

Winter 2017 Newsletter

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Three new horses were rescued with the Levy County Sheriff's Office and the horses are now enjoying the best of care, unlimited grass and hay. Peppy the gray gelding passed a complete plastic shopping bag out with a pile of manure. The plastic could easily have killed him but, remarkably, made it all the way through his digestive tract with the bag completely intact.

Since the last newsletter more horses found new homes but unfortunately five horses were also returned. It is just the nature of the business. When a person's situation, health or finances change they may no longer be able to care for their horse(s). The beauty of Horse Protection is that any adopted horse can always be returned. It is vital so no horse will ever end up passed from home to home or sold off to a tragic end. They always have a safe, loving home to return to if necessary.

It is only because of you that Horse Protections' lifesaving work can continue and a safe haven is available to horses in peril. You are the key that makes it possible to help so many horses and for that we are eternally grateful. Please donate today so that we can continue to provide our services to horses in need.







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Legacy Society

Legacy Society members are generous, forward-thinking friends who made a commitment to the horses through a bequest. Their compassion and foresight have made countless miracles possible over the years.

With their generous bequests Legacy Society members have made it possible for Horse Protection to continue caring for the horses in need. We remember these friends and feel the love they shared with the horses.

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

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

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

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All the Beautiful Horses by Morgan Silver

I am proud to announce the publication of *All the Beautiful Horses Volume 1. Volume 1* exams why there are so many starved, neglected and abandoned horses in Florida and how those passive, yet unfathomable cruelties are perpetrated on horses. The book then relates my childhood and how I came to found Horse Protection spanning 1959 to 1990.

Volume 2, available in early 2018, will relate Horse Protections' early years in Miami from 1990 to 2001 and the move to Micanopy. My hope is that the book will introduce more people to Horse Protection and promote Horse Protection's mission to rescue horses, train them with Natural Horsemanship, adopt them to forever homes and provide sanctuary for rescued horses that are unadoptable, and youngsters who need time to grow.

Available on **AmazonSmiles, Kindle** and **Free on Kindle Unlimited** Or contact Morgan Silver 352-359-1996 atbhsilver@gmail.com

In Memory of

Wesley Johns, son... Elisabeth Truby... June Nogle... Smokey... Otis... Lex DE LaRue... Lex DE LaRue... Lex DE LaRue ... Lex DE LaRue... Pamela Johns Danny Montana Donna Nogle Shirley Scott Barbara Thomas Shelley Armstrong Tim King Lelen Huang Meewon Hong

In Honor Of

Bud and Shirley Berolzheimer, parents...

- In honor of Britt Schwertner & Mildred Gunnarsson
- Jacque Gellein...
- Madge Gunia, Commemorating friendship...
- In honor of Fred Truby on his birthday...

In honor of Cher Doherty...

- I am a friend of Lil Chalker, she brought your organization to my attention and I am in awe of the work you do...
- Your organization does amazing work...
- Thank you Morgan for all you do...
- In appreciation for Morgan Silver and her hard work for the horses over many years!...
- In honor of Demi who we adopted from Horse Protection...
- In gratitude for 'Lacey' the wonderful horse I adopted from Horse Protection...
- A donation in Grady name for his birthday. Thank you for your work!...

My loving horse Angel...

Susan Dresnick Danny Montana Alyson Evans Don & Gail Schreder Danny Montana Rip and Jacque Gellein

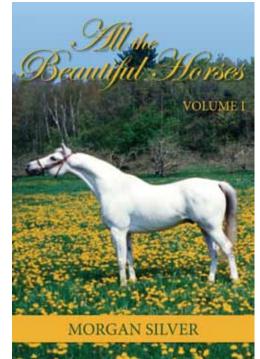
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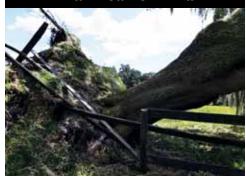
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Free Horse Books! Beginning in December there will be a weekly giveaway of horse books.Go to HPAF.org for a chance to win. Three books will be given away each week!

Hurricane Irma



Thankfully the horses and the buildings all make it through the storm unscathed. We were without power for several days with phone and Internet out. We apologize if you called or emailed and did not get a prompt reply. We were not so fortunate with the pastures, trees and fences. Four massive oak trees came down onto fences and the pastures were flooded. Cutting up the trees, moving them to a burn pile and fixing the fences estimates range from \$6,000 to \$10,000. For now the trees will have to stay where they lie. Feed, care and training for the horses comes first.

In Memory



In Memory of Elisabeth Truby 1959 - 2017

Elisabeth Truby was a devoted animal lover. As a child she and her family owned a pony "Doc" at her South Miami home where she grew up. Her first job was as a dolphin trainer at the Miami Seaquarium. Later she and her sister Susie owned and boarded horses at her Sunset Farm in the Redlands. Over the years Elisabeth opened up her farm to friends and family bringing much joy with her menagerie of horses, dogs, cats, chickens and peacocks. Elisabeth was a selfless person, always going out of her way to help people and stray animals.

Elisabeth's family graciously donated Elisabeth's 2007 Dodge Ram to Horse Protection. Thank you so much for memorializing Elisabeth by helping the horses she cared so deeply about.

In Memory of Dr. Lynn Peck DVM 1957 - 2017

The horses lost a true champion this year. Dr. Lynn Peck donated her services to Horse Protection for over a decade. She was so generous with her time and talent and she helped countless horses, dogs and kitties. She even came out to the farm to help on Christmas mornings. Her pioneering work in the field of holistic healing for animals suffering from pain or behavioral issues was extraordinary. Lynn was without equal in her generosity, selflessness and empathy. She helped so many animals at Horse Protection and also served as board president. Our condolences to Lynn's family, she will be missed.

In Memory of Miss Wiggles



In 2013 Morgan saw a very pregnant stray dog wandering around the convenience store at the corner of Hwy 318 and 441 in Orange Lake. The clerk said someone had dumped her out of a car the day before. The sweet little girl came up to Morgan wagging her tail ready to be her friend from moment one. However it was all the clerk and Morgan could do to get her into the truck, she was so terrified and struggled as we lifted her in. She was named Miss Wiggles because every time she saw a person she wagged her tail so hard her entire hind end wiggled back and forth.

Wiggles delivered seven puppies two weeks later. She even had them exactly where Morgan asked her to—in the big horse trailer bedded in straw, with a heat lamp for warmth. The puppies found homes and Wiggles became one of the family. The runt of the litter, Monk stayed with Morgan, and mother and son played for hours on end everyday at the farm. Wiggles acted like a puppy herself and the two were so fun to watch.

Sadly in mid-October Miss Wiggles had to be euthanized due to cancer. We know that Wiggles had a great life with us at Horse Protection but the farm is not the same without her and she is dearly missed. We all pray she is somewhere playing with Monk and have a wonderful time.

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A Special Thanks to Don Manuchia

Don is the owner of National Parcel Logistics in Tampa and he makes the daily commute back and forth from Ocala five days a week. Weekends are devoted to his horses and his Ascendant Farms where he raises and races Thoroughbreds. Don believes that the horses he breeds are his responsibility throughout their entire lives. He has even gone to California to claim back one of his horses who ended up there after being claimed in a race in Florida.

Don truly cares about horses as evidenced by his years of outstanding contributions to Horse Protection and his steadfast commitment to his own horses. Because of Don, Horse Protection has been able to put out a printed newsletter since 2015. We could never sufficiently express our gratitude to Don. He has gone above and beyond, making it possible to keep Horse Protection members, donors, volunteers and horse lovers abreast of the life saving work and happy endings at Horse Protection. Bless you Don, we are so grateful to have you as a part of the Horse Protection team.



For the eighth year in a row the Arredondo Dressage Society held it's Annual Horses Helping Horses Benefit, this time in September at Canterbury Equestrian Showplace. Once again this dynamic group presented some of the region's most talented dressage and eventing instructors who donated their time to perform

a benefit clinic and silent auction to benefit Horse Protection Association of Florida. Arredondo raised over \$5900 for the horses! Thank you to each and every person who donated their time, skills and knowledge to once again make Horses Helping Horses highly successful!

TACK SHACK OF OCALA

Weatherbeeta and Tack Shack of Ocala for the Hurricane Irma relief donations of brand new sheets and fly sheets for the horses.

Stephanie Biernbaum for **Donating your Birthday!!!** And thanks to all your friends who helped you reach your goal: Danny & Patricia Sizemore, Krystyna Rozner-Kamka, Sherri Stoddard, Nancy Faulconer, Beverly Parolini Mareau, Sally Simyak Vadella, Debbie McCune, Brenda Ladd, Claudia Parkhurst, Jody Pagliuco, Carla Callahan, Candace LeFevre Brown, Cindy Wood Beaty, Marina Simons Suskalo, Alesha Coburb, Molly Maloy, Ralph Bergquist, Lacy Warner, Sherry Barrett.

Anyone can do this! On your Facebook page click on the downward arrow located at the top right corner of your timeline page. Drop down menu will show "Create Fundraiser" Designate: Horse Protection Association of Florida



Claudia Parkhust for helping at the Horse Protection Booth at Arrendondo's, Horses Help Horses Benefit, and at the Gainesville Art Festival with Karen Curren. And to the volunteers who manned the Horse Protection Booth at the Micanopy Fall Festival: Elizabeth & Isayah Clemons, Donna & Pat Davis, Jim Hoffman, Julie & Sam Osborne, Brian & April Volling



Special Thank You **Steve Farrell** and **Fran Marino**. These two remarkable people donated a brand new Mahindra tractor to Horse Protection in the spring of 2015. The farm could not operate without a tractor to do the mowing, to move heavy items, to dig and move fill and for fence repair. We continue to be eternally grateful to Fran and Steve for their monumental donation for the horses.

Bless you Steve and Fran, we appreciate your support everyday.

Russell Crowder, photographer who drops everything when needed to photograph horses that have just been rescued. And comes back to take progress photos, and then comes back again for conformation photos of horses that are available for adoption.

Jill Beatty, The Salt Rock Queen, for keeping the horses in Natural Salt Rocks. All 60 horses at Horse Protection have their very own, thanks to Jill.

THANK YOU HORSE PROTECTION

Lost a "Steady Eddy" horse named Chance on January 8, 2014. It took me 10 long months to entertain the thought of filling that void. When the decision to move forward came there was no other thought but to "Adopt". Unfortunately there are so many wonderful horses out there that either can't be cared for or worse, won't be cared for.

I heard about Horse Protection Association of Florida through a friend and went to their website and then contacted Morgan Silver to set up a date to look at two of the beautiful geldings whom I thought would fit the bill.

As luck would have it the day I was to drive to Micanopy was about 32 degrees and the wind was howing—it was January and it was COLD. I told myself tongue and cheek "Its a great day to look at horses". I figured all the true colors will be vivid in this type of weather.

The two geldings I thought would work didn't create any sparks or longing in me, so I told Morgan..."ya know there was one more horse I was drawn to on your website. Could I see Howie?"

Howie was already out in the pasture with his buddies. I didn't even see Morgan go and get him. It was just that fast. So I think...well shoot, catching must not be a problem. Howie was cold and shaking. Morgan tells me to hold his lead rope while she goes to get him a blanket and some hay....I'm thinking..."Lady you're trying to get me killed handing me a OTTB that I don't know on this blustery COLD day."



So what happens next? Nothing! He stood there like a champ while all the remaining geldings are running around like wild Indians in the pasture trying to get warm. A feeling of relief followed by a feeling of admiration came over me. This horse was found abandoned December 2013 and was 300 lbs. underweight. He showed no food aggression when the hay appeared and could care less as the blanket was tossed on him. All I was seeing was good and was systematically falling in

love with this beautiful 17h Red OTTB...yes 17h...guess I missed the mark of a smaller horse.

Needless to say I came back to pick up my new family member the following week. Howie knew he was going home. He gave hugs upon hugs while we took our adoption pictures.

When we arrived home and proceeded to unload, Howie knew nothing about backing out of a trailer so after a little discussion I thought it better that he be allowed to turn and unload for now. After about three more presentations (low key and clear) in the days to come of how unloading should and could be Howie decided this is no big deal..."I can do that". He now loads unloads thoughtfully and willingly. My admiration grew stronger.

To my knowledge Howie had not been ridden so this was an unknown. We started from square one and did our groundwork, leading, togetherness—homework which he excelled at! I took him to a Mark Rashid clinic the following January and he again showed what a good guy he was. He was ground driving by the second day without any concern and won the hearts of many an attendee. By February we started hand walking out on the trail and shortly after we were trail riding. He showed a propensity for processing things for what they were and assessed situations quickly and quietly. He's a pretty quiet guy.

We rode just about every weekend with great success. Sunday, July 12, 2015 it was hot, but not any worse than any other July day and we rode. That evening Howie came in for dinner, put his head down in his food pan and lost all balance. He was staggering about. He was disoriented.

In mind my mind I was thinking this isn't colic...it doesn't look like this. I took his food away just in case. I called my vet the next morning. She was on vacation for the next 2 weeks (of course, right). Now what? I called around and found an Emergency Vet out of Summerfield and explained the situation. He came out with assistant to assess and ran blood panels for EPM, West Nile, you name it. All the panels came back clear.

Ten days later my husband called me at work...Howie is down, he keeps falling down. I called the Emergency Vet again. Another blood panel... again, all clear. He asked if there was any injury, like maybe a neck injury. The vet ran a series of neck x-rays...nothing. All we could do was treat the symptoms. Howie was extremely sore. He exhibited pain to the touch that would travel around. The Vet administered some homeopathic remedies via injection to offer some pain relief.

Howie had four consecutive days of DMSO drips...he took this in stride. In the meantime my regular Homeopathic Vet returned back from vacation. I consulted with her and she prescribed a homeopathy remedy. Two weeks later the left side of his face palsied. His ear was erect, but no animation, his left eye almost closed, his tongue looked stiff and his lower lip hanging.

I was now hand feeding him his meals and leaving him to graze 24/7, pulling grass from his left cheek occasionally. By all counts Howie looked like he had a stroke. All we could do was wait and deal with things on a daily basis.

Howie finally got well enough to travel to my regular vet to continue the healing process. Through electro-acupuncture, homeopathy, chiropractic care, patience, lots of love and faith we are two years in—and back on the trails. It has been amazing to see the neuropathways regenerate and become functional once again! It warms my heart to see him eat his meals on his own, invoke play with his pasture buddy, Ice, and the two of them race from the top of the pasture to the bottom gate only to execute perfect 15 meter canter circles together.

Howie has shown my all too serious 23 year old Quarter Horse how to play, initiate play and most recently mutually groom...unexpected bonuses indeed!!!

This past January Ice and I learned how to pony Howie, and Howie learned how to be ponied. We have taken our ponying down the trail successfully and now we are moving on to the next chapter. Howie and I have been out for about 1/2 dozen successful trail rides. He hasn't missed a beat and picked up pretty much right where we left off. He takes things in stride and loves being out with his buddy, Ice, Momma and her friends (horse and human).

The shining personality that Howie exhibited that blustery, COLD January day two and a half years ago has turned out to be ALL it appeared to be and then some!!!! I am one LUCKY individual to have this BIG SWEET personality as part of my family!!!

Monette Spears



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