hh sorrel paint mare who is a 2019 Rescue Challenge contestant. She is quiet and smart. She is being training by Douglas Owens.



**Skittles** is a 14.1 hh 10-year-old sorrel and white Overo Pinto mare. Abandoned by a renter and left on her own before she was picked up by Rockdale County Animal Control. She is sweet natured and is a contestant in the 2019 Rescue Challenge.



**Annie** is a 13.1 hh 3-year-old brown registered Quarter Horse and she is super cute! . Annie, formally named Whinny, has not had much handling. She is a 2019 contestant in the Rescue Challenge competition. She is doing amazing things, already!



**Wyatt** is a 15 hh TWH/KMRH (Kentucky Mountain Racking Horse) 7-year-old Bay gelding. He is sweet and quick to learn. He is a 2019 contestant in the Rescue Challenge competition.. He is bomb proof to pigs, dogs, loud noises, water and will make a great trail horse.

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**This poem is for all the horse owners who have had to put down their best friend and companion. I hope it touches your heart and perhaps brings you comfort.**

**When It's Time To Say Goodbye**

*Written & Contributed By Caddie Dufurrrena*

We've spent so many hours together, my precious friend  
There's nothing I dreaded more than saying goodbye  
It came all too quickly, and unexpected  
Not that knowing would have made it any easier

But I looked in your eyes  
I saw your pain  
I knew that as your best friend I had to do what was right  
There was only one decision I could make

And I sat with you, through those final moments  
Tears flowing freely and unashamed  
I watched the light leave your eyes  
And I heard your last breath

I rested my head on your neck  
I told you I'd love you forever  
I told you about the green pastures waiting for you  
Where you could run wild and free

And as I sat with the shell that was only your body  
Your neck still so soft and silky  
I closed your eyes and straightened your mane  
And I whispered that you were the best horse in the world

Now, only days later, I am alone  
So few who understand this soul-torturing hurt  
Wearing a mask on my face to hide my pain  
Wishing I could hear your soft nicker just one more time

I believe, I have to believe, that we will meet again  
Somewhere in those green pastures I can see you waiting  
When my time has come, and I am ready to go

You'll come trotting up to meet me and carry me home.



## A Win-Win Success Story

*Phyllis Bowen, Volunteer*

On what was perhaps the hottest day in June, GERL volunteers Linda Kundell, Pat Allen and I decided to meet at Linda's house to sort through the numerous boxes and bags of horse blankets that have been generously donated by supporters. We unfolded and inspected each and every blanket, fly sheet, stall sheet, and neck wrap and carefully put them into large boxes sorted by size. Pat took several blankets home to wash and repair. Since we were on a roll, we also sorted through all the saddle pads, bits, leg wraps, bridles, halters and other items so we could decide what to take to the GERL booth at Picker's Paradise and what might sell best at the Rescue Challenge flea market booth and silent auction in October. At the end of the day we had organized all the GERL items in Linda's shed, I could actually sweep the floor, and she can fit her truck inside! We were hot, tired and very dirty, but pleased with our progress. Of course, as we worked, we also talked about what GERL might do with all the heavier blankets and where they could best be put to good use.

Linda accepted the challenge and immediately began researching horse rescues located further north. She hit the jackpot when she contacted Mountain View Equine Rescue in New Tripoli, PA, AND learned that GERL's Volunteer Coordinator, Leslie Lambert, was transport-

ing horses only an hour away to Sugarloaf, PA. A win-win for GERL and Mountain View! Laura, the manager of the rescue, was thrilled to accept the blankets since the winters in her area can be very hard on older and/or weaker horses at the rescue and good blankets are always needed.

Linda and I boxed-up the blankets and will deliver them to Leslie this week for transport to the rescue in Pennsylvania. What a wonderful gift that GERL have the opportunity to share some of its donated winter blankets with a reputable rescue where they are badly needed and appreciated!

Thank you, Leslie Lambert, for offering to take them to Mountain View Equine Rescue and to the many generous donors who made it possible.

For more information about both businesses, please see: Leslie Lambert, Horse N' Around Equine Transport, [www.horsenaroundtransport.com](http://www.horsenaroundtransport.com), (770) 335-6528 and Mountain View Equine Rescue, [www.mountainviewhorse.org](http://www.mountainviewhorse.org), (610) 217-2535



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

**October 5, 2019**

**GERL Rescue Challenge**  
UGA Livestock Arena, Athens, Ga

**November 2019**

**Stallion to Gelding Castration Days**  
Various clinics all over Ga

**November 25th, 2019**

**Law Enforcement Training Meeting**  
Cobb County, Ga

**December 14, 2019**

**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!

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# LET ME SAY THIS...ABOUT THAT

*By Patty Livingston, President*

After a very successful 2019 GERL Help a Horse Campaign where we were able to adopt out 15 horses from the GDA equine program as well as a couple from our foster program. Most came from the Mansfield barn. Everybody agrees that the two prison impounds need to have horses. Both prisons have 4 horses at this time. After I moved Sandy and Yankee to my farm, there were only 3 horses left at the Mansfield impound barn. The day I went to Mansfield to pick them up 2 new horses had just been brought in. Both were very skinny and there was a 3<sup>rd</sup> one that came in with them and she was down at the Pulaski prison impound getting rehabbed. It has been a very long time since there has been only 3 horses at the Mansfield facility. It also meant lower feed and vet bills for GERL.

The GDA is supposed to be a revolving door; horses come in, get fat, healthy (and castrated, if a stallion) and go to a new forever home. For a long time we had grown to a place where our revolving door was rusty and not moving very fast. With the campaign behind us it is clear to see that that was the oil that was so badly needed to get things moving. It was a lot of hard work, weekly meetings, several photo sessions, writing BIOs, etc., but it paid off in the end and also proved that you can rehome pasture ornaments and other “at risk” horses if you’re willing to put forth a little effort.

A few weeks later there were 10 new arrivals at Mansfield, but luckily there were a lot of minis among them and they are always easy to place. I’m hoping that things will be able to continue turning with the horses coming in and getting placed within a reasonable amount of time, now that the numbers are down. I’m looking for a team that would be willing to help us with future campaigns if you have some extra time and the interest. Please contact me.

On a different note, things with the Rescue Challenge are in full swing. Everybody on the Rescue Challenge Committee is a little worried about the low-ticket sales. We are suffering from the lack of a marketing person

to help us with this problem that has existed at least for the last eleven years that I have been President. I’m constantly reminded that nobody knows GERL. I am not a marketing person. I am a project manager. My goals for this organization have been aimed towards fixing our horse problems with good common-sense programs. I feel that I have done that. My thoughts about marketing are more aligned with the “build it and they will come” attitude. I feel that if GERL does good things people will spread the word. Does this method take longer? Absolutely! Sometimes I feel like we’re moving at a snail’s pace. However, we have never had the good fortune of having a public relations or marketing person volunteer to help.

We recently had a “controlled feeder” sale, thanks mainly to CeCe Calli. She was able to sell all the horse feeders that had been donated over a year ago which made enough money to pay for a marketing costs for the upcoming Rescue Challenge. Any monies left over will be used for the upcoming 2021 Rescue Challenge and Georgia Horse Council (GHC) Horse Fair.

Speaking of which, that is probably the most exciting bit of news that I am pleased to pass on. The GHC and GERL have decided to partner together to host a combined Rescue Challenge competition and Horse Fair in April of 2021. We are all excited about the prospect of going bigger and also moving the venue to the Conyers International Horse Park. We’re all hoping for some new blood in the way of volunteers. And let me say this about that...the quality of our first (in a long time) GHC Horse Fair comes down to the people who are willing to step up and get out of their daily rut and help us. If you want to see a Horse Fair return to Georgia, please reach out and do something to support one!



## A Note from the Secretary's Desk

by Cynthia Anderson



Well its newsletter time again. GERL members have been very busy the last few months. So here is an update on what is going on. On July 18th we had a very successful multi-county law enforcement training meeting in La-Grange, Ga. We had a full house with excellent presentations and hands-on training opportunities for animal control and police. The officers in attendance were definitely active learners. These of-

ficers are dedicated to help address the issues of the unwanted horse facing their counties. These educational opportunities for animal control and law enforcement officers are vital to helping abused and neglected equine. In fact, our law enforcement equine training meetings are so successful that we have been asked to host another one this fall. It is in the planning stages for November or early December. We try to hold two of these each year. So if you are interested in hosting one in your area of the state please contact me, Cynthia Anderson or Patty Livingston.

We were very successful with our Help a Horse Campaign. Most of the hoses taken into our program have found their loving forever home. This program will continue to be an important part of GERL's effort. In August the GDA took 10 horses and donkeys into

their program. The great news is that the county involved is prosecuting. Now the wonderful folks at the GDA are working hard to place them in forever homes. I hate to admit it, but one of the little donkeys is at my house.

On October 5th the GERL Rescue Challenge will take place at the UGA Livestock Arena in Athens Georgia. This is a must see event. In addition to our rescue horses; Medieval Times, UGA Eventing Team, and Elaina Schemersey and Cookie Monster will be entertaining the crowd. It is a fun day for the whole family. Make sure to mark your calendar. Who knows, you may want to make one of the rescues horse a member of your family. If you are interested in being a part of this very exciting event consider being a volunteer. There is volunteer link on our website. [www.gerlltd.org](http://www.gerlltd.org). I am looking forward to seeing you there!

November is GERL's Stallion to Gelding Castration Month. While everything we do at GERL is designed to help solve the problem of the unwanted horse, to me this is one of the most important. You can go to the website, [www.gerlltd.org](http://www.gerlltd.org), for a list of participating veterinarians in the state. We can always use more veterinarians to participate in this program. So please ask them if you think you vet may be interested in participating and we will be glad to send them an information package.

Well, this just about wraps up what has been going on since the last newsletter. I hope to see everyone at the Rescue Challenge in October!



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Georgia Horse Council

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Chris Altizer by George Marable  
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Dusty, Linda Kundell's dog, by Marian Finco  
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Sunflower by Marian Finco

## Vendors of our 2019 GERL Rescue Challenge

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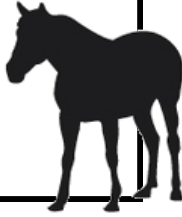
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Kim Hampton  
Jim Januzelli  
Christopher Gregory

## GERL Stallion to Gelding Program.

**Stallions Gelded  
To Date By GERL:**

**1021**



## Obituaries

**Christine “Chris” Altizer** passed away August 14, 2019, after a difficult battle with cancer. Chris lived in Watkinsville and was a good friend to GERL. She was involved with several of our foster horses over the years and most recently adopted Ranger, the winner of the 2017 GERL Rescue Challenge competition. She enjoyed spending time with all of her rescue animals. GERL sends condolences to Chris’ family as they go through this difficult time.

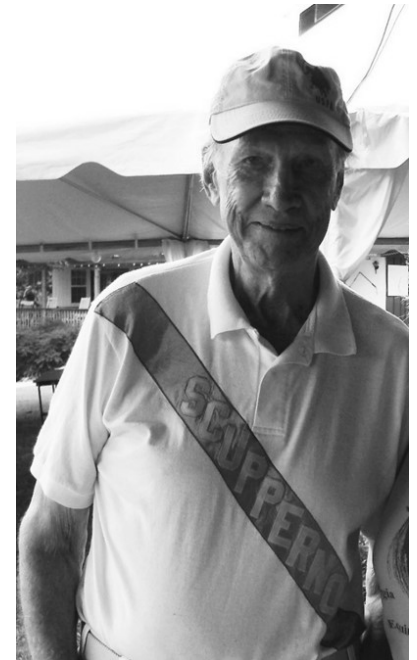


## Horses in our Foster Care Program

**CeCe Calli**—Foster Care Coordinator  
(706) 376-2410  
foster@gerlltd.org

HORSES	FOSTER HOME
Kourtney	Linda Kundell
Rochelle	Linda Kundell
Ladybug	Steven Neal
Ransom	Steven Neal
Cooper	Steven Neal
Sandy	Patty Livingston
Yankee	Patty Livingston
Ellie	Rylee Nash

**Jack Cashin – R.I.P.** Long-time GERL member and supporter, Jack Cashin, passed away on September 15, 2019. He was 93 years old. Jack was the owner of Chukkar Farm Polo Club in Alpharetta and invited GERL to host a fund-raiser polo match for many years. He never charged GERL a fee for using his facilities. Jack was a true horseman and will be missed by many. Condolences to his family for their loss.



## Update from Ginny Scarritt GERL POP Program Coordinator

I apologize, but I think there's been a bit of confusion re: the POP program. There are actually now 2 programs: #1 SHOW which gives money for POPs from Legends, ProElite & other Southern States brands & #2 Partner's which gives money for POPs from Triple Crown. Please note we can also receive funds for forage type POPs such as Grass Forage, Alfalfa Cubes, etc. & if you are large enough for bulk bin orders, please send me your original invoice & those can be turned in as well.

I am receiving less & less POPs every year, but hopefully the information above will clear up any misconceptions & more will come in 2020.

Thank you to the following new donors who have sent in over the last year: Betty Evenson, Paula Fox & her 32 yo TWH "Precious" (may she RIP), Diane Dreher, Paula Bowen, Gunzberger, Holly Roberts & Oldfield Equestrian Center, Gail Weisenberg from Delaware (thank you Julia Aufderheide), Martha Woodham & Blythewood Farm, Louise Ditomaso & Bay Creek Farm, Patricia Allen, Pat Green, Maryellen Penland, and Cassie Carnes Hand in Virginia (thank you Rebecca Gimenez). You are all amazing & have my sincere gratitude for joining us.

As always, I thank my regular donors immensely. Please keep the POPs coming. It lights up my day when I see them in my mailbox.

*Of all animals kept for the recreation of mankind the horse is along capable of exciting a passion that shall be absolutely hopeless.* - Bret Harte.

Thoughtfully,

Ginny Scarritt

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## Cargill Announces new Ultra Premium Line of Horse Feeds

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Cargill Feed has a new ultra-premium line of horse feed, ProElite which has now been incorporated into the SHOW program. Triple Crown POPs will also be accepted.

Please save Proof of Purchase seals from ProElite and Triple Crown and send them to:

Ginny Scarritt, 4835 Kendall Court, Atlanta, GA 30342



**Hartwell County High School students help  
build Rescue Challenge Obstacles**

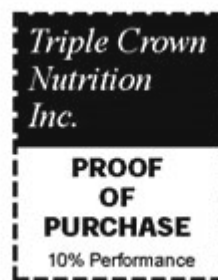
### Please Help! GERL receives money for the following...

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

and send them to:

Ginny Scarritt

4835 Kendall Court \* Atlanta, GA 30342



In April, 2018 GERL received \$787.50 from our Proof of Purchase Program. Please keep those POP's coming!

# Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd.



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# GEORGIA STALLION TO GELDING CASTRATION MONTH November 2019

**Details:** Equine Veterinarians all across Georgia are joining together with GERL to host a low cost castration clinic for \$100 per horse. GERL will pay \$50 and the owner/client will pay \$50.00. Check the GERL website in October for participating veterinarians and the specific date and location of each clinic. ([www.gerlltd.org](http://www.gerlltd.org))

**Call for details:  
Marian Finco  
(706) 340-4368**



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# Updates on some of our 'Help A Horse Campaign' Horses



Reba is enjoying her new life with her new BFF.



Bonnie with her new friends at her forever home.



Bambi is living large at her new home with Peggy in Madison.



Chad has finally found his people!



We were able to rehome 15 horses during our Help A Horse Campaign, which ran for 3 months. All but a couple of the horses came out of the Ga. Dept. of Agriculture's Equine Program. It was very rewarding to be able to place these horses in forever homes where they will be safe.



# Helios Equine Rehab Center Donates to GERL

By Patty Livingston

Susan Hathaway, Proprietor of Helios Equine Rehabilitation Center in Lincolnton, Ga., recently held a 2-day open house and invited over 500 guests to view their brand new facility. What an impressive facility it is! Susan came up with the idea to hold a raffle that would benefit GERL. I met her prior to the event and provided her with our banners, newsletters and flyers advertising our upcoming events. Susan had her event catered with lots of great food and all of her hard work paid off. She had an amazing turn-out and was able to raise \$400 through her raffle. Helios Equine Rehabilitation Center matched that and Susan presented GERL with a check for a whopping \$800.00! She also collected an additional \$27 in donations and was able to give out all of the newsletters that I had given her, as well as the flyers. Susan plans to add a water park (for horses) to her facility in the very near future. These additions will aid in the rehabilitation of horses that



Helios Equine Rehabilitation Center in Lincolnton, Ga.



have been injured or coming out of surgery. Those plans include a water walker and a pool for exercising, among other things.

Huge thanks to Susan and Helios Equine Rehabilitation Center for spreading the word about GERL and the work that we do for Georgia horses.



# GERL Volunteer of the Quarter

By Patty Livingston

Something always seems to come up at least once a quarter that identifies who will be the Volunteer of the Quarter and this time was no different. There's somebody who stood out over and beyond, even though she does awesome things for GERL all the time. Who is she?

CeCe Calli is our Volunteer of the Quarter! Believe it or not, her outstanding work is not about her role as GERL's Foster and Adoption Coordinator, the job she's held for at least 6 years now. It is about a bunch of donated feeders!

GERL had approximately 180 Controlled Feeders for horses that were donated by their inventor. Volunteers helped move all the feeders out of the loft of a barn over a year ago and they have remained in storage at Linda Kundell's barn, garage and shed. She recently wanted her garage back and so the "Feeders for Sale Campaign" kicked off.

First, an executive decision was made to lower the price of the feeders to \$50 .00. (We had been asking \$150 for them.) From there, CeCe took the ball and ran with it. Using mostly social media, she was able to pre-sell over 25 feeders right away. We had to scramble to get a trailer full delivered to CeCe's ranch where they would be picked up by the customers. Linda Kundell and Steven Neal were gracious enough to do that. Within a few weeks CeCe was calling because she had run out of feeders and she had more people wanting them. It was like watching the Home Shopping Network where they count down the number left on an item that they're featuring. The feeders were flying off

the shelf, so to speak.

Linda Kundell and I loaded the remaining 25 or so feeders from her shed into my stock trailer and off we headed to CeCe's with end of the feeders. We unloaded them on pallets that she had set up. After which, she treated us to a very yummy lunch! Within a couple of weeks CeCe had sold all the feeders. Who would have guessed that there would be this much interest?

CeCe also came up with the great idea of using the money that came in from the sale of the feeders to pay for marketing for our Rescue Challenge event. The GERL Board agreed and now we have a dedicated budget available of over \$2,000 to pay for some much-needed promotional materials, FB boosting, advertising, etc.

Everybody involved with the feeders feels relief that they are finally gone after such a long time. Since I also had some stored in my barn, I was very happy. Linda is very happy because she can now get her car in her garage. The entire Rescue Challenge committee is happy because we finally have a decent budget for advertising. This has definitely been a win-win situation that wouldn't have been a total success if not for the fact that CeCe stepped up and took charge of moving the feeders. Thank you, CeCe, you have pulled a rabbit out of the hat as far as we're concerned!



Linda Kundell and CeCe Calli after unloading the last of the feeders.



# New Arrivals at the Mansfield Impound

By Patty Livingston

A recent trip to the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Mansfield impound gave me an opportunity to take some photos of the latest group of horses, donkeys and a few minis that had recently been picked up. Ten in all. It was a fun day!



Minis and donkeys galore!



A nice Belgium mare



Aren't I handsome?



Did you bring me anything?



Are you looking at me?

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I'm bored now. Bring us some hay.



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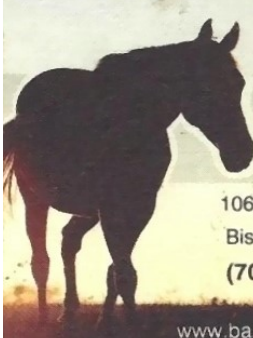


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