



Horse Protection Association of Florida



Winter 2015 501(c)3 Charitable Organization Newsletter

You may think that the horses HPAF rescues are unfortunate. They may have been in the past, however now they are more fortunate than hundreds of thousands of horses in the U.S. HPAF horses have a safety net; they can always come back to their safe haven if their adopters' circumstances necessitate their return. Other horses, especially those bred as commodities, often face a bleak future. Horse values are at an all-time low due to over breeding. Owners who insist on getting any money they can for their horse send them through an auction. Horses are bringing less than \$200, sometimes as low as \$50 or \$35 even for registered, well trained horses. Low priced, unwanted horses usually end up being sold to kill buyers.

Approximately 100,000 horses a year are shipped from the US to Mexico and Canada for slaughter for human consumption. If there were not so many horses bred every year in this country, Mexico, Canada, Europeans and Japanese who eat them would not have a steady supply of horses from the United States.

Thankfully, there are rescuers who work with kill buyers and post the horses for sale on Facebook pages dedicated to getting slaughter bound horses sold before they ship across the border. There is a brief span of time, usually a week or less, to find buyers for the horses to save them from a horrendous journey and brutal end. **Continued on page 7...**

~New Rescues~



Brandy 8-9-15



Louie 9-14-15



Dixie 9-25-15



Brandy 11-18-15



Louie 10-7-15



Dixie 10-19-15

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Thank You Duke Energy Volunteers



An amazing group of super-volunteers from Duke energy came out to the farm to redo Spicey's barn, AKA the office barn. The floor was a series of pot holes and broken sagging gates. The Duke team donated \$1000, which was used to buy new portable panel gates, fill and mats. They were energizer bunnies, removing the old panels, spreading the new flooring, (with the help of HPAF's wonderful new tractor, thank you Steve and Fran), installing new mats and corral panels. The barn is beautiful and more importantly, safe and functional.

Thank you Duke Energy volunteers.

Adopters Come Join Us April 23, 2016

**Help a Horse Day 2016
is in the works and
we want you and your
adopted HPAF horse to
be showcased. Please
let us know if you will be
able to attend with your
horse. It will be our honor
to feature you and your
horse at this event.**

**Email us at
msilver@wildblue.net**

HPAF & LCSO Helping Horses Together

2015 brought new cruelty cases to work with the Levy County Sheriff's Office. Horse Protection Association of Florida has been working closely with LCSO for ten years. HPAF assists with investigations of horse cruelty and neglect reports, housing horses from seizures and surrenders. Sheriff McCallum has had all of the deputies receive further training in equine cruelty investigations. The sheriff has also appointed a new Agricultural Investigator, Deputy Brandin Sullivan. Deputy Sullivan cares deeply about animals and does an excellent job investigating cruelty as well as with educating horse owners about proper care for their animals. Levy County sets a high standard in investigations involving animals. In a day and age when some Sheriff's offices in Florida still do not respond to calls about cruelty to horses or livestock, the LCSO sets the bar very high. We appreciate the dedication of all of the deputies who help the horses in their county. Additionally, we would like to thank the hard working Assistant State Attorney's and staff of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in Bronson. The Circuit 8 prosecutors do an excellent job bringing offenders of animal cruelty to justice and we appreciate all that they do for the animals.

Legacy Society Members

Our most heartfelt thanks to these dear friends of the horses. Their compassion and foresight made so many miracles possible.

Carol Kiefer Mary McDonald Nancy Holmes Ora Evola Samual Furshpan
Patricia Smith Edgar Johnson Sarah Luddle Majorie Brickell Ann Keyser
Juan Rodriguez Izola Kruger Lucille Wilkinson Theresa Rozano

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Thank you to Legacy Society members who have remembered HPAF and the horses in their estate planning.

Elizabeth Mittauer Lou R Meuche Maggie Kotuk Jan Barbour
Barbara Henderson Sharon Champion Dorris and Bill Smith

HPAF Hopes for a New Farm

The blessing of the HPAF farm came from meeting Amy Sperling, now a dear friend, in 2000 in Miami. Amy wanted to help horses in need and has donated the use of the Micanopy property for 14 years. None of what HPAF has accomplished would have been possible without this property. But along with the positives there have unfortunately been negative aspects to the farm. We soon learned that the land did not drain or dry out in wet weather. The land is low and the soil is “gumbo,” a black clay like muck that does not drain. For months every year all of the pastures have standing water which creates terrible health problems for the horses. They develop painful abscesses, some that have crippled a horse for life and ended the life of a couple of horses whose hoof integrity was lost from multiple abscesses. All of the horses become foot sore when walking and grazing in the water. Their soles become thin which increases their chances of bruising and abscesses. They develop cracked heels, also called dew poisoning, where their heels became scabby and painful from being wet too long. When the property is dry it is a lovely farm with abundant wildlife and good grass for the horses. But the suffering caused from the wet has been devastating. It is not a simple process to find a new farm. The property or the lease of a new farm would need to be donated. Rental is not feasible. The 60 acre farm we rented in 2013 for a few months was \$2000 dollars per month and only housed 25 of the horses to get them out of water. What will enable HPAF to move to a suitable farm will be the bequest of a generous donor. Please remember HPAF in your estate planning. If you do not have a will or a living trust, please put this on your list of things to do in the new year. Your planning and foresight can save countless lives and give suffering horses a new lease on life.

Please leave your Legacy for the horses.

Thank You Don Manuchia

Special Thanks to Don Manuchia and National Parcel Logistics for once again covering all of the expenses associated with the printing, preparation, mailing and postage for this newsletter and the last two newsletters. Don is a longtime supporter of HPAF who truly cares about the welfare of horses. Bless you Don, the horses are so fortunate to have you as their friend!

Thank You Derrick and Marlene Evans

Thank you Derrick and Marlene Evans and their great staff, Meg Dusang and JR Koon for fostering Bruno for 15 months. When we picked up Bruno recently he didn't look like the same horse we dropped off in August 2014, he looks amazing! We are so grateful to everyone at the Evan's lovely farm for taking such wonderful care of Bruno. Now Bruno is looking for a home all his own!



Derrick Evans & Bruno

Thank You AmeriCorp Vista Volunteers



AmeriCorp Vista volunteers from the Center for Leadership & Service; Stacie Schultz, Josh Funderburke, Wendi Decker-Miller, Angela Garcia and Cara Snider came to the HPAF farm for a day of service and painted fences in the broiling sun! Thank you for helping! It was great to have you at the farm!

Thank You HPAF Volunteers

Outstanding Volunteers Karen Curran and Samantha Eifert are both super volunteers who help every week. Thank you ladies, we are so grateful for your valuable time and for the personal attention you give to the horses!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who come to the farm and help with the horses, the daily cleaning and the chores. There are eight hours of work to do each morning with feeding and caring for the horses. Volunteers make the work go quicker and allow us to spend more time with each horse.



Dixie and Karen Curran

Congratulations Adopters



Astro and Lamy Buck



Rolex, Pat And Jessica Gleason



LA Total Afire and Paula Sheldon



Merlin , Gloria Oest and Sassy



Natalie Alker and Spiff



Joe Murray, Pat Gleason and Robin



Davy and Sharon Byrne



Anastasia and Maggie Kotuk



Princess and Jane Hilger



Rosie and Cord Brookes



Cupido



Cord Brookes and Karma

A special thanks to Steve and Joan Ehrhart who adopted three unrideable horses who now live at their beautiful Red Door Farm under the excellent care of Farm Manager Cord Brooks.

Horse Owners Appreciation day

Join us for the first Horse Owners Appreciation day at Chiefland Farm Supply. 215 East Rogers Blvd, Chiefland FL, 32644 (352)493-4294, Saturday, January 30, 2016, Meet Robert Demaree from Purina. Ask The Vet and door prizes from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Cover Story Continued:

HPAF recently purchased three kill pen horses who were days away from shipping to slaughter. First a lovely 4-year-old Quarter Horse type we named Dixie and her colt. Her colt we named Poco is stunning. He has huge, pretty eyes and an exceptional way of going. Dixie wanted nothing to do with us when she arrived and Poco was terrified of people. The experiences they had been through, being shipped to auction, then shipped to a kill pen had obviously been frightening for them. As we spend time with them we get to know their personalities. Dixie is curious and has come around quickly to be trusting and curious. Poco took much longer; we had to be very patient with him. He was so scared of us in the beginning, we have no idea how severe the trauma was that he experienced and if he would ever come around and trust us. Finally, after two months, he is beginning to trust us. He has started to come up to smell our faces and hair. It is an unbelievable feeling to have him stand next to us, breathing into our noses to get to know us. It gives me chills to feel his whiskers on my nose as he holds his nose up to mine to exchange breaths with me. It is unimaginable that these two sweet horses were on their way to their deaths in September. The third horse rescued from a kill pen is Robin, a sweet 3-year-old Missouri Fox Trotter mare who was headed for slaughter due to cataracts. Thank you Pat & Jessica Gleason for taking Robin into your family and helping her heal from the respiratory illness she developed while in the kill pen. Thank you to each and every person who makes it possible for HPAF to save horses from neglect, starvation, abandonment and certain death. We could not save any of these beautiful, innocent horses without your help. Bless you for making HPAF's work possible.



Dixie and Poco



Poco 10-7-2015

Dear Friends who have passed



Prince Edward

It was our honor to care for these dear horses.
Fly free in spirit!
Prince Edward
and
Spartacus



Spartacus



Poco Del Blaze

Poco Del Blaze and Thelma came to us when it was time to let them go and release them from their pain. We hope we made the end of their life the best it could be.



Thelma

Latest Rescues



Elan



Jasmine



Major

On first day of December, Deputy Sullivan contacted HPAF about three horses that had been neglected. Their owner could not afford their feed and care. The owner was offering them to whomever he met, a dangerous prospect for the horses if a kill buyer happened to hear of them. HPAF had no space due to six horses being returned from foster homes and one from an adopter in November. Thankfully, Amy Glick once again generously offered a beautiful pasture and care for the three horses. Their owner said he purchased them from an abusive situation a year ago. The Palomino, Major, is said to be a nice riding horse, hopefully he will quickly find a good home. Elan, the Arabian mare, was said to be badly abused and is fearful at times. She will need an experienced, knowledgeable adopter. The owner told us Jasmine was 7 years old, however, she looks to be in her late teens and is in very poor condition.

On Wednesday, December 3rd, the three were picked up from a tiny dirt pen. Most of the wooden boards had been eaten away by the hungry horses. They went to Ferguson and Associates to have Coggins test drawn. When we took them out of the trailer at the veterinarian's office, they dove for the grass under their feet. I promised them that where they were going they would have lots of good grass; they did not want to bring their heads up from the grass. When we unloaded them at Zamira Arabians, it was heartwarming to see the three in a beautiful pasture of lush green grass, with Redmond Salt, Purina 12:12 vitamins and minerals and fresh clean water. They were three content horses in their new accommodations.

Thank you Amy Glick for offering to foster these three so that they can heal and flourish at your lovely farm. We pray that good caring people will come forward to adopt these sweet horses and give them a new loving home.

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Special Thank You's

Thank you Volunteers, You are the BEST !

Our deepest appreciation to all of the HPAF volunteers at the farm helping with the horses and the daily chores as well as those helping at events. Thank you Kim Seville, Bob Hersch, Elizabeth Clemons, Karen Curran, Julie Osborne and April Volling for setting up, manning and taking down the HPAF Booth at the Micanopy Festival.

Thank you Jane Cheney for making awesome tote bags from our empty feed bags to help raise money for the horses!

Karen Curran also had a lovely gift basket donated by the Newberry Road Starbucks in Gainesville for the Festival fund raiser.

Thank you NW 60th Avenue Starbucks in Gainesville for donating great items for the gift basket fund raiser drawing at the Micanopy Festival. We are so grateful to Starbucks and Manager Sara Hedges for their support!

Thank you to Kathy Roger and Bedtime Tails Luxury Pet Hotel for the donation of 3 buckets of Ceytl M, a high quality joint supplement for the horses.

Thank you Sharon Will for her donations of electric fencing, fence posts and other equipment for the farm. Sharon adopted a weanling, Versace in 2010. Versace is now competing in three day eventing and lives in Texas with his human Ryan Tynan.

Thank you to KC and Robyn LaPierre of EquinePodiatry.com for their donations of Silvetrasol and Perfect Hoofware for the horses. Silvetrasol is our go to for wounds and hoof care; we could not live without it.

Wish List

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| Fencing (16' PT 1200 fence boards \$8 ea.) | Trophy Salt Rocks from Tractor Supply, 15/month |
| 2 ½ inch #9 Screws | Stamps, Printer Ink, HP 932 Black & 933 Cyan, |
| Manure Spreader | Magenta & Yellow |
| Sand for arena and garage paddock \$250 per load | Satin or Show Sheen, Eqyss Micro-Tek Natural |
| (5 loads needed) | Medicated Shampoo |
| Sand Clay mix for paddocks 20 loads needed | Cashel and Roma fly masks, cob & horse size |
| Tree Trimming | Cowboy Magic Detangler, Aluminum Wound Spray, |
| 16-24 ft stock trailer | Blue Lotion, Corona |
| New Diesel truck, Dodge or Chevy, for hauling horses | Dewalt or comparable 18V battery powered saw & |
| Electric Fencing (Insulators, poly rope, gate hooks & | drill combo |
| solar chargers) | Hack saw & blades, Duct tape, Chlorine tablets |
| Electrical wiring and fans for Cheyenne's barn | |

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