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Please help the horses!

Dear Morgan,

I know that you have recently been in contact with my father and I hope I can safely assume that he made you aware of our recent decision. I want to thank you for your kind words and though heartbreaking, much needed advice. We were all thinking the same thing, but were unable to actually say the words. Luke meant the world to my parents and I, and we have you to thank for that. Having him by my side all those years shaped my life and influenced almost every decision I made. He was an absolutely amazing horse, from horse shows to camping trips, and as a fox hunter and a lesson horse. I could go on forever about him and all the things we did together. I truly feel that Luke's amazing life is a tribute to you, your organization, and everyone else out there who has dedicated their lives to helping animals like him find homes. Thank you so much for rescuing my baby and allowing him to be a part of my life. If there is



ever anything my husband and I can do to help you guys out, please let me know.

Warm Regards,

Rebecca

P.S. The attached picture is from last Thanksgiving. It is one of my favorites.





## Number 1



new home.

Bell, 2 year old filly, Dec. 20, 2007

Sugar - Nov. 2007

Sugar - Jan. 2008

Sugar, age 20, and **Gypsy**, age 23, are both looking great. They have each gained over 150 pounds and shed their long winter coats.

**Princess**, featured in the Wall Street Journal on Jan. 7th has made a remarkable recovery, gaining 172 pounds in two months.

Princess - Dec. 19, 2007

Luke 1976 - 2007

## 2008 Newsletter

#### **New Horses**

Bell and Noland were given away for free to a first time horse owner who did not bother to learn how to feed and care for a horse. Thank You Kim Burnette-Mitchell for giving Bell a

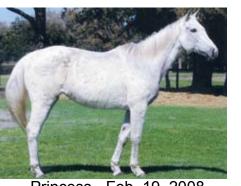


Noland, 2 year old colt - Dec. 20, 2007

Thank You to Lila Vitolin for giving Gypsy a home.



Gypsy - Jan. 2008



Princess - Feb. 19, 2008

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# ~Thank you~

**Dave Russell** for the donation of rolls of hav for the horses. Dave was kind enough to deliver the hay and help us put it out into the pastures. We really appreciate the wonderful donations for the horses.

The Bag Lady Hay Bags for their donation of more of their fantastic hay bags for the horses. (www.thehaybaglady.com) Thank you Denise & Corky!

**KC** and Robyn LaPierre of **IIEP** (International institute for Equine Podiatry) for their priceless help caring for the horse's hooves, especially the ones with problems who are helped so much through the HPT (High Performance Trim) method. IIEP held six courses at the HPAF during 2007. A special thank you to the Level 2 participants who donated their time trimming the young horses. (www.equinepodiatry.net)

**Central Life Services** for the donation of two cases of 12. IverEase by Farnam, on-feed dewormer for the horses.

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### 26 ARABIANS RESCUED IN VOLUSIA COUNTY

HPAF assisted Volusia County deputies on December 29th with the seizure of 26 Arabians from a farm in Deland. Fifteen volunteers identified and coordinated by Jill Beatty brought horse trailers and lots of patience to the day long seizure. Many of the horses were not people friendly and could not be caught or haltered. Horses that were tame were haltered and lead into trailers, others were moved through corral panels formed into alleyways that channeled them into the trailers. HPAF's 24 foot stock trailer had 8 mares in the front section and seven in the rear section. We found out how much towing power our Ford truck really has with that load of horses!

One of the mares was colicing and was taken immediately to the veterinarian for treatment where she recovered. The horses were in various body conditions ranging from emaciated to thin and all had severe diarrhea caused by consuming sand, coupled with a lack of adequate hay.

There were 9 stallions in the group, all housed in individual pens or stalls. It was apparent that the stallions did not get out of their enclosures regularly for exercise; we do not believe they were ever taken out at all. Two of the stallions were not tame and one had to be roped to be caught in the stall. The stalls were horrendous; the floors were covered with manure and urine. Some of the horses were standing in large pools of urine with no place else to go.

After the most exhausting day imaginable, catching, photographing and identifying the 26 horses, all were finally loaded and taken to temporary foster homes. We unloaded the mares in two large pastures lush with grass. It was exhilarating to watch the mares go trotting out into the grass after living in sand lots for so long. They immediately dropped their heads and began to graze, they truly looked content. When we cleaned out the trailer, the manure had dried out completely in just a few hours because the manure contained so much sand. After the trailer was hosed out, a pile of sand had accumulated at the back door.

Amazingly, with the exception of one horse who required extensive veterinary treatment, every one of the horses' diarrhea cleared up within 3 days. They had free access to good pasture, high quality orchard alfalfa hay plus senior feed and minerals which helped normalize their digestion and assimmilation.

The county filed for an emergency hearing for the disposition of the horses under FS 828.073 which was held on February 19th with the Honorable Judge John R. Smith presiding. After five hours of testimony, the horses were awarded to Volusia County and Judge Smith ruled that their owner, John Donahue, was enjoined from ever owning or keeping horses again. Per State Statue, the horses were scheduled to be auctioned on March 11th at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. At the time of this writing however, the owner has filed an appeal and the auction has been postponed. Email us at HPAF@ bellsouth.net if you would like to be notified when the auction has been rescheduled.

# ~Horses Available For Adoption~

Horses need homes so we can have room for new rescues!









Bunny

Hannah





Surprise





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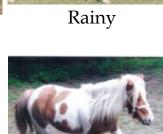


Thank You to Julie Goodnight, her staff and film crew for inviting HPAF to take part in Horse Master with Julie Goodnight, horsemaster.tv which runs on RFD-TV, Direct TV channel 379 or Dish channel 231 or 9398. To see HPAF horse Devo, and April Dahl, HPAF assistant trainer, on Horse Master with Julie Goodnight, it will be shown the week of June 9, re-airing the week of July 14. The show airs Wednesdays at 5:30 pm EST, then again on Thursday and Sunday morning. Cable companies are starting to carry RFD-TV. If your cable station isn't running it now, please contact them to let them know you want RFD and ask them to document your request. Comcast Julie Goodnight & Devo cable is now able to carry the station and Time Warner will be able to carry the channel by mid March. other stations are set to follow by the end of the year, but accessibility doesn't mean airtime. Viewers need to let their local conglomerates know they want the channel aired in their area.

Thank You Paulo Prada, reporter for the Wall Street Journal for the excellent cover story about the current situation facing horses featuring HPAF and Morgan. The story was in the January 7, 2008 edition.

Thank you sponsors Michael Nuzzo of South Miami for sponsoring Penelope. Apryl Cruit Coscia of Monticello for sponsoring Demi. **Susan Dresnick of Pinecrest** for sponsoring Tawanda. Karen Fischer of Ocala for sponsoring Peanut. Dianne Haddick of Cheverly, MD for sponsoring Buttercup. Toni Levine of Thonotosassa for sponsoring Bunny Elly Mims of Miami for sponsoring Dream. Betty Moree of Palm Beach Garden for sponsoring Shug. **Beverley West of Palmetto Bay** for sponsoring Sandman. Doris & Steve Brigg

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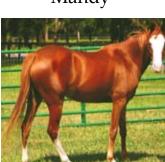


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# **Congratulations On Your Adoption**

Nina Fuse on the adoption of **Jenny** Lassie Tompkins on the adoption of **Valentino** Susan Strong on the adoption of **Baby Boy**, the Mustang



Kim Burnette-Mitchell on the adoption of **Bell** 



KC LaPierre on the adoption of **Matteo** 



Anna Peterson on the adoption of **Devo** 



Ellen & Tim Bachmeyer on the adoption of **Sunny D** 



Lila Vitolin on the adoption of **Gypsy** 



The Hicks Family on the adoption of **Jonathan** 



Patty, Pat, and Quincy



Patty, 39 years old

A Special Thank You to Pat O'Conner of Okeechobee, Florida for taking Patty and Quincy into her family. For many years Pat took in elderly, retired horses from Claremont Riding Academy in New York City. If Pat had not given them a home, they would have been sold to a dealer and likely ended up at slaughter. Pat adopted her first horse from HPAF in the late 1990's; Miss Patty, a neglected, elderly paint pony mare from Miami. Patty lived out her life with Pat as did Mary, a Mustang rescued by HPAF. Viajero, a traumatized Paso Fino from HPAF, joined Pat's family of critters in 2001. Now Pat has once again adopted two horses that no one else wanted. For six months we tried to find homes for Quincy, a 19 Year old Tennessee Walker, and Patty, a 39 year old Arabian, whose owner could not keep them after her son passed away. I told their owner that I did not think I could find a home for a 39 year old horse, but then Pat came to the rescue once again. One of her old guys passed away and Pat offered to take Patty. Quincy went to her farm temporarily, but once he arrived, Pat said he could live out his life at her place along with Patty. Pat O'Conner is a true champion for the horses. She has selflessly proved a safe, loving home for so many horses over the years that otherwise would have faced a grim alternative. Pat retired from the Post Office recently and now provides for the horses and her other rescued critters solely through her retirement, continuing to give of herself so the animals will have a safe, loving home where they can live out their lives. Bless you Pat, we appreciate you and all you have done for so many animals over the years.

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Welcome Jim Hoffman to HPAF's Board of Directors.

A native of Pennsylvania and graduate of Temple University, Jim and his wife Nancy moved to Florida after twenty five years in the Southwest. Professionally, Jim is a veteran of broadcasting, in both television and radio and is President of Explorer communications. Always interested in the outdoors and athletic competition - Jim discovered a fondness of horses more recently. After attending fund raising events for Equine Voices, a horse rescue organization near Tucson, Arizona, Jim says he became hooked and fell in love with the magificent creatures. "One of the first things I did upon moving to Florida was to investigate horse rescue entities here. I found HPAF and thus began the current relationship with this noble cause." And we are so glad you did! Welcome Jim!



In Memory of A Bit of Essence We were blessed to be able to love and care for this beautiful mare for four months. We did

everything possible to help her and to make her comfortable, but finally could not relieve her pain any longer. She was beautiful inside and out and was loved by everyone who met her.