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Summer 2021 Newsletter

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July 1st marks Horse Protection's 10th Anniversary in Marion County. We have been so blessed to have this beautiful farm thanks to Amy Sperling who purchased it for Horse Protection's use in 2001 and leases it to us for one dollar per year. Amy also adopted China and Casper in 2001 as part of her family in South Florida. She donates the use of that farm to an equine assisted therapy organization. Thank you, Amy!

December 31st, we took in a sweet 30-year-old Quarter Horse mare, Lightening Gold Bug. Sadly, she sustained a fatal injury while her owner was transporting her, and she was gone within 24 hours. Thank you to volunteer Sophie Baines for reporting this kind elderly mare so that at least she spent her last day with green grass, good feed, love and attentive care.



Lightening Gold Bug and
volunteer Sophie Baines

In February I drove to Georgia to pick up an emaciated 28-year-old Paso Fino mare named Star. Star made the trip in good order. Sadly, the next day she lay down and was too weak to go on and we had to let her go. Sometimes the best we can do for a suffering horse is to give them love and care for their last day, week or months and then help them pass peacefully with dignity.

Visitors to the farm, often ask, why aren't these horses adopted? With the highest population of horses of any county in the US, quality horses abound in this area, making unrideable horses with soundness and health issues difficult to find homes for.

Many of our residents are elderly or they were already unsound when we rescued them, and likely the reason they ended up neglected, they no longer had value to their owners.

Broodmares who were never trained for riding. Horses who suffered starvation during critical growth years (gestation to 4) often do not hold up when ridden. Some are stunted, others go lame in their legs or feet, suffer dental issues or chronic colic or have compromised immune systems causing a multitude of problems.

But horses don't have to be ridden to be enjoyed and useful. Horses enjoy "playing the games" of Natural Horsemanship and building relationships and trust with human partners. My background was traditional, military-based horsemanship. When I found natural horsemanship in 1997, I knew this was something amazing. The fulfillment and bond I feel when I take the time to earn a trusting partnership with a formerly abused or feral horse is profound compared to how I was originally taught to handle horses. I hope that more horse owners can learn this amazing

After an extensive search, Horse Protection is proud to introduce our new Executive Director, Christine Massinger. We met Christine when she donated training for the Thoroughbred fillies Phoebe and Monica. I began taking lessons with Christine last fall with Tommy, a Paso with extensive trauma and fear from past abuse. He was a challenging horse, not adoptable due to his reactivity. I have learned so much with Christine and it has opened new horizons for me even after training horses for over 40 years. The great thing is that anyone can learn the horse's language of gestural communication aka natural horsemanship.

Please let us know if you would like to visit the farm.

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Christine Sereni-Massinger has been a university professor in higher education for over 25 years. Prior to her teaching career, Christine was a state prosecutor. She was elected Pennsylvania's youngest female judge at the age of 27 and served in that capacity for ten years. It was during her time on the bench that she presided over hundreds of misdemeanor and felony cases including cases involving animal cruelty and neglect. Christine is a published author of numerous peer-reviewed scholarly articles. She has presented at both the national and international level on topics such as: learning styles, critical thinking, and effective development of educational curriculum. She has won numerous awards for her teaching including the Distinguished Faculty Award and the Outstanding Faculty Award.



Christine and Vogue sharing a laugh!

Christine and her husband, Doug, live on their horse farm in Ocala Florida. They are the proud “parents” of sixteen animals including nine horses, 3 dogs and 4 cats. Christine has been a licensed Parelli Professional for over ten years and is considered an expert in equine safety practices.

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*“I am honored to have been entrusted by the Board of Directors as Horse Protection Association’s Executive Director. Morgan Silver has worked tirelessly for over thirty years to be the loving steward for these helpless equines. We are fortunate that Morgan will remain with Horse Protection in her capacity as Founder, Board Member and Farm Manager.*”

*“Many of the horses at the farm, remain in our care for the rest of their lives as they often cannot be ridden due to issues prior to their rescue and rehabilitation. Although so many other fulfilling activities can be done with horses other than riding, many people still only seek a rideable horse. The impact for us is that we have numerous loving and talented horses in our care who will never be placed. When we rescue an equine, we commit to that equine for the remainder of its life. You, our community, have shown tremendous kindness to these beloved equines with your generous contributions of both time and money. Now, that kindness will be returned to you.*”

*“Soon we will announce more detailed information regarding our Return the Kindness Campaign. This equine assisted learning campaign will be comprised of educational and wellbeing programs in which the horses will become our teachers. The campaign will include paths for adults, organizations, and children. The Return the Kindness Campaign will be a win/win for all and will mutually benefit both the community and our beloved horses!”*





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## Our deepest gratitude to those who have remembered the horses in their estate planning

**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,  
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**Barbara Henderson  
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Marty Price**

### Thank you, Madge Gunia!

We met Madge when she adopted Tsultaya (the T is silent), one of the Arabian mares rescued in the first cruelty case Horse Protection worked with the Levy County Sheriff's Office in 2005. In 2013 Madge adopted Hope, a crippled Arabian mare who had a great retirement thanks to Madge.

Madge is a well-known former Arabian breeder and exhibitor from Wisconsin.

Madge is an amazing supporter; she has selflessly served on the Horse Protection Board of Directors since 2012. Thank you, Madge. Words are insufficient to adequately convey our gratitude to you for all you have done for the horses over the years.



Madge and Hope

Miamians **Danny & Anna Sofie Truby Montana** visit the farm



Volunteer **Carol Baileys**  
Sparky & Samson



**Catherine Calderon**,  
fostering Bonnie and Shadow



**Dawn Martinez & Sunday**



**Burt & Suzanne Eno**  
visit with Trixie



Thank you to

### **Dr. Sarah Garcia DVM.**

Dr. Garcia has been donating her time treating the horses with acupuncture. Dr. Garcia has helped so many of the horses feel better from their arthritis, old injuries, and pain. We are so grateful to her for this priceless service she has given the horses

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Thank you once again to **Cordwin Tree Service** for donating tree removal at the farm! A dead pine tree fell in the yard and the Corwin Crew came right out and removed it. Thank you Cordwin, you are the best!



Thank you **Dawn Martinez** for your donation of videography and editing services!

Thank you, **Tia Dotson** for all your help with the horses



Thank you once again to the **Henderson family** for volunteering at the farm!



Thank you to **Alice Hecht Soliman, Kathleen Sherman & the Fanelli Family** for helping at the farm on week-ends when we had no help with daily cleaning. It is hot, tiring work and they pitched right in and got the work done!

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**Littleun** a great horse and friend for 21 years

**William E. Howe** from Cheryl Chandler

## In Memory Of Star



## In Memory of Carlton Bahn 1931-2021

Mr. Bahn did the mowing for us in our early years in Miami's Horse Country.

A true gentleman, Carlton became a good friend, a person who could always be counted on.

Carlton and his wife Nancy have continued to support Horse Protection for 30 years. We are so honored to have known Carlton and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family.

**Thank you to the horse's guardian angel Don Manuchia for once again sponsoring the newsletter. The newsletter is possible because of Don and we can never thank him enough!**

## Wish List

**Zero Turn Mower**

**Commercial Dryer**

**Tractor & Bush Hog (mower implement):** The farm tractor, generously donated in 2015 by Steve Farrell and Fran Marino has been breaking down repeatedly and spending more time in the shop than out after years of hard work on the farm. It is used for the daily cleaning to move manure out to the compost piles. A new tractor and bush hog are needed to keep up on the mowing

**Corral Panel Project:** Most of the corral panel pens we use for stalls are rusted and broken and need replacing. The floors need refilling and leveling and rubber mats to give the new panels longevity.

**42 Priefert Portable Corral Panel Pens** (\$289.00 each)

**14 Panels with Doors** (\$339 each)

**25 4'x 6' Rubber Stall Mats** (approx. \$40 each)

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