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Turning Tragedy into Triumph!



Summer 2022 Newsletter

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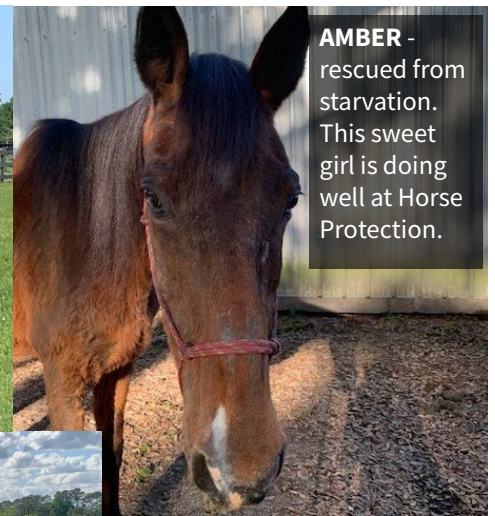
**PABLO** - abandoned on our property, starved and fearful, limping - still wearing his saddle.



**CHATTY** - broodmare for 18 years. She and Pablo are now boyfriend and girlfriend.



**AMBER** - rescued from starvation. This sweet girl is doing well at Horse Protection.



**DASH** - 2 year old Thoroughbred broke her knee in her first race. Doing tremendously well at Horse Protection.



**MOLLY** - Now the best friend of DASH. Surrendered because of a stifle problem.

**MAURICE** - 14 year old mule. Owner could not care for him.



**HOP** - lost her home and farm when the tornado struck Ocala in March.



**CLEO (L), RAINBOW (M), AND RAMONA (R)** - placed from a loving home that could no longer care for them.





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Horse Protection is looking for a gift of land or a long term no payment lease where the annual value is considered a tax-deductible donation, so that we can save more horses.

We are looking for 100 or more acres in Marion County near the Ocala area.

The acreage would need to have facilities (barns, etc.) for the horses.

Please consider us for this tax-deductible donation.

To discuss a charitable donation of land please contact  
Executive Director, [Christine Massinger](mailto:christine@hpaf.org) at [christine@hpaf.org](mailto:christine@hpaf.org) or 352-207-3079.

## **What Is Your Legacy?**

Your love and compassion for all God's creatures and most especially the beautiful horses and donkeys at Horse Protection makes you the caring and special person that you are! Thank you for being a part of our Mission to help rescue, rehabilitate, rehome, and rejuvenate these beautiful horses. Help us continue to turn tragedy into triumph! Join the compassionate people who have included Horse Protection in their estate planning through our [Legacy Society](#). By doing so, you will make countless miracles happen for years to come!

**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,  
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membered Horse Protection and  
the horses in their estate  
planning.**

Barbara Henderson , Elizabeth Mittauer  
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Jan Barbour, Sharon Champion,  
Doris & Bill Smith,  
Elly Mims,  
Marty Price





## Meet More of Our Team

### Director, Mr. Colby Vine

Mr. Colby Vine is the Director of Aviation for the New York Yankees and leads in the hiring, training, and mentoring of personnel within his division. Mr. Vine is the proud author of the General Operations Manual and Safety Management Manual which assists in the safe transportation of all of the New York Yankee executives.

Mr. Vine serves as a Designated Pilot Examiner wherein he is responsible for evaluating and approving pilot and flight instructions for the Federal Aviation Administration through practical examination. Additionally, he serves as a Certified Flight Instructor. He received his Master of Science in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where he graduated with honors.

A lifelong equestrian, Mr. Vine began coaching riders at age 18 for the USEF and continued to train horses from weanling to the show ring.

He is married to his childhood friend Katharine Fowler. They reside on their horse farm located in Ocala Florida. Colby and Katharine are the proud parents of three horses: Domino-a 27-year-old North American Oldenburg, Spencer- a 17-year-old Thoroughbred and Trinket- a 15-year-old Welch-Thoroughbred pony. In the picture attached, Colby is shown with his beloved horse, Spencer.



IN ADDITION TO OUR KNOWLEDGEABLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HONORARY DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, THESE SPECIAL PEOPLE CONTRIBUTE SO MUCH TO HELPING THE EQUINES AT HORSE PROTECTION. **WE THANK THEM GREATLY FOR WHAT THEY DO.**

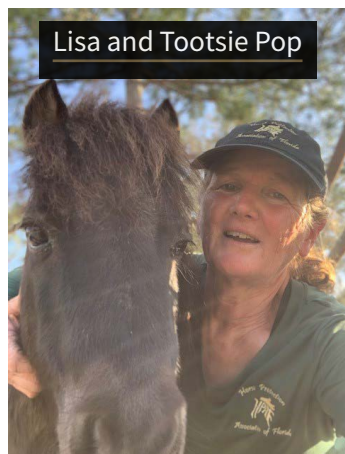
### Lisa Mandley

#### FARM MANAGER

Lisa's love of horses started at the age of 8. Her aunt and uncle had a horse farm in Maryland where she and her family went on trail rides every Sunday morning. Lisa participated in a riding club where she had the privilege of riding in the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, DC several times.

At the age of 12 Lisa acquired her own horse, Scotch, a Golden Palomino. Of course, she had to find him a friend, a pony named Pippi! As Lisa says, "There is something to be said about girls and horses!"

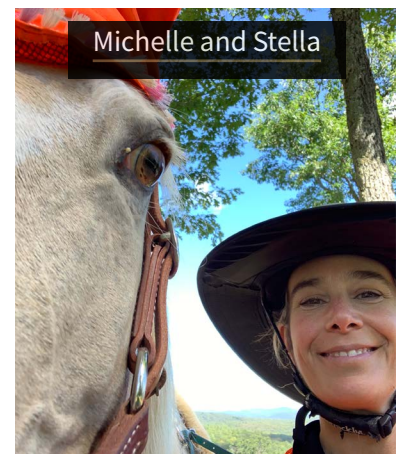
When Lisa's daughter caught the horse fever, the family went from one horse to six! Now that her daughter is grown, Lisa is still the proud Mom of 4 horses. Lisa heartfully says, "I wouldn't know what to do without horses in my life! Horses teach us so much about ourselves. Currently, 3 of my 4-legged kids are Horse Protection horses! They're the best!"



### Michelle Grald

#### MARKETING DIRECTOR

Michelle Grald is a communications professional and lifelong equestrian. She is an author, and speaker on the topic of equestrian trails and open space. Over the past thirty years, her career assignments in advertising, high tech and publishing enabled her to build a versatile set of skills in both digital and print media. She relocated to greater Ocala in 2019. Michelle and her husband, Eric, are the parents of four grown children, two Tennessee Walking Horses and two rambunctious rescue dogs.



## Do I Make A Difference?

My name is Patrice Bryant Akers, and I am the Treasurer for Horse Protection. I have been doing bookkeeping for most of my life – learning from my mother at the age of 10 and continuing the family business for over 50 years.

I like numbers. They are black and white. They are logical. You are either “in balance” or you’re not. You are in “the red” or in “the black”. There are no shades of gray or in-betweens. And, if the books don’t balance, you can always find the answer by taking logical steps. Accounting is good for me. It balances the logical part of my life with the emotional ~ and that’s where the horses come in....

I’ve always loved horses, taking after my father who told me stories of his beloved “Chief” all through-out my childhood. I was never around horses, but always wanted them. So, 7 years ago when my mother said to my husband & me “Let’s do it!”, we packed up our home in SoCal and moved to Ocala to our quaint 5 acre farm – Psalms Farm. I had no idea the journey that would come.

We rescued all 3 of our herd members and began to study Natural Horsemanship (a pre-requisite from one of the adoption centers). We began training with Christine Massinger and that is when the “relationships” with these incredible beings began. Like so many others, we were extremely ignorant to their deep sensitive nature, to their empathic way of communicating, and their capacity to heal and help humans on a physical and emotional level. Our 3 guys changed over the months/years and have become who they were always meant to be – confident, fun-loving, playful, respectful and trusting of humans – but most importantly, desiring to be with us, hang out with us – which is literally like the lamb laying down with the lion. The ultimate prey animal – the ultimate predator – becoming one in partnership.

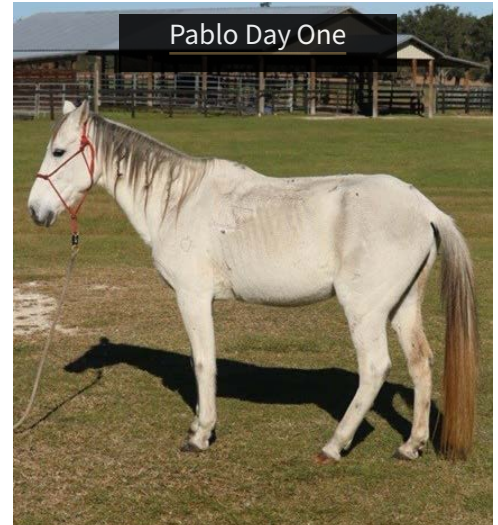


*Patrice and Samson*

I write this as a segue way into coming to Horse Protection. I know (logically in my head) the abuse, the abandonment that happens from humans to equine (not limited to), but I suppose my heart was not quite prepared for the atrocities that I witnessed or heard about – difficult for me to wrap my head around –

However – I have also seen some of the miracles that have happened as a result of our loving and caring team. If, at any point, I become discouraged or overwhelmed with the “numbers” of equine alone that need help, I simply need to look to our team. Our farm manager, Lisa, who does the actual intake of the wounded and works side by side with our Executive Director Christine – our team of equine associates – Chelsea, Tammy, Michele, Stephanie – our amazing volunteers.... They suit up and show up each day and love on these guys in a way that re-builds a foundation of trust for the equine to the human. A bond that has been so severely broken, that only time, patience and a genuine heart can heal.

In November 2021, Pablo a white Paso Fino, was dropped off and abandoned at Horse Protection – extremely emaciated with a body of score of 2, with, no



less, a saddle on his back (which pretty much says it all...). When he first arrived, Pablo would stand with his back to everyone – facing away – head down, eyes averted. I saw several of the team try to coax him with a treat or come close – slowly, slowly – Nope! Going to stay far, far away from any human!!

Fast forward middle of March 2022. I had not been to Horse Protection since December’s “Blessing of the Animals” due to tax season etc. I was at Horse Protection for the Lead from Within workshop. During the break, everyone goes on a tour of the facility to meet some of the residents. About 20+ people were in attendance and on this tour. As I look over to the round pen where Pablo is, I see him trotting quickly to the fence greeting all 20+ people!! Not a human that he knew or was familiar with, but over 20 predators that he was willing to come say hello to – What TRUST!! Oh, my heart be still!!!

What this team has done for this one individual each and every day...feeding, caring, grooming, mucking, singing & whistling while they work (thank you sweet Chelsea!) – each part, each person has helped in restoring our amazing Pablo.

So, “do I make a difference?” I think the more appropriate question is “do we make a difference?” →



## Do I Make A Difference? CONTINUED

We are a team. A team of people from various backgrounds who have a common passion – a passion that is expressed in our Code of Values:

“We place the welfare of the Horse Protection equine first. We commit whole heartedly to our duty of protecting them. As their stewards, we base all our decisions on our entrusted service to them. We acknowledge that Horse Protection is greater than any one individual. We therefore proudly join as a unified team ethically working to promote our mission.”

We solely rely on you, part of our Horse Protection family, for support, whether that be by volunteering, fostering, a “like”, a “share”, a donation of any amount, word of mouth, adoption, gifted items, sponsorship – ALL are vital in the continuing care for guys like Pablo. Because of the current economic climate, our need is greater as we are witnessing horses being “relinquished” at an alarming number. We want to be able to do more than “house & feed” them, but help them recover both mentally and physically, to educate and find them a forever home where they will be loved for who they are and where they came from.

I want to re-iterate that no donation is too small. It all means something. If this is part of your heart, and your

passion, please consider helping today. We all are in this together and thank you thank you thank you to those who faithfully give day in/day out – month in/month out – we are so very grateful.

So – the question –

Do I (we) make a difference?

Ask Pablo.



Pablo Day Sixty

## It's SAFE & EASY To Give A Recurring Donation

Did you know that it costs **\$9,000** a month to feed and care for the horses? We survive solely on donations. We need each and every one of our donors to consider a recurring donation! Recurring donations go to paying for the feed and care of the horses and go directly to the foodbank. Even if each of our donors contribute just \$20 a month, Horse Protection would be assured that we could feed the horses for years to come. We could also rescue more horses in need.

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## Thank You

### Volunteers



**Neenah Lancaster Reimer** - our weekend volunteer. Shown here with Buzzy.



Thank you to **Charlotte Braziel** who donates her services for Horse Protection's background checks so that all of us, including the horses and donkeys can be safe and secure on our premises. Charlotte is a retired FBI agent and friend to Horse Protection.



Thank you to **Sandra Vann**, one of our trainers, who offers significantly discounted training for our rescues. Shown here with Spirit. Out of the kindness of her heart, Sandra is fostering Pardner while her owner is in the hospital with pneumonia in hopes that his owner will recover and can be reunited with him.



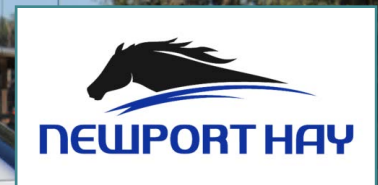
**Tamra and Matt** from Texas. They stayed and helped us for three weeks!

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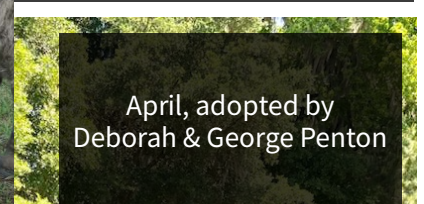
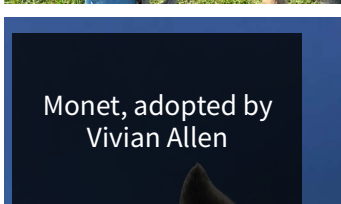


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## **Before, After, and Happily Ever After**

We are more than a “Before and After.” WE ARE **HAPPILY EVER AFTER!**  
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## Meet Horse Protection Health Care Provider, Dr. Sarah Garcia:

Horse Protection takes pride knowing our horses are treated by well-trained and licensed medical professionals. Meet **one** of Horse Protection's Health Care Providers, **Dr. Sarah Garcia**

Dr. Sarah Garcia DVM, CVA, is an equine practitioner and the owner of Southern Performance Veterinary Acupuncture and Wellness. She grew up in South Carolina, riding and competing hunter/jumpers. She earned her B.S. in Biology from Wofford College and received her DVM from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Garcia received her certification in veterinary acupuncture and completed the Advanced Equine Acupuncture course at the Chi University in Reddick, FL. She will be attending Chi University again this fall to earn her certification in Equine Rehabilitation and Performance Medicine.

Dr. Garcia lives in Gainesville, FL with her husband and two boys. She and her family are members of a BMX Racing Team, Team 352 BMX sponsored by Bikes and More, and they enjoy spending time at their home track in High Springs and traveling on the weekends to race at tracks across the state.

### WHAT KIND OF PRACTICE IS SOUTHERN PERFORMANCE?

Southern Performance is a mobile veterinary acupuncture practice that combines both conventional and Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM) to provide high quality integrative care. My goal as a practitioner is to enhance or maintain the performance and well being of your horse through the services I provide.

### WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES DO YOU OFFER AND TO WHAT AREAS DO YOU PROVIDE SERVICE?

Some of the services that are offered are dry needle acupuncture, aqua-acupuncture, electro-acupuncture, moxibustion, Tui-na (massage), and myofascial release. Consultations for Chinese Herbal formulas are also available. I am based out of Gainesville, Florida, but travel frequently to the surrounding areas, including Ocala, St. Augustine and Jacksonville.

### HOW DO OWNERS KNOW IF ACUPUNCTURE WILL BENEFIT THEIR HORSE?

From the high performance equine athlete under physical and mental stress, to the geriatric horse with Cushing's Disease and arthritis, acupuncture can benefit ALL horses. Acupuncture not only provides pain relief, but it also helps to balance and enhance the overall health and well being of the horse.



*Dr. Garcia with Horse Protection's Rhett.*

### HOW WILL AN OWNER KNOW WHAT SERVICE IS RIGHT FOR THEIR HORSE?

That's my job! Every new client and patient starts with an initial "New Client Appointment". These appointments include a thorough patient history, a conventional physical exam integrated with a TCVM exam, a standing orthopedic exam, and a diagnostic scan. The appropriate treatment modality will be determined based on the physical exam findings, the diagnostic scan, and the temperament of the horse. Each horse is different and will have a different threshold for needles and stimulation. My goal for each treatment session is to provide a relaxing environment that will optimize treatment results. The number of followup appointments and the treatment modality used will be determined at each visit.

To make an appointment, please contact Dr. Garcia by phone (803) 673-3039 or email [southernperformancevet@gmail.com](mailto:southernperformancevet@gmail.com).

You can also visit her website at: [southernperformancevet.com](http://southernperformancevet.com).

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### SUNDAY NEEDS A SPONSOR!

Would you please be my sponsor? My name is Sunday and I am only six years old. Now is the time for me to go into training. My friend Vogue went into training. I also need someone who has a kind heart to help pay for my training. The better trained I am the better the chance for my adoption. I would love to have a family some day who love and care for me. Can you please be my sponsor and help me get trained so I can find my forever family?

Love ❤️  
Sunday

To learn how you can sponsor Sunday please email us at  
[christine@hpaf.org](mailto:christine@hpaf.org)



**Thank you to the horses' guardian angel, Don Manuchia,  
for once again sponsoring the newsletter.**

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**This beautiful newsletter is possible because of the generosity of Don.  
We and the horses can never thank Don enough!**



**SAFIRO - before**



**SAFIRO - after rehabilitation at Horse Protection**



**SAFIRO - living his best happily-ever-after life with his new owners Adrienne Rupp and her daughter, Halle Molava, who is shown here enjoying a riding lesson at West Meadow Farm.**





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