

Samson and Sparky, newly-adopted and loving life with their new buddy, Junebug.

# HORSE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA

## NEWSLETTER



# TURNING TRAGEDY INTO TRIUMPH!

WINTER 2022

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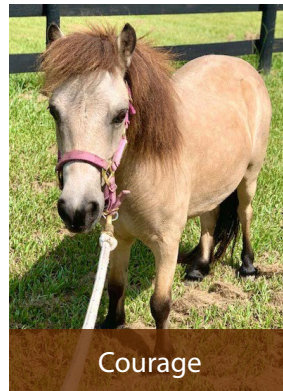
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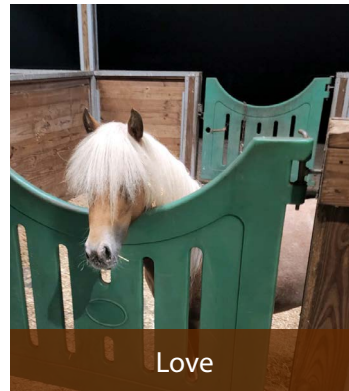
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## THE LIVES YOU HAVE SAVED IN THE LAST 100 DAYS!



Courage



Love



Jackie



Mustangs recently rescued from Williston neglect case



John & Regina



Donkey-Otie



# THE LIVES YOU HAVE SAVED IN THE LAST 100 DAYS, CONTINUED!



Fortitude



Pixie



Faith



Hope



Anna, Arnold and Gregory



Sweetie



Peace

Samson and Sparky  
(see front cover)



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Just last month we learned of sixteen horses in Williston Florida who were in desperate need. Several of them were starving and all of them were severely neglected. Thanks to you, our donors, we were able to assist at this time of great need. We joined with another rescue, the OTTB Foundation, to help the horses.

Veterinarians were called to the scene and rendered aid. We were able to provide donations for feed, hay, and farrier care. Most of the horses were provided foster homes. However, there were four Mustangs who

needed refuge. Horse Protection took the Mustangs in and have provided them a safe sanctuary. They are now in Horse Protection's care. They were not used to human interaction when they arrived, but they are now learning to trust.

What a beautiful site to see these wild mustangs learning that humans can be good and kind. Thank you to all of you for helping to save their lives! We could not do it without you!

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# Take a **Spirit Walk**

Reserve the walking companion miniature horse of your choice based on your choice of focus along the path. We have **Faith, Hope, Love, and Courage**. Your Miracle Mini will guide you on your journey.

You will explore a peaceful, grassy path on the Horse Protection grounds with your Miracle Mini on a lead rope.

The grade is flat and the scenery is inviting – filled with wildlife and with horses just on the other side of the fences.

There are eight resting spots along the path. Each resting spot will have a bench for your comfort.

At each resting spot you will meditate on questions offered in your Spirit Walk guide. Together with your Miracle Mini companion, reflect in peace and solitude.

Breathe. Relax. Enjoy.





## MEET THE MIRACLE MINIS



Courage

Just four months ago, Horse Protection received a call regarding a miniature horse who was abandoned and discarded at a training facility near Orlando. When the staff at that facility found the little mini on their property, he was untouchable. He was frightened of any human interaction. The facility did the best they could for him and put him in a stall where he stayed for several weeks without any human touch. Each time they would try to touch him, he would become severely anxious. Horse Protection was called by the facility to help the little guy and so we did! We took him in just three months ago and as part of his training we established mutual respect and trust. We named him Courage because we knew that with love, understanding and patience he would grow to be the brave little boy that he is now.



Love

Six months ago, a beautiful palomino mini was found running on the streets of Pasco County with a stallion weaving in and out of traffic. She and the stallion were taken in by animal control. They stayed at animal control while the officers searched desperately for her owners. Weeks later, the owners were found. But when they were told that they could pick up their mini, the owners said they didn't want her anymore. A rescue by the name of Hope Equine in south Florida took the little mini-in. Horse Protection worked with that rescue to help this little palomino mini. We picked her up from South Florida and brought her here. We named her Love because we wanted her to know that we will never abandon her or forsake her. We will always love her.



Hope

We all worry about what would happen to our beloved equines if we were no longer able to care for them. An elderly lady was in that predicament. She had two miniature horses who because of her failing health she was no longer able to feed or care for. She contacted Horse Protection to help her and help her, we did! We came and picked up the two little minis who are mother and daughter and brought them to Horse Protection. We paid to get them up to date on their medical care with vaccinations and feet trimming. The little chestnut mini, who is the mother of the two, we named Hope. We named her Hope because we fulfill the wish of our equine loving community with our devout promise to care for their beloved equines when they are no longer able to. We named the daughter Faith because we are devoted to our mission to help all equines and humans in their time in need and to instill faith in people and animals that we are here for them.



Faith

### Sign Up Today!

Spirit Walks are offered every Saturday and Sunday excluding major holidays. See our website for individual time slots for each horse. Reservations are required.

[hpaf.org/spirit-walk/](http://hpaf.org/spirit-walk/)

Suggested donation is \$50 and is tax deductible. All donations go to filling the food bank to feed the Horse Protection horses.



A record 23 Horse Protection horses found new homes in the last 6 months! We are making a difference, thanks to you ❤️ ❤️

## BEFORE, AFTER



Peggy Hoyt and Vogue



Dempsey with Isaac Malone. He and his wife, Jenna also adopted Brando



Iris Glick and Ruby

Bruno and Fern Rosenwasser



Jackie Holden-Delaney and Chiquita



Courage with Doug and Christine Massinger, with his new brother and sister, Little Boon and Ave'



Evelyn Greenfield with Sparky and Samson



Missy with her paddock buddies, Henry and Harry. Missy is fostered by Sheila Legas



# AND HAPPILY EVER AFTER



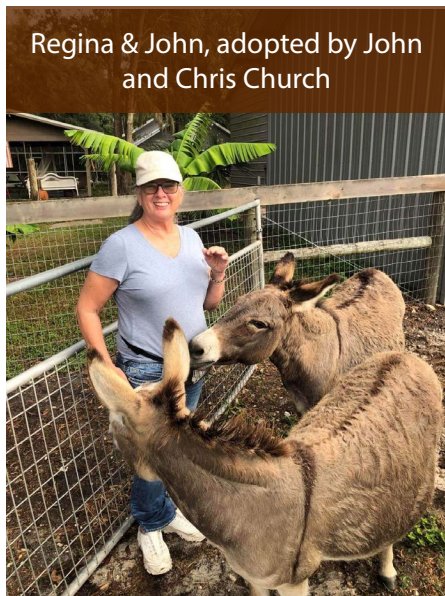
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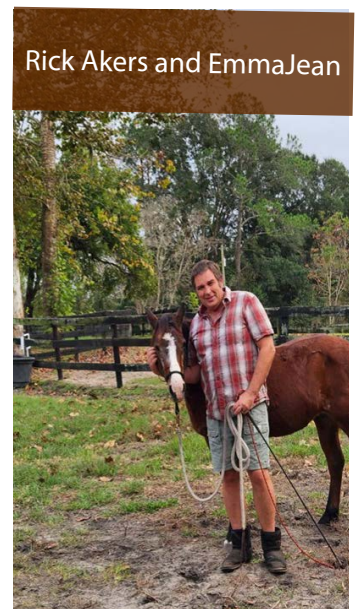
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## MEET OUR NEWEST MIRACLE MINI: FORTITUDE!

Just two months ago we received a call regarding a little miniature horse that was trapped in a small pen on sand. Marion County Animal Services and Horse Protection joined in saving this miniature horse. We were able to get him off the property and took him to Peterson and Smith Equine Hospital in Ocala where he was treated for a severe sand impaction. He was also filled with worms. Below is his before photo when we first rescued him. We named him Fortitude because of the strength and perseverance he has shown through his adversity.



The second photo is of Fortitude now, just two months later. He has made great progress and will soon go into training to participate in our new Spirit Walk Program. Fortitude loves hugs and kisses and is an adorable little guy. Come meet Fortitude and share a Spirit Walk with him. He will inspire you with his tenacity and bravery as he has done with all of us at Horse Protection!



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## DO YOU WORRY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO YOUR HORSE(S) IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU? ARE THERE TIMES THAT YOU SAY TO YOURSELF “WHAT IF...?”

If so, Horse Protection has some wonderful news to share! We are expanding our mission statement! Not only will we be caring for horses who are abused, neglected, and starved. We will also be offering sanctuary to horses whose owners can no longer care for them because they have passed away or are terminally ill. **Our equine loving community has such a need for this service and Horse Protection has stepped in to fulfill that need.** We are working closely with legal experts who specialize in wills, estates, and trusts for pets so that we can alleviate the worry of leaving your horse without a caretaker upon your death or illness. We are offering a Speaker Series on this topic as well with specialist in this area of the law.

Peggy Hoyt, Esq is dual certified by the Florida Bar in Wills, Trusts, Estates, and Elder Law. She is also an adopter of two of Horse Protection's horses: Vogue and Heaven.

Our next seminar with Peggy on this topic will be in February so please look for an announcement through email and on social media.

In the interim, it is vitally important to make plans to protect your horses.



Peggy Hoyt, Esq.

Contact Executive Director, Christine Massinger, Esq., 352-207-3079 to become a member of our Legacy Society and rid yourself of the worry and of the “what ifs?” when it comes to knowing how to protect your horses.

### 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.**

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## WOULD YOU PLEASE BE MY SPONSOR?

My name is Arnold and I am a 14 year old Thoroughbred.

My human Mom passed away and now I am in the care of Horse Protection.

I need someone who has a kind heart to sponsor my training . The better trained I am the better I have a chance for adoption. I would love to have a family again 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 ❤️ Arnold

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





## MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

RALPH A. DEMEO is a Shareholder in the Tallahassee-based firm Guilday Law, where he specializes in environmental, land use, administrative, and animal law. He is widely recognized as one of the leading environmental and animal law practitioners in the State of Florida and throughout the USA. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Stetson University, studied post-graduate creative writing and literature at The University of Florida, and received his J.D. from FSU College of Law. He is an Adjunct Professor of Animal Law and Environmental Law at FSU College of Law, Florida A&M University, and Tallahassee Community College, and has published over 40 law review, journal, treatise, and textbook articles and chapters. He frequently lectures law students, lawyers, humane advocates, judges, and others statewide on matters relating to animal law, and is a registered lobbyist for The Florida Bar Animal Law Section. He is recognized as a top lawyer in respected national lawyer ranking services including Martindale-Hubbell (top rating 5.0 Preeminent); Florida Super Lawyers (top 5% of Florida environmental lawyers; Chambers USA (top 10 Florida environmental lawyers); Best Lawyers in America; and Who's Who Legal USA. He is past Chair of The Florida Bar Animal Law Section; Environmental & Land Use Law Section; and Florida Bar Journal & News Editorial Board. He regularly represents animal owners in court on animal welfare cases. He represented the Animal Legal Defense Fund and The Florida Bar as a member of the "Greyhound Dream Team" that lobbied and litigated

against greyhound racing and breeding interests and successfully placed the ban on racing on the statewide Florida ballot, which ended greyhound racing in Florida, with a corresponding ripple effect throughout the USA.

With respect to his animal welfare activities, he is a life-long animal lover and advocate. He co-founded Pets Ad Litem, Inc. a 501c3 charity dedicated to humane education and advocacy; The Tallahassee Animal Shelter Foundation (dedicated to supporting the Tallahassee Animal Service Center); and Geoffrey Bear Foundation (dedicated to veterinarian welfare). He is also a long-time member and advisor to the Leon County Humane Society and other animal welfare organizations. He serves on the City of Tallahassee Animal Crimes Task Force where he advises the city on animal law, and on the Tallahassee Police Department Citizens' Advisory Council, where he advises law enforcement on human and animal crimes. He has a special love and appreciation for horses, having rescued, rehabilitated, fostered, and adopted multiple horses.



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### ROOM TO ROAM

With the gift of more land and facilities, we could rescue more horses. Can you help us to find more horse habitat?

### A WORKING UTV

Our staff covers a lot of ground caring for the 45 horses at Horse Protection currently WITHOUT a working UTV. Can you help?



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

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

## MANY THANKS!



Donna Blem for donating halters and equipment for the horses. Look into buying fabulous horse equipment from Quality Horseman Equipment

Dawn Martinez Furtography  
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