



Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. NEWSLETTER

Helping Starved, Abused & Neglected Horses in Georgia

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2019 GERL Rescue Challenge

By Tamma Trump

The dust has settled on our 6th Annual GERL Rescue Challenge. WOW, what a show we had this year! Douglas Owens won the event with Kendall, a 4 year old Pinto filly. Kendall completed her In-Hand and Obstacle Portions with the confidence and trust of her trainer, she even did part of it At Liberty! Douglas did an enjoyable Indian themed storyline for his Freestyle. Tinker Moffitt and Annie placed Second and did an awesome cattle drive for their Freestyle. Kira DeRosa placed Third with Skittles. Kira was injured prior to the event and her 14 year old sister IrisAnn Nee did a wonderful job of showing Skittles.

After an exciting and moving opening ceremony which included a performance by The Madison County 4-H Drill Team - Cowboys and Angels and remarks by Patty Livingston GERL President and Mat Thompson GDA Equine Director, each trainer took the microphone and told a bit about their personal experience during the training of their rescue horse. That added great interest to the program as the audience began to pick a favorite for which to cheer. We had two wonderful demonstrations from the UGA Eventing team and Elaina Schmersey and



Cookie Monster. I do believe the highlight of the day were the two demonstrations from the Medieval Times knights from Lawrenceville! The head trainer showed the crowd how they train their horses for their performances followed by a jousting demonstration.

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Mickey Farmer was on his game again this year and raised lots of money at the Rescue Challenge live auction! Thank you, Mickey,! Patty and her crew did a wonderful job of selecting items and setting up the Silent Auction and a big shout out to the ladies that manned the flea market booth! You all did a great job and raised a lot of money for our horses.

I would like to thank our many volunteers, we could never have undertaken such an ambitious project as the Rescue Challenge. Also, a special THANK YOU to the dedicated Rescue Challenge Committee – CeCe Calli, Cindy Wiltrout, Laurie Wilson, Linda Kundell, Lisa Muffley, Patty Livingston and Allen Brock. Our Sponsors and Vendors play an important role in the event as well. Thank you to everyone that came and set up a booth! This is the last year for the Rescue Challenge to be at the UGA Livestock Arena. It will re-vamped and become a part of the GA Horse Fair in Conyers April 17, 2021. <https://georgiahorsefair.org>



Cowboys and Angels Drill Team



Douglas Owen and Kendall



Medieval Times Knight trying to get a smile.



Elaina Schmersey and Cookie Monster

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Douglas and Kendall



Tinker takes a moment to speak to some fans.



4H—Art for Horses Donated the money to GERL!



Iris Ann Nee and Skittles



Medieval Times was a crowd-pleaser!



Group photo of Trainers and supporters

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The Paulding County 4H Horse & Pony Club



We had a huge crowd of spectators.



Jessie Murray and Mat Thompson at the GDA booth.



Medieval Times spoke to the audience about their program..



Betty Sue Hearin, Mickey Farmer, Linda Venable & Pat Dean



Merada Moffitt and CeCe Calli visit the lobby.

Kel-Mac Saddle Club Awards GERL with Donation

By Patty Livingston

On December 8, 2019, I attended the Kel-Mac Saddle Club awards banquet at Bonner's Triple B Restaurant in Buckhead. GERL has been the recipient of a portion of the funds that the Kel-Mac organization graciously and generously distributes to several worthy non-profit organizations for the past several years. Most of their monies come from the hard work of the volunteers that put on horse shows throughout the year.

The restaurant is closed off to anybody except Kel-Mac folks for this occasion and the room is always full of people. Many are youngsters who were there to collect a trophy for their efforts in the ring. Kel-Mac is a unique, not to mention the oldest, saddle club in Georgia. They provide an opportunity for families to showcase their horses in a fun and enjoyable way.

GERL is very appreciative of clubs like Kel-Mac who recognize non-profits in Georgia who strive to make things better for horses. Thank you for your generous donation and support, Kel-Mac Saddle Club!



GERL President, Patty Livingston, thanked the Kel-Mac members for their donation.

Spotlight on Our Area Coordinators

LeAnn Farris

Hi, my name is LeeAnn Farris. I'm a 47 year old living in northern Harris county on the border with Meriwether and Talbot counties on 45 acres with my active duty army husband, a 16 year old daughter, 4 horses, 4 giant dogs, 2 guinea pigs, 1 African Grey parrot, 10 chickens and 2 tanks of fish.

I fell in love with horses as a small girl when I got Tony the pony for my 7 or 8th birthday. I have been an advocate for pets my entire life and volunteered for rescue organization helping rehabilitate and rehome every type of animal from reptiles to horses.

I grew up in rural Meriwether and Talbot counties on pig, peanut and watermelon farms. My Mom's family is from this area. My Dad's family is from Long Island NY and I went to high school there. I have a M.Ed and BA in Business Admin from Columbus State

University. I was a big supporter of GERL in the early 2000's when I trail rode regularly. A spinal fusion kept me from riding for many years and then we moved often as a military family. While living in Italy I founded and ran a non-profit to help families moving to and from Italy with pets. I'm very proud that PCS Pet Project of Italy was able to help over 50 pets and 30 families move successfully to and from Italy and Europe. I still offer the website and my experience if people need help.



When my husband was getting close to retiring, we decided to move back here. My two mares were finally able to be at home with me for the first time in over 10 years. We recently adopted 2 geldings who needed a new home. I'm very excited to be a part of GERL and help in any way I can.

Six Amigos

By Patty Livingston

The Georgia Department of Agriculture Equine Division was called out to a farm where they found approximately 80 horses on 150 acres of land. The local Sheriff's office was also involved. The gentleman who owned the horses also had 50 head of cattle on his property. They were in an area of the state that was suffering from the draught and the owner had no horse quality hay to replace the grass, leaving many of the horses very thin. He was told by the State and County that he had to disperse the herd and he was agreeable to do that. Hence, my association with him. What I gathered from my conversation with him is that he was a backyard breeder of Arabian horses for many years, boasting at times of their bloodline and their value "back in the day". Of course, he had no real breeding program; the stallions and mares ran together, producing an annual supply of offspring year after year.

He and I had several phone conversations during the following weeks, and he mentioned to me that he had a livestock hauler that he was going to call to take the horses. I offered to help with a large herd dispersal from his property in lieu of that, but he declined. All the horses were feral and untouchable and there were many mammas and babies in the herd, as well as large supply of stallions. He did agree to let me have 5 of the babies. I knew that there was another Rescue was involved and he was allowing them to take a few, as well.

He called me on a Friday afternoon and said I needed to come right away because they were loading horses. My sidekick and "go to person", Rylee Nash, and I went over there the next morning. GERL Secretary, Cynthia Anderson, met us there with her horse trailer as a back-up. Most all the big horses were gone when we arrived. The babies and younger horses had been sectioned off on a 5-acre pasture with a catch pen. We picked out a few babies, along with 3 of the thinnest horses, which ended up being 6 instead of 5. We were able to run 4 of them onto my trailer which was backed up to the gate of the catch pen. Cynthia's trailer was loaded with the other 2 babies and off we drove, head-

ed to Bethlehem. There were 4 or 5 other trucks/trailers that arrived as we were leaving that were also picking up horses. I am grateful that he allowed us to come and get a few that will have a better life. He certainly didn't have to do that. I'm guessing that twenty to twenty-five horses were rescued that day.



The Six Amigos happily munching on hay at their new foster home in Bethlehem.



"Braveheart" was one of the thinnest of the 6 horses, but also the bravest.



Six Amigos

By Patty Livingston

The “Six Amigos” are currently being rehabilitated with good grain three times a day, alfalfa hay and a round bale of Bermuda at their disposal to get to a healthier weight. Five of the six are stallions that will require castration. They are becoming more trusting with this regimen and diet. Of course, they remain in quarantine until blood can be pulled for Coggins. Afterwards, they will go in pairs to separate foster homes where they will hopefully, become trusting partners.

There are many large herd situations just like this one, all over our state. GERL has had some experience in the past with large herd/hoarding situations. What we learned is that the owners always have a need to be in control of the entire dispersal, making it impossible to accomplish much of anything. The fact that their horses are always feral makes the situation very dangerous to handlers. This brings me to a dilemma: What do we want GERL’s role to be in these types of cases going forward? There is no clear answer at this time, but I suspect we’ll do what we always do... take each situation as they come and cross that bridge when we come to it!



They love their hay!



The 6 Amigos stick together like glue.

GERL's Annual Christmas Party

By Patty Livingston

The annual Christmas party which is held at my home in Bethlehem each year, was a great time! There was no rain, if you can believe that! We had a good crowd of folks and the best food on the planet at our disposal. Because it had rained all day the day before the party, we didn't have a bonfire, but that didn't seem to bother anybody.

It was nice to see old friends and catch up, as well as meet some new friends. There was a lot of laughing that went on, so I'm guessing that everybody was having a good time. We had a small group of folks that stayed until 11:00. We joked about how long it had been since any of us stayed out that late anymore. (Except the hostess). Sue Wrensen spent the night rather than drive back home that evening, which was a treat for me. We got up the next morning and



Buffalo Plaid Trio –
Donna Pieper, Mickey Farmer
and Sue Wrensen



Linda Kundell, Laura Whitt and Susie Bond.



Group Photo of the party guests.

enjoyed a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs and several cups of coffee. The perfect end to a great gathering! So, be sure to put this party on your calendar for next year and come join us! It's always the second Saturday of December! Merry Christmas!



Mac Little, Betty Sue Hearin,
Norma Weber, Brenda & Clay Smith



Norma Weber, Mac Little and Amy Cox

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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 your time.

**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING GERL
THROUGH THE
AMAZON SMILES PROGRAM.**

As of December 2019 GERL has received \$3,466.37. 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

Chicken Noodle Soup

- ✓ 1 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- ✓ 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ✓ 1 c. diced onion
- ✓ 2 carrots, diced
- ✓ 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into 1/2" pieces
- ✓ 2 celery stalks, diced
- ✓ kosher salt
- ✓ Freshly ground black pepper
- ✓ 32 oz. low-sodium chicken stock
- ✓ 1 c. egg noodles
- ✓ 1/4 c. chopped parsley



1. In a large pot over medium heat, heat oil. Add onions, celery, and carrots and cook until softened, 6 minutes. Add garlic and thyme and cook until fragrant, 1 minute more.
2. Move vegetables to one side of the pot and add chicken. Season with salt and pepper and cook

- until no pink remains, 6 to 8 minutes. Add stock and 1/2 cup of water and bring to a boil.
3. Add noodles and cook according to package instructions. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add parsley and serve immediately.

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 provided \$1,857 to assist individuals under our Crisis Intervention Program. The money went toward feed, hay and vet care while their owners overcome short term issues such as job loss or medical issues.
- GERL provided \$2,040 for vet care for horses at the various GDA facilities.
- GERL provided \$4,116 for feed and hay for the horses at the Lee Arrendale and Pulaski Prison facilities.
- GERL provided \$450 for the castration of 2 stallions for Hall County Animal Control.
- GERL provided \$3,135 for a metal carport and panels for a equine holding pen for Oconee County Animal Control.



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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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.
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**"Feed a Horse"
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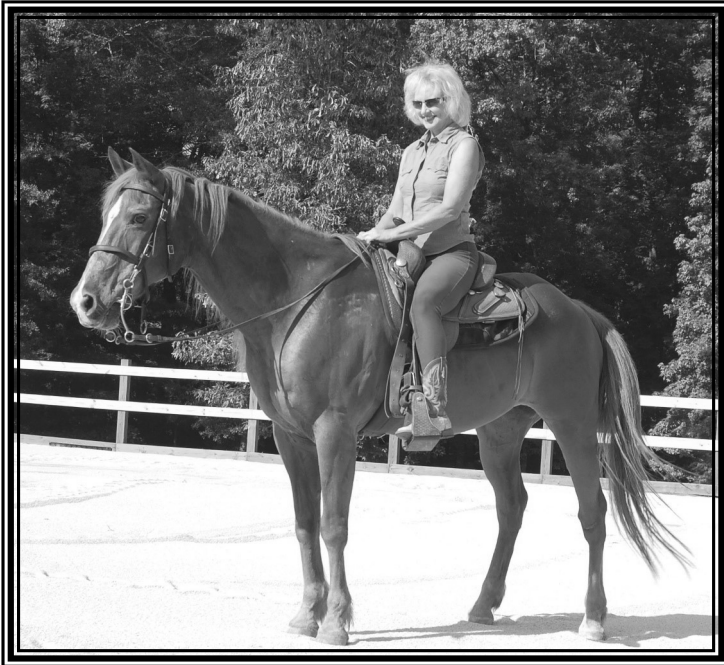


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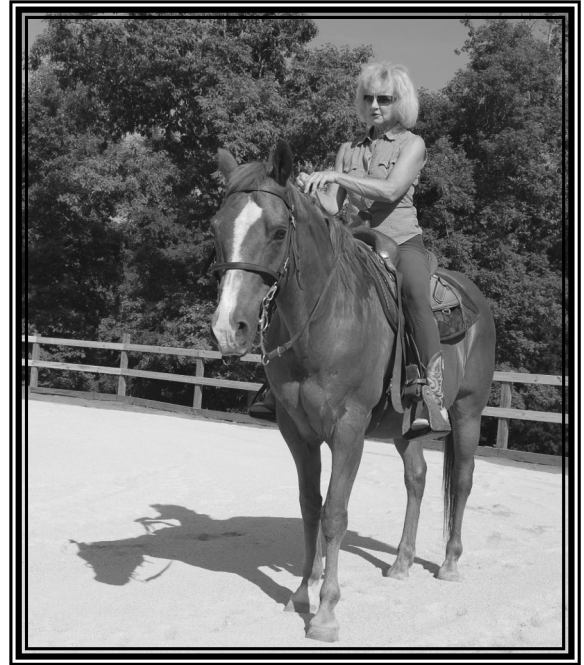
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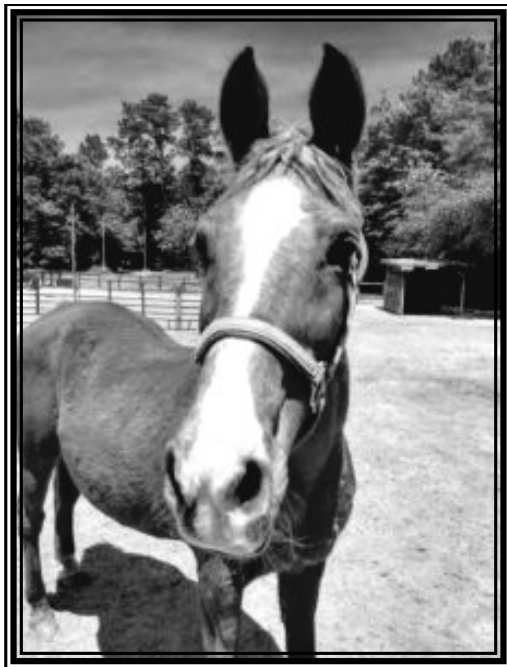
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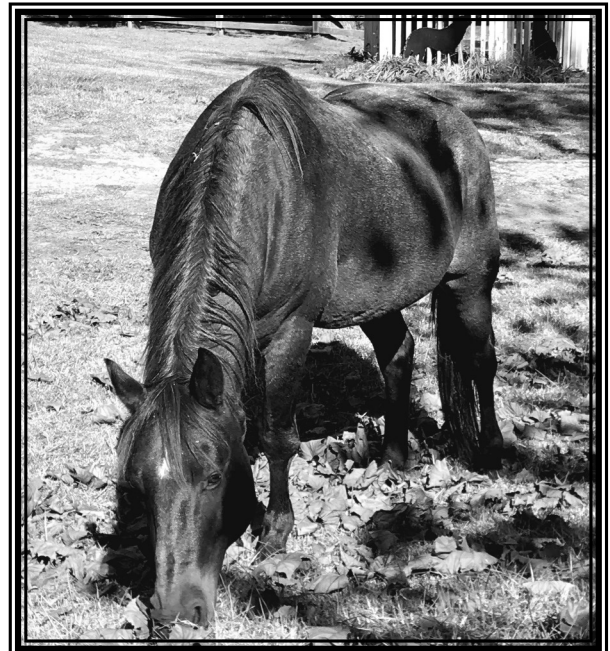
Ransom is a 15.1 hh 26 year old Sorrel QH Gelding. He gets along well with other horses and is very sweet. He has good ground manners, stands quietly for the farrier and the veterinarian. He does require a half Previcox for arthritis. Pasture pal only.



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 15.1hh 16 year old Blue Roan QH Gelding.. He has an old injury to his left front pastern that was never treated. For this reason he is being offered as a Pasture Pal only.. He is easy to handle and good for the farrier. This is the horse that everybody wants with their old mare or gelding.!

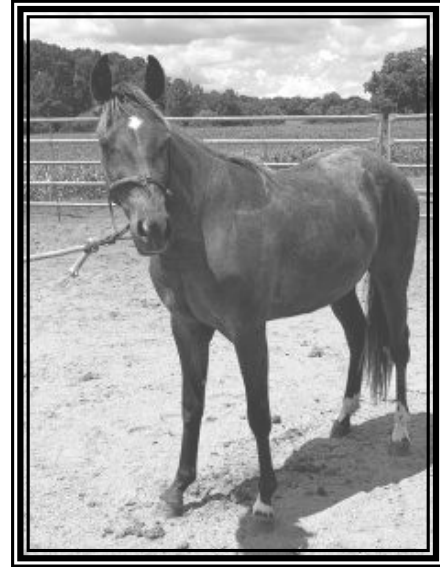
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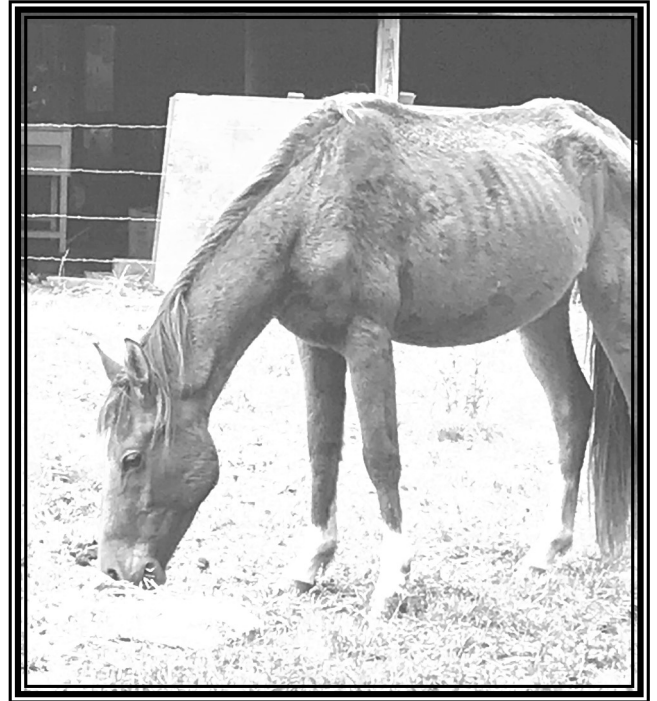
Kendall is a four year old, 13.1hh sorrel paint mare who won the 2019 Rescue Challenge. She was trained by Douglas Owens. She is quiet and smart.



Annie is a 13.2 hh 3-year-old brown registered Quarter Horse and she is super cute! . Annie won second place in the 2019 Rescue Challenge competition. She was trained by Tinker Moffitt. She is a very sweet girl and very willing partner.



Braveheart is one of the “Six Amigos” herd of feral horses that GERL brought into the foster program recently. He is approximately 13.3 hh, 4-year-old Bay Grade stallion. He has been totally rehabbed since this photo and is currently at a trainer’s to be halter broke. He will be gelded soon!



Sox is one of the “Six Amigos” herd of feral horses that GERL brought into the foster program. He is approximately 13.3 hh, 4-year-old Bay Grade stallion. He has been totally rehabbed since this photo and is currently at a trainer’s to be halter broke. He will be gelded soon!

Visit our website for up to date adoptable horses: <https://gerlltd.org>

GEORGIA EQUINE RESCUE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING



February 8, 2020
Winder Lion's Club
354 E. Broad Street, Winder, GA 30680



Annual
Blanket
Sale!!

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

AGENDA

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

- 10:00 - Volunteers Arrive and Set up
- 11:00 - Silent Auction Opens
- 12:00 - Potluck
- 12:30 - Introduction by President Patty Livingston
Announcements
- 12:45 - Guest speaker - To be Announced
- 1:15 - General Meeting—What GERL's doing for horses
- 1:45 - Volunteer recognition
 - Marty Paulk Cheerleader Award Winner
- 2:00 - Close Silent Auction
- 2:15 - Adjourn

JOIN US FOR POTLUCK!!

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GERL Calendar of Events - *Mark Your Calendars!*

February 8, 2020
GERL Annual Meeting
Winder Lion's Club
Winder, GA

April 25, 2020
Andee Rogers Memorial Poker Ride
Fausett Farm, Dawsonville, GA

Month of November
Stallion to Gelding Castration Month
Various clinics all over Georgia

December 12, 2020
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

As the year winds down, I find myself reflecting on all we've accomplished in 2019. It has been a busy year with two law enforcement training meetings, the annual Andee Rogers Memorial Poker Ride in the Spring and the Rescue Challenge in the Fall. We also placed a record number of horses in forever homes this year. I am pleased and grateful for all the wonderful volunteers and supporters that helped make all these things happen.

Several changes have recently occurred on the GERL Board of Directors and will be effective January 1, 2020. Our current Vice-President, Tamma Trump, who has given GERL 4 years of her life, has decided to follow a dream and move to Tennessee, along with her sister and brother-in-law. I want to thank Tamma from the bottom of my heart for the sacrifices that she has made by filling the lead position of the annual Rescue Challenge event for the 6 years it has existed. She has done a marvelous job of growing this event every year, making it better. Tamma has also been a wonderful confidant to me as Vice President and I will miss her! GERL wishes the best for Tamma as she starts a new chapter with her horses and family.

Cynthia Anderson, our current GERL Secretary, will take Tamma's place as Vice President. She also has taken over the responsibility of orchestrating the law enforcement training meetings that we host, annually. Cynthia recently retired from her job as Biology Professor and GERL has gained a gem! She also serves as an Area Coordinator for Baldwin and Putnam counties.

Cynthia's position as GERL Secretary will be filled by our long-time Auction Coordinator and Area Coordinator, Sue Wrensen. Sue recently retired from her full-time job as a teacher in Cherokee county and we are very grateful that she has agreed to step in and fill this important position for GERL.

CeCe Calli has graciously agreed to take the Lead on the Rescue Challenge. She has her work cut out for her since we'll be moving the event to a new venue in 2021. In addition, CeCe will continue to hold the positions as Foster and Adoption Coordinator as she has

done for many years, as well as serving as the Area Coordinator for Hart, Franklin and Elbert counties.

Jacki Moore recently volunteered to be our Flea Market Coordinator. I'm pinching myself because I don't have to handle this job, anymore! Jacki likes to clean tack and what a difference she has made to our ability to move the used tack that is donated to GERL. Thank you, Jacki!

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

Of course, I have already started thinking about our goals for 2020. I see a shift coming in the amount of support that we've been providing to the Georgia Department of Agriculture Equine Division. I believe in the future we are going to be lending more support to law enforcement and county animal control agencies in lieu of the GDA. The reason for this is because the GDA is picking up fewer horses, which is forcing the counties to take a more active role in equine abuse and neglect.

We furnished two equine holding facilities this year at the cost of approximately \$3,000 each. The shelters typically consist of a metal carport and panels. We currently have two additional counties that have called to inquire about a shelter for their facility. As a matter of fact, GERL has furnished more shelters and had more inquiries about shelters in the last two years than the past 9 years that we have offered them. And, let me say this about that, GERL is happy to provide these shelters if the counties are willing to prosecute the neglectors and abusers. 2020 is going to be full of changes. Hang on for the ride!



A Note from the Secretary's Desk

by Cynthia Anderson



It has been another very busy year for the Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd (GERL). We have had many great successes in 2019. We started off the year with the rescue of 5 horses from what was a very bad situation. With a lot of hard work from one of our area coordinators, Gloria Bell, and many other concerned animal heroes, all the horses were placed in forever homes. GERL picked up the tab for feed, hay and vet care, including 2 castrations.

In February we held the GERL Annual Meeting at the Winder Lion's Club. Tamma Trump was named recipient of the Marty Paulk Cheerleader award. God knows she deserved it. She has worked so hard with the Rescue Challenge and other aspects of GERL. For those of you that may be unaware, Tamma is relocating to Tennessee at the end of this year. She will be missed by all of us that know and love her.

In April GERL Kicked off its own Help a Horse Campaign. This turned out to be one of the most successful events of the year; Not in a financial sense but finding forever homes for 15 horses' type of success. Several GERL volunteers worked very hard to write stories, take pictures, videos, and promote these horses that had been in the Department of Agriculture's impound barns far too long.

Also in April, we held the Andee Rogers Memorial Poker Ride at Faucett Farms in Dawsonville, Ga. It was an outstanding success. Thanks to Amy Cox and her group of volunteers who worked hard to pull this event together each year. It was a beautiful day to ride, play games, and have a good time. The food and camaraderie at the event were awesome.

In June of this year we were asked by Jones and Oconee counties to assist them with the purchase of shelters and fencing for their new equine holding pens they wanted to add to their Animal Control facilities. GERL is happy to help any county law enforcement entity that is willing to prosecute animal neglect and cruelty and has been offering this support to law en-

forcement for the past 10 years.

In July GERL held a very successful Equine Training for Law Enforcement and Animal Control in La-Grange. This is a very important program that is hosted twice a year by GERL. These programs provide hands on training with equine, instruction on how identify cruelty and neglect, how to investigate a case, and what the prosecutor is looking for in able to successfully prosecute an animal cruelty case.

In early October we held the 6th annual GERL Rescue Challenge. We had a great turn out. All the trainers, horses, and judges were excellent. Medieval Times was our entertainment and they "wowed" everybody! Thanks, again, to Tamma Trump and all the volunteers who work hard to make this event happen.

In November GERL held our second Equine training for law enforcement and animal control officers in Marietta (Cobb County). We had an excellent turnout. The interest of law enforcement is increasing all the time.

In December we celebrated the annual GERL Christmas party at GERL President, Patty Livingston's house in Bethlehem. This party is always well-attended and a great time.

I can't wait to see what next year holds for GERL!

"The highest reward for your working is not what you get for it, but what you become by it."

By Sidney Harris

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Gypsy Rose Update



Remember Gypsy Rose? She is a one-eyed mare that was in our 2016 Rescue Challenge event. She was later adopted by Lauren Norman who has trained her for Hippotherapy. Awesome job, Lauren!



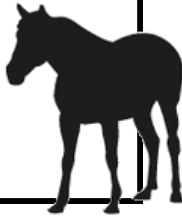
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Update on PL Charger

Last year, GERL ran a story on a horse named PL Charger. (The PL stood for Pulaski.) In 2012, he was picked up by the GDA and taken to the Pulaski Women's Prison impound in Hawkinsville, GA. He was later sold at an auction at the Mansfield impound. Unfortunately, Charger ended up in a bad situation after exchanging hands a couple of times. He was later rescued by Janis Londraville, who lives out of State. Janis keeps in touch to let us know how he is doing. She recently sent an update to let us know that she is writing a book about PL Charger which will be in print by March. According to Janis, one chapter is "Charger Goes to Prison," with the first words from him in the chapter being "I loved Prison!" The chapter itself consists of some excerpts from articles about the Pulaski program, ranging from 2012 -2019. Charger is living the life of Riley now!

He thinks he's in heaven now at our farm.

Here are a few draft pictures (screen shots) of the cover and the beginning of the book. The spine text won't be in proper position until the ms is uploaded.

And the foreword by Charger and the photo of his little friend are in a Word document so will have some adjustment. The book will be 8.5 by 8.5.



PL Charger and his boy.

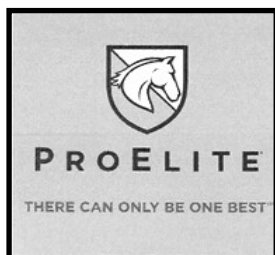


Cargill Announces new Ultra Premium Line of Horse Feeds

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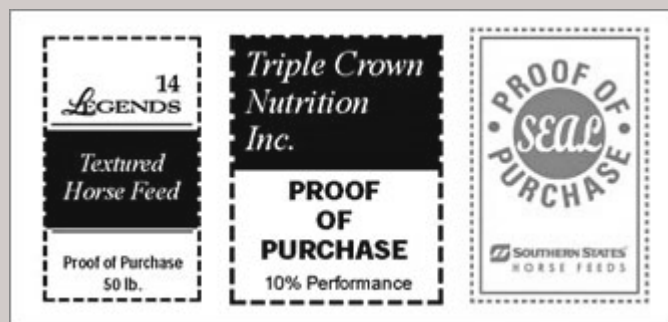
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In April, 2018 GERL received \$787.50 from our Proof of Purchase Program. Please keep those POP's coming!

GERL Donates Pair of Controlled Feeders to Sunkissed Acres Equine Rescue

By Patty Livingston

GERL received over 150 of the Controlled Feeders approximately 2 years ago and up until recently, several of us had lost access to our barns, outbuildings and garages where they were stored. It was time for them to go! We lowered the price and they started flying out the door. We decided to call a couple of other horse rescues to see if they might have a use for a couple of the feeders. They are especially good for older horses or horses that gulp their food. Lori Younce, owner of Sunkissed Acres Equine Rescue, located in the Summerville area of North Georgia, gladly accepted two for her facility. It is nice to see the feeders go to good folks who can use them! Just paying it forward!

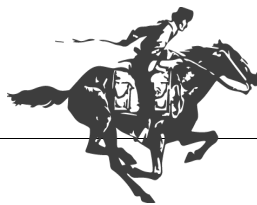


Lori Younce, owner of Sunkissed Acres, received 2 of the feeders from GERL.

Hearth Designs Donates to GERL

Molly Aggar of Hearth Designs is donating the proceeds from the sale of these very cool granite horses to GERL. They make excellent gifts and are very unique. Judging from the checks that GERL has received from Hearth Designs, sales are doing very well.

Big thanks to Molly and all of the folks at Hearth Designs who are really making a difference!



GERL Mail Bag

Dear GERL:

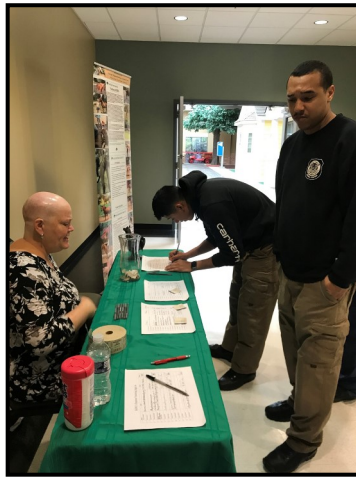
Just wanted to thank ya'll for sponsoring the Stallion to Gelding Program offering castrations at an affordable price. We've taken in unwanted/homeless horses/ponies and this program helps with the expenses being poured out on these fellas!! Thank You for actively doing something positive for the overpopulation problem. I just wish the dog/cat world would do the same on a regular basis. Thank You and Barnesville Animal Clinic for doing a great job!!

Robin Brown

GERL Hosts the Equine Training for Law Enforcement and Animal Control in Cobb County

By Cynthia Anderson GERL Secretary

The Georgia Equine Rescue League Ltd. (GERL) hosted the second successful Equine Training for Law Enforcement and Animal Control for the year in Cobb County on November 25th 2019. Over 67 Law enforcement and Animal Control officers were in attendance along with a student from the University of Kentucky's Equine Management Program.



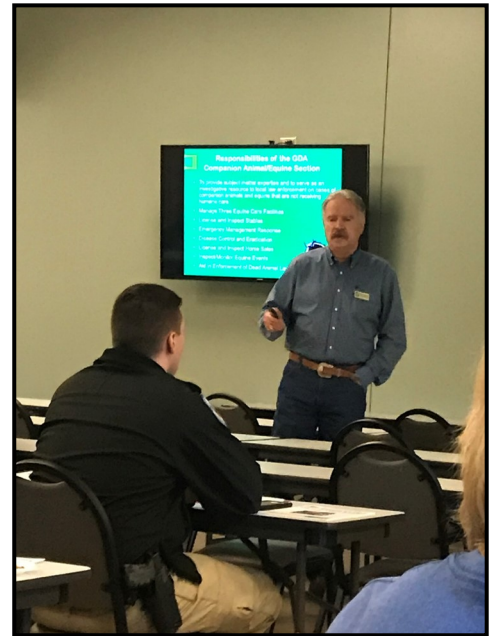
GERL is ecstatic to see these officers taking advantage of this unique training opportunity. We are also very happy to see that some of the Equine programs at major Universities are starting to take notice of what we do. This is the second time we have had a student ask to attend. So, what exactly is this training, who are our experts, why it is so important, and what do we hope to accomplish.

GERL is the only organization to offer this unique training opportunity for law enforcement and Animal Control. Well, what makes it unique? We offer this training at no cost to the Law enforcement officers and Animal control officers. Every year law enforcement officers are required to have professional development. GERL's training provides Law enforcement with 5 hours POST credit. This may be one of the only free professional development opportunities provided by any organization in the state of Georgia.

We start by introducing GERL and explain what services we can provide to the counties in Georgia. We provide training to help them when they are dealing with a case of equine at large, or dealing with a neglect or cruelty case. What we ask in return for our help is that the counties prosecute the offenders.

We are able to provide this training because of the like-minded volunteers that are dedicated to help solve the problem of the unwanted horse, abuse and neglect in Georgia. The following are our expert presenters:

Mat Thompson from the Department of Agriculture (GDA), is the first to present. Mat Thompson manages the GDA Equine Health Section which is responsible for enforcing the Humane Care for Equines Act of 1992, 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, licensing stables, and events under his direction. Mat Thompson provides information on Georgia Equine Protection Laws and explains what constitutes equine abuse. He teaches attendees how to body score horses. He then takes the officers outside to demonstrate safe horse handling techniques. This includes how body language affects the horse, where to stand to avoid injury, how to catch, halter, lead, and load. The officers then have the opportunity to practice what they have learned on a horse provided by the GDA.



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By Cynthia Anderson GERL Secretary

Next up is Kevin Hearst -he Retired from the position of Field Supervisor/Chief Cruelty Investigator for Dekalb County Animal Services. Kevin has been a member of the 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 recognized as one of the leaders in education for humane investigators. Kevin is asked to and does delivered many presentations for conferences throughout the nation. 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 is an expert witness in animal cruelty cases due to his extensive knowledge, training, and experience in animal cruelty/equine, dangerous animal and blood sports investigations. Kevin's presentations are entertaining as well as informative. He concentrates on the proper way to carry out and document animal abuse cases. He always provides humorous accounts of his personal mistakes and successes. He has the attendees participate in group case studies of actual cruelty case. This provides the officers with a chance to look at evidence and discuss the actual aspects of the case while he provides positive feedback. He provides instruction on how to present a prosecutable case to the district attorney, how to testify, how to become an expert witness. This information is invaluable to the training of law enforcement and animal control,



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Last presenter is Jessica Rock-Assistant District Attorney, Statewide Animal Crimes Prosecution and Training Attorney. Jessica provides detailed information concerning what she, or any prosecuting attorney needs in order to successfully prepare a case which would insure a conviction. She reiterates the Importance of proper investigation and presentation. After all the goal of all involved is to be able to help reduce the neglected and abused equine in Georgia. It takes a lot time, effort, and money to issue and execute a warrant, prepare a case. All the data support the link between animal cruelty and neglect and criminal activity. It is truly a shame to lose a case or have it dismissed due to lack of evidence.

Over the past couple of year we are seeing marked increase of the number of law enforcement and animal control officers in attendance. I am sure this is due to the invaluable information and training provided by our team of experts. Without proper training and information, teamwork, and support we will not be successful in helping to reduce the number of neglected and abused equine in Georgia. These law enforcement training class are essential in getting everyone on the same page.

This program is so important to everyone involved that everyone participates on a purely volunteer base. Without the generous donation of these Equine/Animal heroes' time and expertise this very unique and successful program would not be possible.

What we want to see happen is an increase in the prosecution of equine/animal neglect and cruelty. The state, county law enforcement, city law enforcement, and rescue organizations work together safely to make this happen. We can make a difference!

In this season of giving please consider supporting some our programs with a tax deductible donation to Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. Or come out and volunteer with some our events.



GERL Goes to School

By CeCe Calli

GERL was asked to participate in the North Hart Elementary School Agriculture Day. Since I live in Hartwell, I agreed to set up a booth, along with a lot of other people who would also be there. I set up a couple of the GERL banners that showed before and after photos of some of the horses that we've helped over the years. I also had GERL newsletters to pass out.

The day started at 8:00; a horn blew and what seemed like 10,000 kids came out of their classrooms to go through the 20 or so booths, tractors, combines and even a cow. I was in total fear, as one class at a time came to sit and listen to me talk. I love kids. I love their minds, their curiousness, silly questions and their interest. It was an enjoyable experience.



Hartwell is a small rural town and these kids had

it going on. Thank you North Hart for giving me the opportunity to learn more from these kids than I could ever teach them, but next year I'm bringing a horse or two!



GERL Volunteer of the Quarter

By Patty Livingston

Selection of the GERL Volunteer of the Quarter is always a big surprise to the chosen recipient. They don't know of our choice until they receive their newsletter in the mail.

The Volunteer of this Quarter is our GERL Secretary, Cynthia Anderson. I feel certain that she has received this award sometime in the past, but she continues to be the cream that rises to the top in so many aspects of GERL duties, it would be difficult to overlook her. She recently retired from her teaching job at Milledgeville Military College and immediately shifted her time and energies to GERL. Cynthia took over the job of running our multi-county law enforcement training meetings this year and she handled it all from restructuring the training manual that we hand out to all law enforcement attendees, as well as presenting the GERL Powerpoint presentation at these meetings. We held two meetings this year: the first one was in LaGrange and the most recent one in Cobb County, so a lot of leg work had to be done to get all the officers to the meeting. She sent out all the invitations, as well as the follow-up to ensure that

we had a full class.

What is so amazing about all the things that she continues to do for GERL is that she is currently battling cancer and going for chemo treatments weekly. She is truly an amazing woman. GERL recently made a road trip to pick up 6 feral horses and there was Cynthia with her truck and trailer, right in the middle of the action! I treasure her friendship over the years that I've known her. She is truly a force to reckon with and I am so very grateful that she is on the GERL Team! Thank you, Cynthia Anderson! You're the BOMB!



GERL's 9th Annual Stallion to Gelding Castration Days a Success

By Patty Livingston

The Unwanted Horse Coalition's (UHC) recent Study on Contributing Factors Surrounding the Unwanted Horse Issue is the first of its kind to assess the causes and magnitude of the unwanted horse population in the United States.

Results indicate that the problem of unwanted horses is perceived to be growing on many fronts. More than 90% of participants believe the number of unwanted horses, as well as those neglected and abused, is increasing. Almost all participants (87%) indicate that in the past year, the issue of unwanted horses has become "a big problem," compared with only 22% who said the problem was important three years ago. Respondents also report that the number of horses being euthanized is increasing.

In 2010 GERL formed a partnership with area equine veterinarians. Not only to provide low cost castration clinics, but to educate the public on the problems of over-breeding. The second Sat of November was established as Stallions to Geldings Day and veterinarians throughout the state would volunteer their time, staff and expertise to host clinics where horses could be castrated for only \$100.00. GERL would pay \$50.00 and the horses' owner would be responsible for the remaining \$50.00. Usual cost for a castration is from \$200.00/\$500.00.

Over the past couple years, it has become difficult for many of our veterinarians to hold their clinics on a designated day and have chosen a different date and in some cases a week or even a month to host their clinics for the \$100.00 fee.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the thirteen veterinarians that have so generously given of their time, expertise and staff to make our 2019 Stallion to Gelding Month a huge success. To date we have 80 less stallions in Georgia. That brings our total number of horses castrated through our programs to 1,106 stallions since 2010! There are a couple of veterinarians that have not completed their castrations for 2019 so we expect this total to increase.

If any of these fine doctors happen to be your veteri-

narian, please give them a big GERL welcome and let them know how much you appreciate them and what they're doing to help with the problems of the unwanted horse.

- ♦ Amicalola Veterinary Services – Ava K. Griner Talmage, DVM
- ♦ Barnesville Animal Clinic – Mark Korb, DVM
- ♦ Barrow Veterinary Service – Robin Barrow, DVM
- ♦ Budget Vet – Lois Lassiter, DVM
- ♦ Countryside Veterinary Service – Dan Carter, DVM
- ♦ Fulton Equine – Melissa Fulton, DVM
- ♦ King Equine Services – Logan King, DVM
- ♦ Maggie's Menagerie – Eric Sjoberg, DVM
- ♦ New South Equine Medicine – Ross Kittrell, DVM
- ♦ Piedmont Equine Associates – Daniel Pike, DVM and John Elliott, DVM
- ♦ Royston Animal Hospital – Wanda Thompson, DVM
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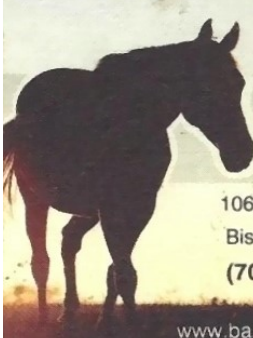
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