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## HORSE PROTECTION Association of Florida

For Starved, Neglected & Abandoned Horses  
Rescue Rehab Adoption Since 1990



Summer 2018 Newsletter

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**A**fter a dry winter, spring has brought torrential, almost daily rains to the Horse Protection Farm. Once again, most of the farm is standing water. We are fostering horses out to save them from the numerous maladies that come with so much rain and walking in water. More trees have gone down, taking out fencing, an electric pole, transformer and meter, leaving a wire down in a pasture. Thank goodness for the Clay Electric crew who worked for eight hours to replace and repair the damage to the electric components.

Thank you to the Ocala Star Banner, WUFT TV and Fox Orlando and WSKY for spreading the word about our plight and the need for foster homes and to all of the kind, generous people who have stepped up to foster or adopt.

All the horses and donkey's we have rescued this year have been from Marion County. The calls about older horses needing placement after their owner has passed away, gone into assisted living or can no longer provide for their horses increased dramatically. We cannot take every horse, but we work with the family to render solutions.

Your donations have saved countless horses from dire circumstances and a life of suffering. We need your help to continue Horse Protection's valuable work. Please give what you can today and please remember Horse Protection in your Will. We cannot help any of these magnificent equines without your support.

**A Matching Gift Challenge of \$10,000  
has been made through to August 31!  
Please donate today to help us reach the matching challenge**

### New Rescues



Frankie 2/2/18 864 lbs



Luna 11/28/17 734 lbs



Peggy 4/6/18 844 lbs



Frankie 5/2/18 gained 245 lbs



Luna 3/28/18 gained 361 lbs



Peggy 4/25/18

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**It is only because of you that Horse Protection's 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.**

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***Marion County has more horses  
than any other county in the US.***

1. Marion County FL (37,800 horses)
2. Riverside County, CA (12,685 horses)
3. Denton County, TX (11,746 horses)

Source: Te 2017 American Horse Council, The 2012 USDA Equine Census

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## In Memory of

Dr. Lynn Peck from Kim Seville  
Merrian Tangas from Friends & Family Altoona the Trail Riders  
George "Buddy" McGee from Phillip Innis and Proxops LLC,  
Sharon Harden from Carolyn Howd  
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Kirk Landon from Morgan Silver  
Leo de Vez from Lindsay Campbell  
All the pets we rescued from June and Tom Fillion  
Caralee Gould's Lily from the Claudia and Bill Parkhurst  
Forever Spring Wild Willow from Claudia Parkhurst  
Saint from Karin Esposito  
Duke from Carlton and Nancy Bahn  
Apache from Frances Kolonia  
Lucy from Christine Bublely

## In Honor Of

Madge Gunia on her birthday from Barbara Hinds, Kris & Sheridan Schwark, Bonnie and Kathy Eychaner  
The Boarders at Twilight Farm from Don and Gail Schroeder  
Kim and Chad's wedding from Claudia and Bill Parkhurst  
Dyrk Godby from Lauren Miller

## 2017 Horse Expenses

Feed and Hay \$56,336.53  
Veterinary care \$15,117.57  
Farrier \$17,335.

## Employers Match Donations, Does Yours?

Did you know YOU could earn grant money for Horse Protection Association of Florida from your employer just by volunteering? Many Employers offer money when their employees volunteer. Here are a few examples:

**Intel** provides a \$10 grant to a nonprofit per every volunteer hour by an employee and matches funds dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 per employee or retiree. **Microsoft** provides a \$17 grant to a nonprofit per every hour volunteered by an employee. **Apple** provides a \$25 grant to a nonprofit per every volunteer hour by an employee and matches funds dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 per employee. **Verizon** provides a \$750 grant to a nonprofit when an employee volunteers for 50+ hours. **State Farm** provides a \$500 grant nonprofit when an employee volunteers for+ 40 hour.

**Others top 20 matching gift and/or volunteer grant companies:**

Disney	Boeing
Starbucks	Google
CarMax	Merck
Home Depot	Aetna
JP Morgan	Dell
Chevron	Outerwall (CoinStar and RedBox)
Soros Fund Mngt	ConocoPhillips
BP (British Petroleum)	RealNetworks
Gap Corporation	Time Warner and subsidiaries
State Street Corporation	AllState
ExxonMobil	Morgan Stanley
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## If You Love Our Work Tell the World

**Stories about Horse Protection from people like you will help us make an even bigger impact in our community. GreatNonprofits—the #1 source of nonprofit stories and feedback—is honoring highly regarded nonprofits with their 2018 Top-Rated List.**

**Won't you help us raise visibility for our work by posting a brief story of your experience with us?**

**All content will be visible to potential donors and volunteers.**

**It's easy and only takes minutes!**

**Go here and get started:** <https://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/write/horse-protection-association-of-florida-inc>

## Wish List

Stamps  
Printer Ink HP 932 black and 933 CMY  
Copy paper  
Store credit at Sparr Feed and Supply  
Store credit Newport Hay Ocala.  
De Walt or comparable 18V Battery Powered Saw/Drill  
Tree trimming  
Aluminum welding for broken doors and panels  
Duct tape, Skin So Soft, Apple Cider Vinegar  
Endure Fly Spray (two gallons a month)  
Credit at Jeffers, State Line Tack and Schneider' SStack.com

## Volunteers Needed

**Horse Care and daily chores 8am-12 noon**  
**Barn/Facility Maintenance**  
**Long-Term Foster/Sanctuary Homes**  
**Capital Campaign Support**  
**Fundraising/Events**

## Thank You UF Equestrian Team Volunteers





Cindy age 37



Beauty age 12



Kandy age 3



Little Guy age 2



Brighty 8 days



Hope age 24



Heart age 11

## Legacy Society

### Shirley Anne Costango February 11, 1935 – December 3, 2017

Shirley was born in St. Georges, Delaware to Gertrude W. (Bright) and Robert C. Davidson. She graduated valedictorian from Delaware City High School and received a French National Merit Scholarship for college in 1953 but decided to forego college to marry her high school sweetheart H. James "Jim" Costango.

Jim enlisted in the United States Air Force and this led to their relocation to Tampa, Florida where they lived, worked and raised their three children over the course of 44 years. Shirley was the Vice President of Tam-Bay Realty in Florida until the company was sold in 1998. She then moved back to St. Georges, DE where she enjoyed her cats and friendships with new and old friends alike.

Shirley was a bright, compassionate woman with a wonderful sense of humor that remained with her always. She loved music, playing the piano, singing show tunes, watching old movies, all animals and beauty everywhere. She was a board member of the First Presbyterian Church Preservation Society and volunteered and contributed to animal rescue organizations throughout her life.

Shirley was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2013 and eventually came to live in Tallahassee, FL. She read about the Horse Protection Association of Florida many years ago. And she thought the work they were doing was so wonderful that she decided to donate to them through her estate.

Bless you Shirley for leaving your legacy for the horses, you will always be remembered.

## About 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**



Our deepest gratitude to the Felburn Foundation for a grant to Horse Protection that covered two months of operation of the farm and programs. The Felburn Foundation has been an outstanding supporter of Horse Protection's mission for over a decade. We are so grateful for their ongoing support. Over the years the Felburn Foundation made an addition to Cheyenne's barn possible which keeps the mares sheltered year-round and have made the rescue and care of countless horses possible. The horses are so fortunate to have the Felburn Foundation's support.



Thank you, **Arredondo Dressage Society**, for holding the **Ninth Annual Horses Helping Horses** fund raiser for Horse Protection in April. The hard-working members once again held a wonderful event with lessons and goodies donated by countless caring supporters. The event raised \$7175.38 for the horses. Our most sincere appreciation to everyone who made the event a success once again, we are so grateful for your support.

Thank you to our friends at **Professional Vet Lab** for the donation of 33 Coggins tests. We are so grateful for their valuable services. You can have your fecal tests for parasites done at Professional Vet Lab. It is necessary to perform fecal tests before deworming to determine if it is needed, then again after deworming to see if that class of dewormers is effective with your horses or if they are resistant to that class of dewormers. We recommend them highly!

Professional Vet Lab 10481 N US Highway 27 Ocala, Florida 34482-1846 352-732-3338 Find them on Facebook.



**City College of Gainesville** has held two classes at the Horse Protection farm for their veterinary technician students in March. At the second class Dr. Smok and the students donated pulling Coggins tests and doing fecals on the horses which was a tremendous help and savings for Horse Protection. In April **Dr. Smok** and **Dr. Wade** and students **Joslyn Bebout** and **Daniel Kim** came to the farm and again donated their time and services pulling twenty more Coggins tests.

Thank you once again to **Jill Beatty** for her regular donations of **Redmond Salt Rocks** for all the horses at the farm. Each horse has a Redmond salt rock in their stall or feed pen and they enjoy licking their salt after breakfast while hanging out waiting for their turn to be groomed. Because of Jill the horses have the highest quality salt available and for that we are forever grateful. Bless you Jill!

Thank you to **Marylou Ernsting of Kinetic Technologies** in Kentucky for the donation of M.A.S.S. Builder supplement and their wonderful Aloe and Oatmeal Shampoo. Kinetic Technologies and Marylou have donated countless cases of their high-quality products to Horse Protection over the years and we appreciate their support very much!

Thank you, **Russ Crowder**, photographer and volunteer extraordinaire. Russ drives out to the farm at a moment's notice to photograph new arrivals. We are so grateful for Russ's expertise and kindness!

Thank you to **KC and Robyn LaPierre** and **The Institute of Applied Equine Podiatry** for their generous donations of Silvetrasol and Perfect Hoofware. We use the Silvetrasol everyday for hooves, wounds and fungus and would not want to be without it! Some horses need the Perfect Hoofware for support and protection of their hooves. And a special thanks to KC LaPierre for bringing the Level II students to the farm for the research project and for trimming Silver, Samson and Willow.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who are fostering horses to keep them dry!

**Natalie Alker** is fostering Polo & Pia

**Kim Benson** and **Candace Noonan** are fostering Karma & Cupido

**Erin Hammock** is fostering Silver & Mr. Scott

**Donna Strong** is fostering Bruno

**Grace Piasecki** is fostering Hope, Lola & Zania

*Horses are still in need foster homes*



KC LaPierre & Willow

## THANK YOU HORSE SPONSORS

Michael Nuzzo of Miami Sponsoring Polo & Legacy

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Thank you Don Manuchia for once again sponsoring the newsletter. We could not put out a newsletter without its being sponsored.

A million thanks Don, you are the best!





**Curly Sue 10-30-2017**



**Peppy 10-30-2017**



**Blake 10-30-2017**



**Curly Sue 2-3-2018**



**Peppy 1-30-2018**



**Blake 5-8-2018**



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**Silver & Kim Benson**



**Rainbow & Anna Peterson**



**Sassy & Merlin & Richard and Gloria Oest**

## Merlin and Sassy

**Merlin** was found starving in Chiefland, Florida in May 2014. A former cow horse, he had been given to a young family who were ignorant as to the feed requirements of a horse. Merlin was a Body Condition Score 1, severely emaciated, weak and depressed. He had a large hematoma on his shoulder from where another horse had attacked him. I worried that the trailer ride back to the farm might be too much stress for Merlin and that he was too far gone to save.

I parked the trailer along the road and went inside to bring Merlin out. His head hung low, his hooves dragging along as he walked, showing his debilitation. As we got to the right of way and walked past the hedge, Merlin caught sight of the horse trailer, lifted his head, let out a whinny and took off trotting towards the trailer dragging me with him. Merlin jumped up into the trailer, went straight to the front and began eating the hay in the bag. I could hear him thinking, "Get me the heck out of here!"

From that point on the lethargic horse was gone and Merlin improved daily. He gained weight rapidly and within ninety days he was plump and has been on a strict diet ever since as he gains weight so easily.

**Sassy** was surrendered in a case with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. She was a Body Condition Score 1, severely emaciated, her hooves overgrown from years of neglect. Sassy was a shell of a horse, she had no life in her at all, she seemed resigned to her fate.

Back at the farm the Sassy dove into the grass in her paddock and looked content immediately. Sassy gained weight easily and in sixty days she was healthy and plump.

The following year we had the good fortune to meet Gloria and Richard Oest. Gloria came to the farm and wanted to adopt two unrideable horses to live at their lovely Ocala property. Gloria picked out Merlin and Sassy, two individuals with kind dispositions and an affinity for any person with carrots.

In February 2015 Merlin and Sassy went to their new home with Gloria and Richard. Two formerly starved horses who suffered for untold years got a dream home with green grass, the best feed and care and unlimited love and affection from their family. Thank you, Gloria and Richard for giving Merlin and Sassy the best home we could have every wished for them.

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