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GERL Goes To Ranger Camp

By Patty Livingston



The Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL) partnered up with Equine Immersion Project (EIP), based out of New Hampshire and whose mission is to support service members and families utilizing the healing power of the horse. The two-day workshop was held at the Army Ranger Camp Merrill in Dahlenega, Georgia following a recent weather-related accident that claimed the lives of two Ranger medics.

My friend, Amy Cox, and I trailered our horses to Camp Merrill to join up with seven other horses that were furnished by Beyond Limits and Rails N Trails. Home Base was another sponsor of this event, along with OnPoint 1-1.

We were located on their air strip which was a huge oval paved runway with lots of grassy areas in the middle and sides.

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They started out the day with each medic selecting a horse and learning how to groom, then, moving on to leading. There were 10 horses and 10 medics on day one and they progressed by leading their horse through a small obstacle course.

We broke for lunch which was delivered out on the airstrip. It was a good opportunity to get to know one another better and answer questions about the horses. As soon as lunch was over, everyone was asked to switch horses. They couldn't believe it when they were asked to ride bareback. We acted as spotters and walkers while this was accomplished. Every one of them tackled this task easily.

We finished the day with a short trail ride into the woods. Everyone enjoyed spending time with the horses, and they thanked us several times. I think the trail ride was everyone's favorite.



One of the medics leads a horse through the obstacle course.

At the end of the day, Amy and I had to figure out where we were going to stash our horses for the night. (We were staying in a cabin nearby with all of the folks from EIP.) She came up with the idea of taking them to the R Ranch, which was about twenty minutes away. She called and found out that the stable manager at the R Ranch was a retired Army Ranger. He was about to leave for the night but said he would wait for us. When we arrived, he had 3 stalls waiting with hay and water. Big thanks to Herbert Kirkover at the R Ranch for helping us out on such short notice..



A medic being led bareback. Check out the smile!



Another medic ready for the trail ride.

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Group photo of Sponsors and EIP personnel.



It was a picture perfect day for everyone.

The next morning, we got up early, drove to the R Ranch to pick up our horses and arrived back at the Ranger airstrip where we repeated the itinerary for 4 senior medics and a retired ranger. At the end of the day, we were all treated to a cookout at the camp bar.

GERL was able to help out financially by paying for the cost of the other 7 horses that were utilized by the

Ranger medics for the two-day workshop. We are also currently discussing a future collaboration with EIP to create "continuity of care" that would enable our military (and their families) to attend these types of workshops wherever needed.

It was a gratifying two days and I was so glad that Amy and I were able to be a part of it!



The medics really enjoyed the horses.



Waiting for instructions.

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Wes, a Ranger Veteran getting ready for a trail ride.



We took a break for lunch, served out on the airstrip.



Another medics leads a horse through the obstacle course.

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We were all treated to a cookout that was held in the bar & grill located on the base.



Enjoying the camaraderie out on the deck.



Amy Cox & one of the Ranger event sponsors.



Cindy and Cherokee a story about the wife of a veteran, horses, loss, and never giving up.

Authors: Errica 'Sunshine' Spear and Stephanie 'Karma' Cirasa, CVMA® Aux/Spouses.

Over ten years ago Cindy, a veteran's wife, owned a brown and white horse named Cherokee. Cindy has spent her life either working on a large horse and cattle operation or caring for people. Her home is behind and was once the property Waypoint "River" Ranch occupies today.

Our neighbors Cindy and her husband Dave, an 82nd Airborne Vietnam veteran, started helping us build the new location 'veterans ranch' by bringing meals and knowledge of the area. It is true, military families look out for each other, giving support to those in need and living by the idea that Vets Help Vets. Stephanie and the team felt that Cindy should get a chance to have horses in her life again. As a military spouse you cannot always make forever connections because there are so many changes and one of Cindy's losses was her horse Cherokee whom she loved and had to sell over 10 years ago.

The ranch was able to make space for Cindy to have a new horse and help them both. Cindy began to search for her next horse and was drawn to a horse who reminded her of Cherokee standing in a pasture not very far away. When she arrived, there was no question that she was going to buy this horse and nothing was going to stop her because not only did the horse remind her of Cherokee, the horse was her beloved Cherokee. Cherokee jumped right in the WPR trailer and headed to her new home. Against all odds and father time Cindy was reunited with her horse again.

Cherokee is a paint horse, and her markings are unique and never changing. Her hab-

its of raising her leg while eating and giving neck hugs remain. Cherokee is currently in rehabilitation from years of neglect, founder, and lack of veterinary care. But clearly, they remembered each other, sharing neck hugs and butt scratches. Cherokee is now a happy horse who is working with her veteran family and other families that visit the ranch. She has found new friends within the herd and is enjoying the freedom and safety the herd provides. Cindy is spending every day with her horse and learning about the life of a therapy horse and how that work helps veteran families while helping all the horses that live out their lives at the ranch.

The 'River' Ranch is the second location for Waypoint Ranch's Peace at Home Project for Georgia military families. It's located in Meriwether County in a remote area yet close to Ft. Benning and Warner Robbins. A place where combat veterans and their families can be immersed in the art of old school horsemanship among a free roaming herd of rescued and sanctuary horses on 100 remote acres beside the Flint River.



Cindy and Cherokee reunited after 10 years



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The Ranch recently held its first combat couple's re-connection retreat. A three-day opportunity for three combat veteran couples from the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association®. The Ranch provided them with an immersion style retreat. During retreats we, as a team, have the opportunity to gather around the fire, share meals and heal, surrounded by horses and the protective ridge and the river. Together we all participate in and provide therapies that work. Therapies that include horses, horsemanship, trauma focused equine therapy (TF-EAP), accelerated resolution therapy (ART), adaptive yoga, and functional medicine with chiropractic. We are a team of veterans, spouses, doctors and therapists - always focused on real help by veterans for veterans. Connection to the land, water, and animals are good for the soul and help to heal connections with loved ones. We are honored to serve and collaborate within the community.

No one wants peace at home more than the military

spouse.

To get involved, donate or collaborate please email info@peaceathomeproject.org



Cherokee loves butt scratches!

Update on Flynn

By Patty Livingston



It has been one year since Flynn was adopted by Katherine Kavanaugh. She says that Flynn is a good listener and she always comes running when she calls her from across the pasture. "This year has been an incredible personal journey getting to know each other."

Happy Trails to Flynn and Katherine as they continue their life together!

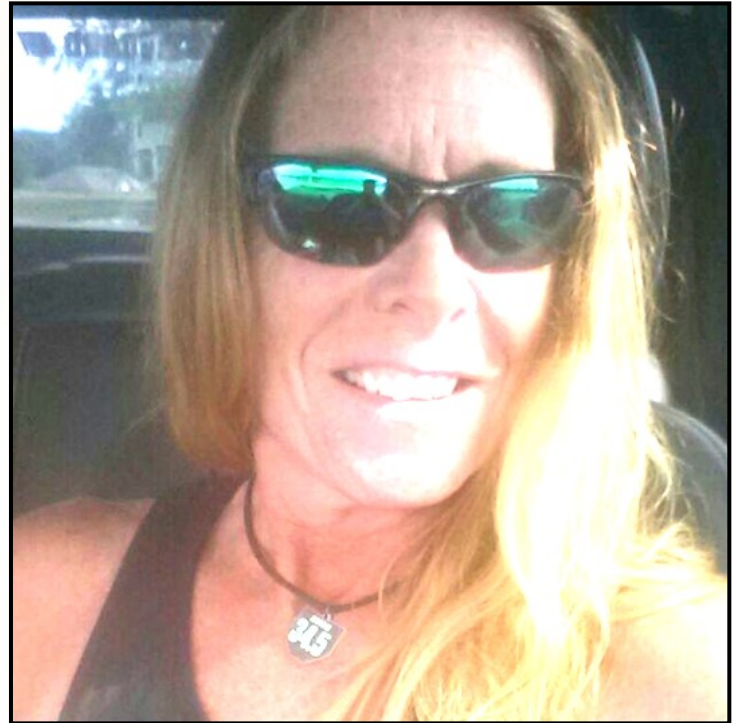
Spotlight on Our Area Coordinators

Lori King

My name is Lori. My life started with horses when I was 5 years old. My mother and father passed away when I was 3 and 4 and I was the youngest of eight children. My grandparents took in five of the eight. They had a 10-acre farm with chickens, cows, pig, and a big garden.... My oldest sister got a retired circus horse, and I was hooked. I begged my grandpa for a year for a pony. I wasn't the smartest kid in school, so of course, I had to do summer school. One day when I came home, I was walking up the driveway when all of a sudden, I saw little hoof prints. I started running as I followed the prints all the way back to the barn. As I rounded the corner for the entrance, a little black head popped out of the first stall door. There he was...my beautiful black pony. I opened the stall door, went in and started to pet and meet my new pony. My grandpa ran in yelling get out of the stall, get out... he grabbed me pulled me out and was like what are you doing in there with that stud pony. He almost killed me trying to get him in there. I was like he's fine I want to go in... my grandpa said no!! Not till he gets gelded.

There were many, many great experiences with my boy, Little Bit. He helped me through my rough childhood. As an adult I got back into horses, and I loved it. I loved training cross country, show jumping, and I

even learned to love dressage... I have missed horses in my life. I am looking forward to the wonderful smells and sounds of horses in my life again. I can't wait for a nice long trail ride.



GYPSY Goes To Her New Foster Home

By Patty Livingston



I was delighted when I met Paul Frevele and he mentioned that he was looking for a pasture pal for his horse that he had recently brought home from a boarding barn, after several years. I told him about Gypsy, who was almost impossible to catch and halter. Paul was not deterred by that and a few weeks later I was delivering Gypsy to Paul's house. Thanks, Paul!

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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 (770) 867-0760 if you can spare a little of your time.



For updated Area Coordinators:
<https://gerlltd.org/area-coordinators/>

We'd Like To Hear From You!

Do you know any special kids who deserve a shout out for their good works? Contact us. We would like to feature them in an upcoming newsletter!
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PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING GERL THROUGH THE AMAZON SMILES PROGRAM.

As of September 2022 GERL has received \$7,774.39 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

Ingredients

- 3 large chicken breasts, boneless, skinless, and cut into cutlets
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 teaspoon chili flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme
- 1/3 cup sundried tomatoes, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil leaves, optional, chopped, for garnish
- pasta, optional, for serving
- rice, optional, for serving



Recipe: Marry Me Chicken

Directions

- Step 1:** Season the chicken generously with salt and pepper.
- Step 2:** Submerge in flour and shake off any excess.
- Step 3:** Heat the olive oil and melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat on the stove-top.
- Step 4:** Add the chicken to the skillet, cooking until you have a golden brown color on each side, about 4-5 minutes per side.
- Step 5:** Remove the chicken to a plate and cover with foil.
- Step 6:** Add the garlic to the same skillet and sauté until fragrant, about 1 minute.
- Step 7:** Add the chicken stock, scraping any brown bits that got stuck to the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon.
- Step 8:** Reduce the heat to medium-low and add the heavy cream and the parmesan to the skillet.
- Step 9:** Allow the sauce to simmer for a few minutes.
- Step 10:** Add the chili flakes, thyme, and oregano. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.
- Step 11:** Add the sundried tomatoes.
- Step 12:** Return the chicken to the skillet with the sauce and simmer until the sauce has thickened, about 3 minutes.
- Step 13:** Garnish with chopped basil and serve over pasta or rice!

Update from the Calvin Center

By Sara Reams

Because you are our partner in working with veterans, I think you might be interested in how Calvin Center Horses & Warriors spent our summer. We were not idle! Because our horses are used in summer camp for kids, and then they are on a well-deserved rest, we didn't meet at the barn during the summer. But, knowing how important relationships, social interaction, and camaraderie are to a veterans group, we continued to meet for weekly breakfasts. We chose a Burger King in Newnan, Truett's Grill in McDonough, and Chik-fil-A south in Fayetteville, so we would be easily accessible to most of our group. We did have one man who drove from Alabama a couple of times, and a new rider who came from near Dublin.

Getting together in this way had several real benefits. We were able to meet new volunteers and riders, and bring them into the group before we began back at the barn. And we all had time to get to know each other better, as we sat over coffee and biscuits. We wore our red Horses & Warriors t-shirts, so we raised visibility about our program - always a good thing. The veterans were affirmed each week by others who stopped by the tables to say "thank you for your service." One group even had all their breakfasts paid for by another customer! The restaurant hosts were always helpful, setting aside the "regular" tables for our group each week. And, we certainly did appreciate being in air-conditioning during those hot Fridays!

One Friday we were honored to have a special friend join us. He is a remarkable 102 yr old veteran of WWII. He's been with us before, and it's always such a joy to visit with him.

In addition to our weekly breakfasts, we also made a

field trip to the Atlanta Police Mounted Patrol stables. This is our second time to visit them, and I highly recommend it to all! They welcome visitors; and they are so generous in sharing their love of the work they do, and their amazing equine officers. All their horses are gorgeous, well-loved and respected.

As summer came to a close, we had our annual family barbecue at the barn. This was a time to show off our property with its repaired roofs, drainage, and lighting. Thank you, GERL! Everyone was so impressed!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the veterans who continued their volunteer work for the Calvin Center during the summer. Grass still needed to be cut, fences still needed to be mended, horses still needed to be tended, and all that you know so well.

So, we're all now back at the barn. We have our riders, groundwork groups, and a Quilt of Valor presentation in the next few weeks. It's a joy to be back at work; but I think we all enjoyed our time together in other ways. Horses provide the healing; but relationships are the foundation that supports that healing. Our foundation is strong.

Sara

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What are you staring at?
Is there something in my teeth?
WHAT IS IT?!!!



Join our Feed A Horse Program



Donations will be applied directly towards feed and hay for horses located in the Veteran facilities that GERL supports, as well as the horses taken into GERL's foster program. Currently, the cost for rehabilitating a horse is approximately \$150 per month, per horse.

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

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



Itty Bitty Before



Itty Bitty After



I would like to make a donation of:

- \$150.00 per month for 4 months to rehabilitate one horse.
- \$600.00 one time donation to rehabilitate one horse.
- \$ _____ per month to help rehabilitate the horses.
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...or donate on our website @ <https://gerlltd.org>

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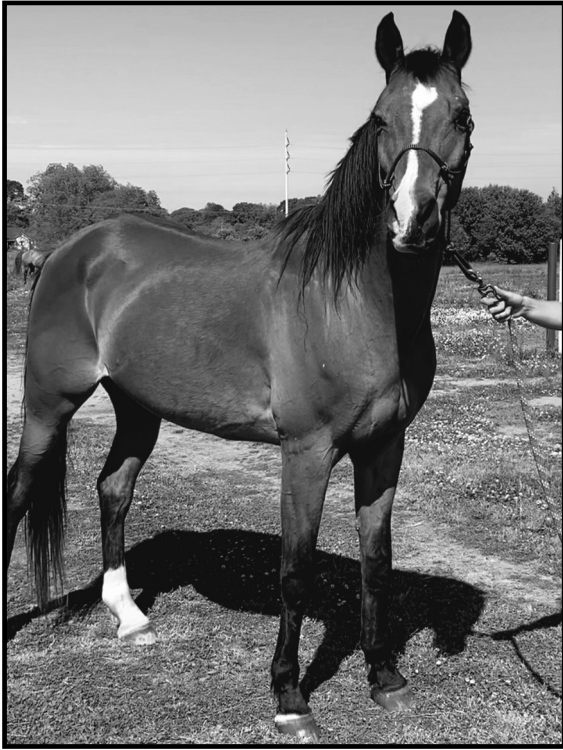
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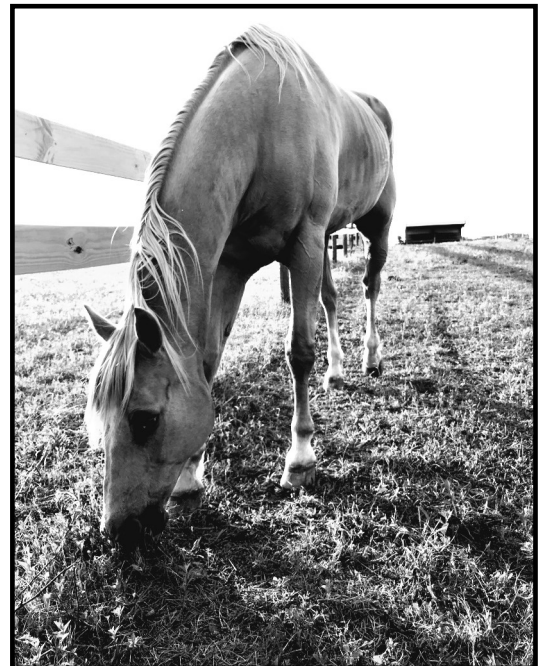
Sultan is a 25 year old Bay Arabian gelding. He is a former show horse that has done his time. Sultan is being offered as a pasture pal. He is a beautiful boy and would look good in any pasture! He has great ground manners is loves attention.



Luna is a 3 year old Gray Arabian filly. She has just spent 2 months with a trainer. Luna needs someone who is willing to go slowly with her training from here. We suspect that she was abused at some point in her life.



Gypsy is a 22 year old Mustang mare. She is 13.1 hh and is very shy. She is slow to trust humans, and it is obvious that she has not been handled a lot. We are offering Gypsy as a pasture pal. She is very sweet.



Cisco is a 25 year old Palomino QH gelding. He was one of Mickey Farmer's horses. Cisco is retired and being offered as a pasture pal. He is very sweet, not aggressive to other horses and very pretty to look at! Cisco has a lot of personality, too!.

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Coco is a 31 year old Sorrel QH mare. She is being offered as a pasture pal. CoCoe is very sweet. Maybe someone has a pasture where CoCo could live out the rest of her days?



Captain is a 20+ year old Sorrel TWH gelding. He is being offered as a pasture pal. Captain is the boss of the pasture! He currently shares a pasture with Coco.

Where Does the Money Go?

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

- GERL spent \$1,460 on vet care for our foster horses.
- GERL spent \$587.44 on feed for our foster horses.
- GERL spent \$703 for feed for the horses located at Warriors Ranch in Dublin.
- GERL spent \$2,754 on feed for Calvin Center Horses & Warriors.
- GERL spent \$800 helping individuals feed their horses via our Crisis Intervention program.
- GERL spent \$1,850 on horse rental for the Ranger Medics retreat in Dahlenega
- GERL SPENT A TOTAL OF \$8,154.44 THIS QUARTER DIRECTLY HELPING HORSES.



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My cousin Rebecca Gimenez for rescue mare in Baldwin County rehab by Abigail Kimball, Pittsburgh, PA



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GERL Dollars at work in Baldwin County

By Cynthia Anderson

Animal Control in Baldwin County Georgia is stepping up to the plate when it comes to enforcing animal cruelty and neglect. Officer Summer Bilbey is on a mission to make life better for all the animals in Baldwin County.

On October 6, 2021, Rebecca Husted suggested that Summer reach out to Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL) to see if we could take in a draft horse and a donkey that were the subject of an animal cruelty case. The problem for Baldwin County was animal control had no facility for horses or other large animals.

Until recently Baldwin county has not picked up large animals. Instead they relied on the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) to handle any reported problem. In 2020, the GDA stopped picking up equine, instead handing over the responsibility to local law enforcement. This has strained many county animal control budgets. They do not have the funding to build shelters for large animals. Just a few weeks later on October 25, 2021, they had another case. (This time there were three horses. Once again, no where to put them.) They reached out to GERL for help.

GERL agreed to purchase a shelter for animal control. Now Baldwin County Animal Control has the facilities to house large animals. They recently picked up another horse that is now enjoying the shelter.

Because Baldwin County Animal Control is prosecuting these offenders, GERL is helping with a vet check and a Coggins for this horse. Soon this girl will be up for adoption by Baldwin County. Due to the neglect and abuse this horse has endured she is not rideable. She is sweet and will make a great companion horse for someone.

It is just such a wonderful feeling knowing that GERL really is making a difference in the lives of abused and neglected horses in Georgia.



Baldwin Co. Animal Control impounded horse with Cynthia and Summer under their new shelter.



"This is where our trails divide, Luke. You have my E-mail address, right?"

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November 2022**

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November is Stallion to Gelding Month in Georgia

By Marian Finco

The Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL) created a state-wide castration program in January of 2010 called the Stallion to Gelding Castration Program in compliance with their goal of reducing the number of starved, abused and neglected horses in the state.

At this time GERL was able to form partnerships with veterinarians throughout the state to provide assessable, safe and economical clinics to assist in controlling the overpopulation in our state. The first clinic was held on the second Saturday of November 2010.

After many years, participating veterinarians realized the impact and importance of the clinics and most have agreed to perform castrations throughout the entire month of November and a couple have extended their castrations throughout the month of December.

A list of participating veterinarians this year will be listed on the GERL website (www.gerlltd.org) under the listing of Programs->Stallion to Gelding on Octo-

ber 1, 2022. Phone numbers of participating veterinarians will be listed. Each veterinarian makes their own schedules, so participants are asked to call the number listed on the website and set up an appointment. No application needed.

This year, the equine owners/clients will pay \$100.00 and GERL will pay \$75.00 for the cost of each castration.

To date, 1,245 horses have been castrated through this program. GERL feels fortunate to have partnerships with veterinarians who generously donate their time and expertise to make this program such a success.

We are in need of veterinarians in Middle and South Georgia. Please reach out to any equine vets that you think may be interested in participating in our program.

For more information call Marian Finco
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GERL Calendar of Events - *Mark Your Calendars!*

November 2022

Stallion to Gelding Castration Month

Participating Vets Across Georgia

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Visit our website for up to date information on events: <http://www.gerlltd.org>



LET ME SAY THIS...ABOUT THAT

By Patty Livingston, President

I was more than a little excited about the prospect of having no foster horses at my farm. I had just delivered Gypsy, a 22-year-old mustang mare I had been fostering since June, to her new foster home. And, after having Boone return, I was successful in getting him adopted almost immediately and he was to be picked up the following week. I was so close and suddenly everything changed with one phone call.

The Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL) recently worked with law enforcement to seize a large number of horses (more than ten) involved in a starvation situation. The owner refused to release any of the horses which means that they are now evidence in court. So, while they are in our care, they cannot be altered (castrated) or adopted out. In addition, GERL cannot publish photos and information on social media until the case goes to court.

This puts us in a bit of a pickle. This is our slowest time of the year with regard to donations flowing in. We already have financial commitments to veteran related non-profit organizations whose horses we are feeding. Taking on a large number of horses that we will have to hold for an unknown period of time is scary, but not enough to make us baulk. I know that horse people have HUGE hearts and as news of this dribbles out, I'm sure the donations will come to help us take care of them.

Taking care of a large number of horses is very labor intense without help every day. Just feeding that many can be exhausting and by the time you are finished it is time for the second feeding. (They are being fed three times a day.) If you're involved in horses, you already know how much work is involved, especially if they also need to be doctored or groomed. Despite the work, it is a very rewarding task to watch them settle in and get comfortable with their new surroundings. I am excited to see how good they will look when they start gaining weight.

The largest number of horses are currently being fostered by one person. We will be looking for separate foster homes for these horses which include babies, stallions, mares and geldings of all ages and condition. We have a few considered "critical care" and they will remain in their current foster homes until they are well enough to go elsewhere, if necessary. And let me say this about that...our role right now is actually doing what we do best...rehabilitation!

If you are interested in fostering one of these horses, please contact CeCe Calli at foster@gerlltd.org to request a foster application.



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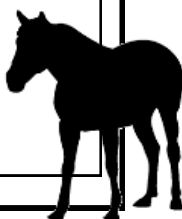
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CeCe Calli—Foster Care Coordinator
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Boone	14	Paint	Yes	CeCe Calli
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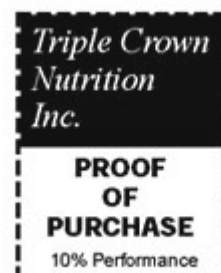
Southern States and Triple Crown Proof of Purchases (POPs) continue to trickle in. We were able to take advantage of the TC offer again this year, which is 1 \$25 VISA gift card for every 12 POPs. Thanks to our TC donors, we had enough for all 12 gift cards! Thank you, again, to our consistent donors and thank you to our newest POP donors: Rebecca Testerman, Suzanne Cottingim, A. Wester, Grace Kanavage and the Roberts on Commercial Rd. in Athens.

Please clip your Legends, Southern States, Triple Crown and ProElite POPs and send 'em my way! Let's do our part to end the suffering of many Georgia horses and put them on the path to their forever homes. Thank you for your support!

Ginny Scarritt

and send them to:

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Casper and Boone Go to Their Forever Home

By Patty Livingston

If there was ever a GERL foster horse that I lusted for my personal self, Boone ranks right up there at the top of the list. Since I am not in the horse market, I was more than glad to ride him on some trails and help get him adopted. I drove to CeCe's to pick him up and before I got home with him, she was calling me to tell me that Louise Ditomaso was interested.

Louise is a friend of mine and sister trail rider. She also had just recently adopted Casper, a horse that was previously owned by our dear friend, Mickey Farmer. Since Louise was also a friend of Mickey's, owning his horse was very special and she has enjoyed having him.

Louise first met Boone at my house back in June when she attended the big GERL flea market. Boone had just been delivered to my farm by the Walton County Animal Control and



Boone and Casper sharing a pasture from day one.

he was very skinny. We had not put a saddle on him or evaluated his riding skills at that time. Shortly afterwards, he was moved to CeCe's where he was fully rehabbed and evaluated. When Louise saw the videos of Boone under saddle she was interested.

She was looking for a horse that wasn't so wide and wouldn't hurt her hip. I met her at Harbin's Park one day with Boone and my mare and she had an opportunity to try him out. I was pretty sure she was going to like him, simply because he was pretty special. His blue eyes are just icing on the cake! When we got back, Louise told me that she never had a bit of hip pain! And, before we left the parking lot at Harbin's, she let me know that she wanted to adopt him! I couldn't have been more pleased. Congratulations to Louise and Boone! We'll see you on the trail!



Louise and Boone riding the trails at Harbin's Park.



With *Your* Help we...*Will* Make A Difference!

GERL Goes To Little Creek Horse Farm

By Patty Livingston

I recently received a phone call from a lady who was interested in becoming an Area Coordinator for GERL. After speaking with her, I learned that she is a volunteer at Little Creek Horse Farm in DeKalb County. She invited me to come to their facility and meet with all of the Board members and talk to them about GERL.

The **Little Creek Horse Farm** and Park is a 40-acre site that is dedicated to equestrian services which include a barn with 46 horse stalls and an indoor riding arena, 13 acres of pastureland for horse grazing and riding and an outdoor (lighted) riding arena.

They are set up to offer equine therapy to veterans and first responders, however, they have not been successful in pulling in the clientele they were hoping for. We discussed GERL collaborating with Little Creek Horse Farm in the future.



Big Thanks from the Calvin Center

By Kate Robbins

Dear Patty,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you and GERL for your continued support for Calvin Center's Equestrian programs! I know all our lives are so busy and we don't get to see each other often, but I want you to know how much we appreciate your support.

While programs are growing and we are helping new people each week, funds are still tight, and volunteers are hard to come by! But, knowing we can still go to the grain store to get our feed without worry is such a relief! We, meaning everyone, horses, staff, riders, and veterans are all so very grateful!

Thank You – Thank You – Thank You!

Warmly,

Kate



GERL Attends UGA scAAEP Equine Summit

By Patty Livingston

The Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL) had a booth set up at the annual UGA Student Chapter American Association of Equine Practitioners (scAAEP) Equine Summit which was held at the vet school. It was very well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the horse health topics that were being presented.

It was a good opportunity to meet a lot of new people and to see some old friends who stopped by to say hello.



Patty Livingston talks about GERL to one of the Equine Summit attendees.

Warriors Ranch Update

By Paula Smith

We have been quite busy since the last update – we are full speed ahead with construction on the therapy offices and are hoping to have completion in the next several months.



Additionally, we have worked diligently on completing the covered area. We took delivery of the final footing elements and spread them out to make this area completely workable for the equine work that we do with our community. This covered area has been extremely nice this season when we have been experiencing daily storms normally in the afternoons. It sure is nice to be able to continue our work in a nice dry environment. Additional plans are to run electricity to this area and to add fans and lights. Our tack room continues to be under construction and should be completed as soon as we finish the needed electrical work.

We are honored to serve several individuals (veterans and first responders and community members) monthly with both the therapy and riding programs. We have made some moves with our herd and Mr. KT and Ms. Essence have been moved to other riding programs that better suit their particular riding styles. This move has opened the opportunity to obtain two new lesson horses and we will be looking to expand by two (preferably quarter horses that are bomb proof).

During our recent fellowship day in August, the horses were on full display and gave pony rides to both children and Veterans and Ms. Peaches stood watch over the festivities. Ms. Peaches was front and center and

seemed to enjoy all the attention and even played a bit of lifeguard with officer Greg watching the children slide down the water slide.

In September, we were honored to be able to attend the CVMA state meet hosted by 25-9. During the state meet we were presented with a large donation.

Special thanks to the following organizations and teams – without your financial support Warriors Ranch would not be able to do what it does on a daily basis.

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Beautiful Luna

By CeCe Calli

Luna came into our Foster Program March of this year. Dang, she is the prettiest filly and only 3 years old. We were told that she rides, but we found out differently. Not only did she not ride, we were unable to halter her. She was out at Patty's and even in a stall the whole haltering thing was a flat no go. This girl was beyond head shy, thought your touch was acid and wasn't afraid to use her feet to protect her. So, we called on Tinker Moffett for his help. Luna spent a month with Tinker but wasn't really giving up her ways. Everything was just a huge deal to her. Although she was much better, it was kind of a crap shoot if she would allow you to halter her, and if you did get that far, most things went down hill from there.

After leaving Tinker's, she arrived back at my farm and I thought she was doing good being tied to the hitching post. I then walked her to her new paddock behind my house. She loved it! The grass was lush. For two days I didn't see her eyes.

Luna is fed in her stall and hayed in the hay rack outside. She was chilling out so it was time for the dreaded halter. I did get her halter on and walked her to her hay. For the next few days Luna got her halter on about 20 times a day in her stall (she has the freedom to go back and forth to her stall and paddock). She was getting so good that I got cocky and started asking her to trust me in her lush green paddock. It took a bit of time. I think she figured out I wasn't leaving until the deed was done. Luna now comes to me for haltering.

Her opinions have change a bit and she is more willing and comfortable about the halter and me. She stands nicely for grooming and being rubbed down. I have started bringing her to my pens by the arena to start the next phase of her training. She wasn't a fan of the pens. On the second day he made the decision to back up three steps, take a practice buck and gave the panel a double barrel kick.. Well, she stung her hoof pretty good, but walked right out of it. The next day we went to the pens, again. Luna did a little processing and made the choice to just chill, eat some hay and behave. She showed me she does have a mind and can

use it. I have a lot of hope for this filly and I don't think she's going to let me down.





GERL Mailbag

Thank You, GERL!

On behalf of Calvin Center Horses & Warriors, I'd like to thank all those who helped with the Camp Merrill Ranger event on Sept. 1-2.

When we were approached with this need, I immediately thought of GERL and Patty. Sure enough, one message to Patty set the whole thing in motion. I don't know many details; but I did receive notice that the event went wonderfully, thanks to all of you who took part.

Now that your focus is on working within the veteran community, you have to know what an impact this made. When one veterans group reaches out to another veterans group, it is understood that help will be there. For us to be able to make this happen, through GERL, was huge for us. Our veterans knew of the need, and they were so grateful to hear of the response.

Thank you sincerely,

Sara

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GERL Gets a Helping Hand

By Patty Livingston

11-year-old Olivia Sapp comes over to my farm periodically to help out with horse chores. The last couple of times she has come over she worked with my rescue mini, Maggie Mae. Olivia recently came over and brought Kaylah, one of her friends, and they had a good time with Maggie Mae, teaching her to lead and lunge on a line. They attempted to teach her to bow and she did pretty good as long as there was a cookie at the end! Maggie Mae loves the attention and seems to really enjoy Olivia's visits.



GERL'S Feed-A-Horse Program Makes a Difference

The Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL) created their "Feed-A-Horse" program in 2010 and over the years it has become a source from which many horses have benefited. One hundred percent of your donation to our Feed-A-Horse program goes directly to feeding horses. Through this program, we have been able to pay the feed bills for the Calvin Center and Warriors Ranch, two of the non-profits that offer equine therapy for our veterans. We are also able to pay for a portion of the feed for the horses that come into our foster pro-

gram, too. This is a photo of CoCo, a 31-year-old QH mare that was picked up by Baldwin County several months ago. She was painfully skinny when she arrived.

Thanks to everyone who supports our Feed-A-Horse Program. YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

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CoCo – body score of 1 upon arrival.



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"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

- LEO BUSCAGLIA

Ransom, returned to the pastures of the Lord, July 3rd, 2022

By Steven Neal

When I brought the boys in for breakfast that morning Ransom wasn't with them. I wasn't initially worried as his not being with his buds wasn't anything uncommon. When this happened I'd head out into the pasture and would usually find him dozing under a tree. This morning though I found him lying in the pasture on the far side of the property. My initial reaction was that he had lain down to take a little nap. As I approached though he raised his head and made several attempts to stand up. From what I could see there shouldn't have been any problem for him to stand. He wasn't in any distress but he just didn't seem to have the strength to stand back up. I called the veterinarian and after she examined him we concluded that while we could probably get him up he wasn't going to stay up. Unfortunately, being over 30 years old, his time had come.

He's now buried under the trees in that same pasture along with his former pasture buddy Ladybug.

I've taken care of this wonderful boy since I brought him here from Henry County Animal Control when he came into the GERL Foster Program on June 3, 2015. Even though he was surrendered in order to avoid future problems with the former owner GERL decided that he needed a new name. When I saw him standing in the sun in his summer coat I thought he shined like gold so I decided an appropriate name would be A Ransom in Gold or Ransom for short. I'm really going to miss this wonderful horse.



Pictures of Ransom in his last month here.



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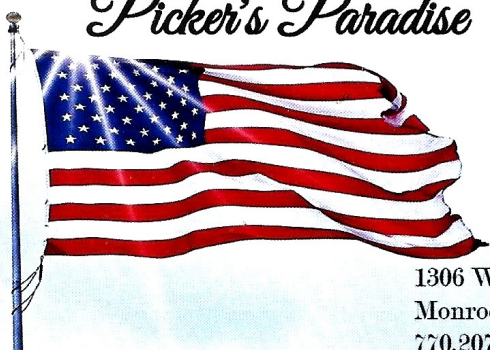



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