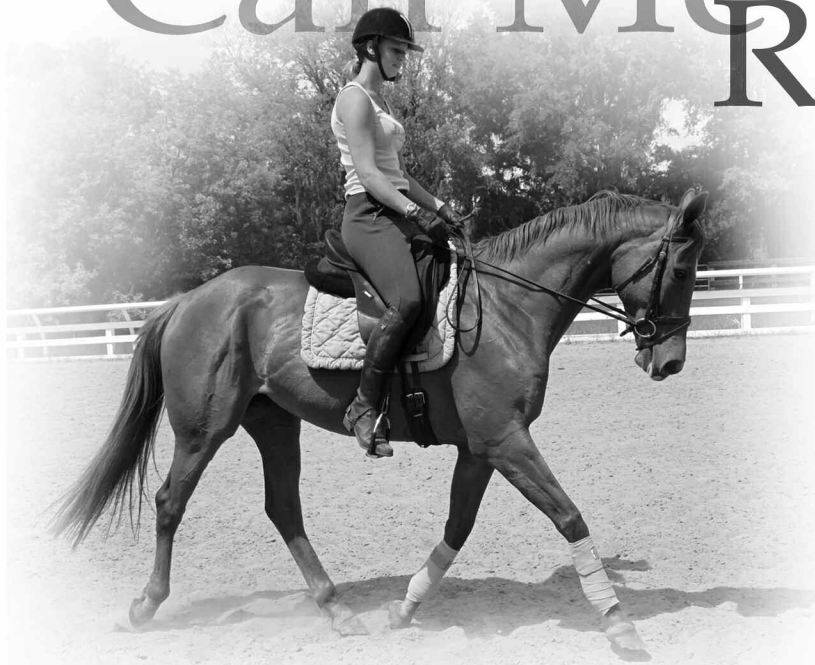




Call Me RED

by Cynthia McFarland



Like many Thoroughbreds, the chestnut filly foaled in 2004 was bred to be a racehorse. Perhaps her life might have taken a different turn had she been a success at the track, but Call Me Red's story really began after her brief racing career ended.

Call Me Red started only four times and in those four races, her best effort was a third place finish. She earned a total of just \$1880, hardly enough to justify her training expenses, but any hopes of keeping her in training ended abruptly when she suffered a bowed tendon. She would need time off and was sent back to the farm of her breeder in Ocala.

After recuperating from her tendon injury, the chestnut mare was bitten in the throat by a venomous snake. Remarkably, she survived the snake bite, but Call Me Red's

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Bronze medalist ...

future looked bleak. Her owners apparently saw little use in feeding his horses and by the time HPAF was contacted in January 2010, the mare was approximately 200 pounds underweight and in poor condition.

During the third week of January, I received a call that horses were being shot at Olympic Hill Farm, recalls Kim Heath, HPAF president. When I arrived, the farm manager said no horses had been shot yet, but that the owner had instructed him to do so.

It was painfully obvious that many of the horses simply weren't being fed. There were 26 emaciated horses in various stages of starvation. The worst had a body score of just 1, but ribs were showing on even



Call Me Red, after 45 days with adopter



Call Me Red, February 1, 2010

the best conditioned horses. HPAF quickly went to work feeding, identifying the horses, getting Coggins tests and initiating adoptions of suitable horses. Call Me Red fell into the group of horses too poor for immediate adoption, and HPAF began the careful process of rehabilitation.

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Homes for Horses Conference

In May, Morgan Silver was invited to speak at the Homes for Horses Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Morgan co-presented on the topic of Large Scale Seizures.

The two day conference brought together Coalition members from throughout the country. Two important topics covered were forming a state horse welfare council and accreditation of rescues and sanctuaries. Both of these topics address ongoing issues in equine rescue. The label "Rescue" is used throughout the industry and sometimes fraudulently. Dishonorable people dealing in horses for profit

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with no regard for the horses welfare and willing to send horses to

slaughter, have learned that if you label yourself a "rescue" and tell horse owners what they want to hear, that often the owner will gladly surrender the horse. Once the horse is gone, the horse owner either never checks on the horse or finds out too late that the person who took their horse was not telling the truth.

Another scenario, we see people starting out to rescue animals with good intentions who become hoarders. Hoarders mass more animals than they are able to care for and justify a lack of care given the animals or their debilitated conditions. Hoarders feel that the animals can only be cared for by them and that only they are capable of providing for the animal even in the face of starvation or death created to by the "rescuer". We hope to initiate a state equine welfare council, minimum standards of care for rescues and a coalition of reputable rescues that can work towards accountability and a consistent level of care in Florida in Equine rescue organizations. ♦

FEATURE HORSES

Ready for Adoption



CLOUD COVER

15-year-old, Thoroughbred, recently gelded. Former race and breeding stallion, seeking a new career.

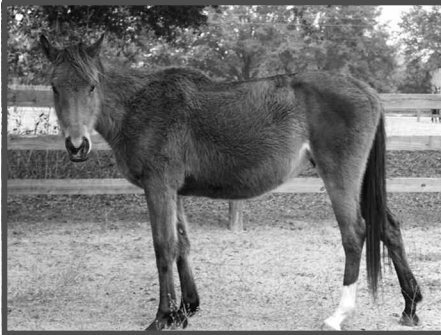
OLIVIA

4-year-old Thoroughbred filly, 15.1h, two months under saddle with Dennis Morgan, playing Parelli ground games.



ROSIE

4-year-old Thoroughbred filly 14.3h, two months under saddle, Parelli foundation.



Angelic Pal - February 1, 2010



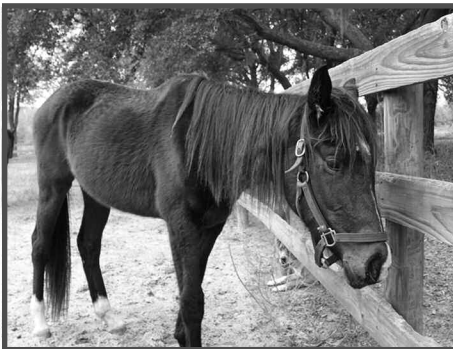
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River - December 10 2009



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Bonnie - February 1, 2010



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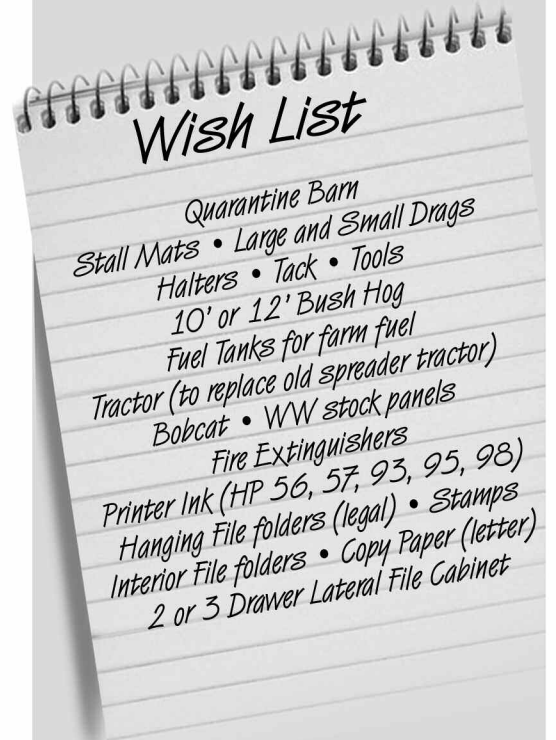


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Rosie, Missing Miniature Horse

The large number of horses we have taken on lately has necessitated the creation of a second type of adoption. There is no space at the farm or funds to physically relocate these large numbers of horses and they must be rehomed quickly, therefore an emergency adoption has been created. Horses adopted under emergency adoptions go to the adopter with ownership and the horses may be rehomed in the future. Standard HPAF adoptions retain ownership of the horse for life. The goal is for the horse to stay in their adoptive home for life, not be sold or given away where they could end up in a bad situation. In twenty years only three adoption contracts have been violated.

In December, we received a call about Rosie, the miniature horse rescued from the murder/suicide in Chiefland who had been adopted in nearby Citra. Even though the adoption contract clearly states that the horse may not be sold or given away and can only come back to HPAF, Rosie was given away. Recently we learned that in just a few months time Rosie had changed hands five times, the last



Rosie, an elderly Miniature mare, now missing.

time being sold by a horse dealer, possibly to Puerto Rico. This sweet elderly pony has suffered the fate that we most dread, being unwanted, passed from person to person and ending up with an unknown fate. She is microchipped but unfortunately

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horses are not routinely scanned for them. We are looking for contacts in

Puerto Rico so that we can get flyers posted and perhaps a newspaper article written to try to find Rosie. If you have any contacts in Puerto Rico please let us know.

We hope to be able to once again begin freeze branding the horses for a more visible means of identification.

Another horse, Zen had been adopted for eleven years with a contract stating he could not be sold or given away but **only** be returned to HPAF or another approved adopter. We found out in November that his adopter gave him away last year. **Because HPAF had Zen marked with a Kryo Kinetics freeze mark**, the third person he was sold to contacted Kryo Kinetics who in turn contacted us. After much work, Zen is now back in Micanopy.

When picked up in Alabama Zen was fearful of people, and did not want to be caught. Since he has been back he has done a complete turn around and he is now expressive and coming right up to people and now loves attention. Zen is a wonderful horse, well trained and fun to ride. He is looking for a permanent home where he will always be safe and loved. ❖

HPAF progress

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Foxy - February 1, 2010

Foxy - June 14, 2010
Adopted by Pam Johnson

ATTENTION ADOPTERS

Please remember to send the bi-annual update pictures of your adopted horse before the end of August. Please include a story if you can so we can post it on the web site.

Thank you!

HPAF appreciation

Special Thanks

Thank you to Horse & Farm 4 H Club of Morriston and leader Debbie Paisley for their contribution of \$500 to HPAF. Thank you to all of the Club members who made this wonderful gift for the horses possible.

Thank you a Hannah Farrell of Winter Garden, Florida for making a very generous donation for the horses. Hannah is a big horse lover and has a horse of her own. When she saw the HPAF web site she wanted to help and gathered up all of her birthday money to donate. Hannah is an inspiring young lady!

Thank you to Springtime Feed for their ongoing contributions and sponsorship of HPAF. Order the 2010 Springtime, inc catalog or pick one up at the farm and look for the HPAF horses Go Boy & Monet and the testimonial about the what the wonderful Springtime products have done for them.

Thank you to Iris Diaz and Sun Country Trail Blazers for the Benefit Ride held for HPAF that was held May 8, 2010. This is the third benefit ride that this group has put on for HPAF. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the drawing; **Carole Fletcher Trick Horse Training, Tack Shack of Ocala, Purina, Berrettini, Feedmark, Good Apple Equine, Equine Medical Center, TT Distributors, United Hay, Winning Edge Saddlery, Roberta Morrison and Oak Spring Farm.** Thank you to everyone for attending the ride and for all of the hard work put in to make it ❖

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In March, HPAF was invited to have a booth at the farm of Olympic-level rider and Ocala resident Darren Chiacchia during one of his training clinics. Call Me Red was one of the three horses to represent HPAF. While there, she caught the eye of Eline Eckroth, a USDF Bronze medalist, Dutch certified riding instructor who was working with Darren. Eline adopted Call Me Red, while Chiacchia himself adopted one of the other horses. This new adoptee jointed the six horses he had previously adopted from HPAF.

For Call Me Red, whose life had already taken a 180-degree turn for the good, things were about to get even better.

The mare's hips and ribs were still showing, but Eline was in no hurry to start her training as the horse continued to put on weight. For two months, Eline simply spent plenty of time with Miss Red, as she calls her, letting her gain weight and restoring the mare's trust in people.

She was nervous and had lost faith in humans, says Eline, adding that this quickly changed as the mare was fed three times a day, plus given treats and regular affection. Now that she feels safe, her nervous attitude has vanished. Her personality began to emerge, revealing a calm and friendly horse who genuinely enjoys being around people.

Once Call Me Red had put on weight and her feet were in good condition, Eline began longeing her and schooling the mare in the round pen. After she got on the mare's back, the retraining progressed smoothly.

We took plenty of time to restart her, says Eline. She knows everything she needs to know for a first level dressage test, and I think she could even do a baby novice class for eventing. She's nice on the trails and doesn't mind being in the lead or someone passing her. I've galloped her out on the trails and she's totally sound. She has an old bow(ed tendon), but it's stayed dry and cold; she's totally sound.

Call Me Red has no stable vices; Eline reports that she's very easy-going and has great manners. She's even used the mare to teach lessons with a 10-year-old girl riding.

Call Me Red will make a great mount for an adult amateur or junior/young rider who wants to compete at lower level dressage and also be able to ride on trails for pleasure. Her dark days behind her, this trusting, kind-hearted mare has embarked on a new future, thanks to her rescue by Horse Protection Association of Florida and a successful adoption. ❖



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