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NEWSLETTER



TURNING TRAGEDY INTO TRIUMPH!

WINTER 2023

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Leo: Rescued from starvation with the help of Marion County Sheriffs.



Dempsey and Brando: Rescued from neglect.



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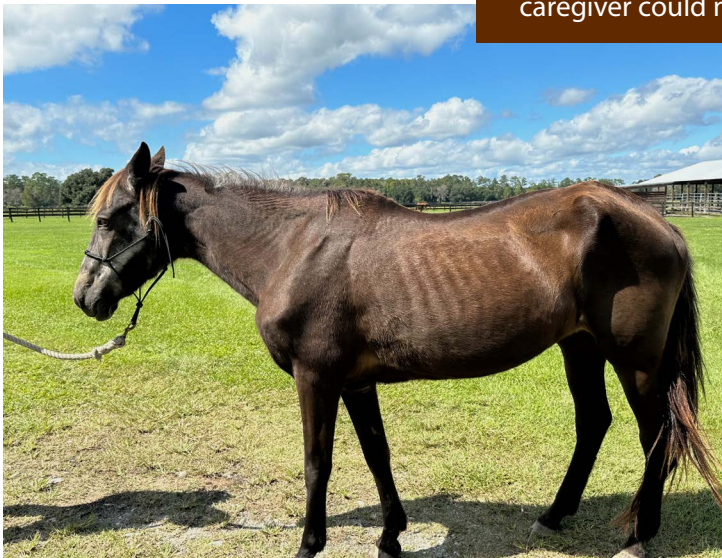
Nevada: Abandoned and left to fend for herself.



Sunny Girl: From a loving home whose caregiver passed away.



Faith: Came from a very loving home whose caregiver could no longer care for her.



Dolly: Rescued from starvation with the help of Pasco County Sheriffs.



June: Rescued from starvation with the help of Pasco County Sheriffs.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS AFTER THE SUMMER NEWSLETTER

and before our press date of November 1!

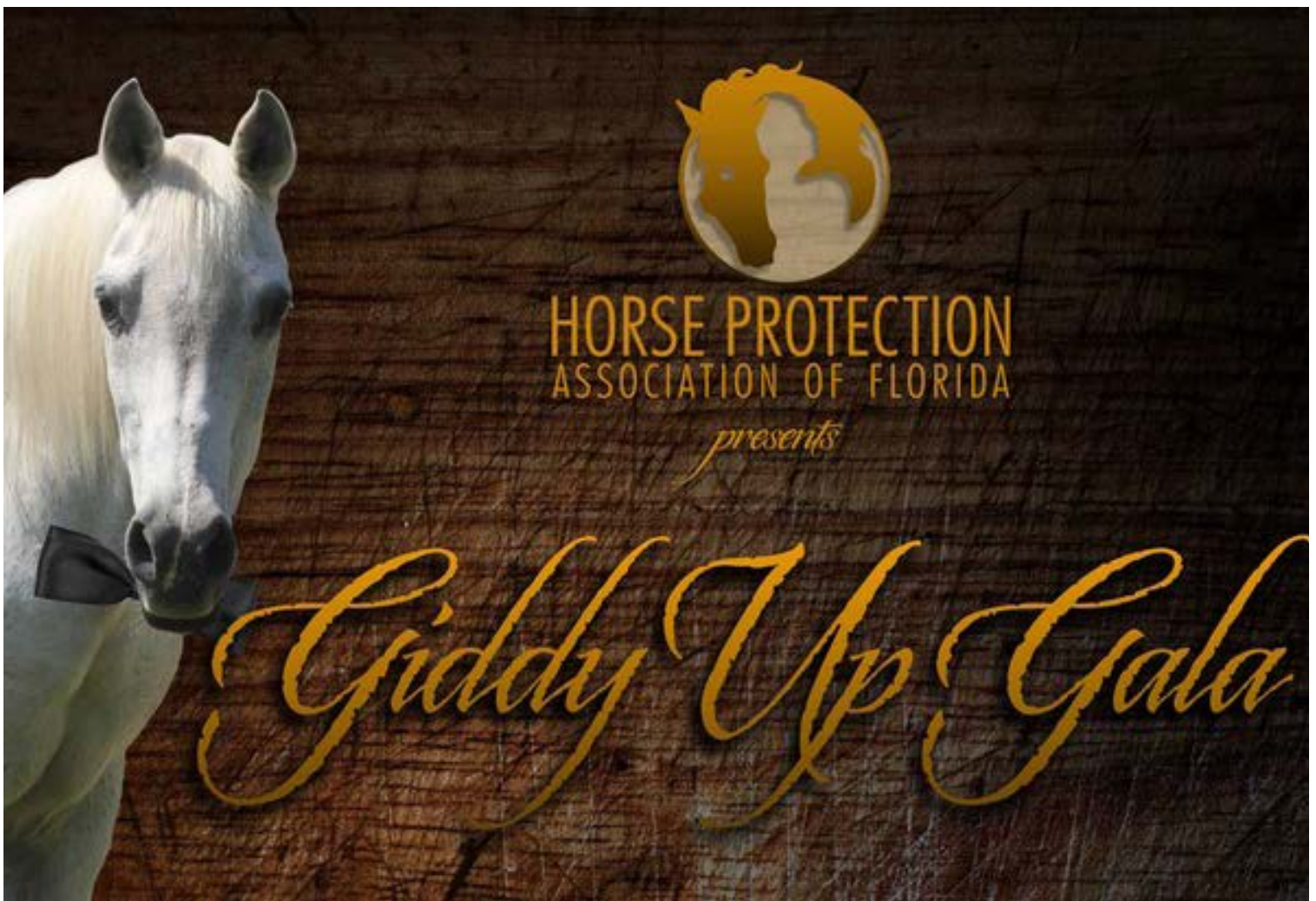
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Our inaugural Giddy Up Gala took place on November 11, 2023, from 5-10pm at the College of Central Florida's gorgeous Vintage Farm Campus in Ocala. A sold out attendance enjoyed a sit down dinner, open bar, dessert and chocolates, plus photo ops and a kissing booth with our favorite petite equines, the Miracle Minis!

This newsletter goes to press just a week before the Gala, so we won't have pictures here, but be sure to check out our website and social media pages on November 12th to share in the pictures, videos and excitement!

Table sponsors for the Gala sponsored an HPAF horse for one year. Our silent auction had some truly special items, headlined by a most amazing, one-of-a-kind bronze sculpture by renowned artist, equestrian and HPAF supporter, Maggie Kotuk. The bronze, entitled

Bloem is a depiction of one of Maggie's beloved Friesians. Other items include a drool-worthy custom saddle by Contour Saddlery, a spectacular equestrian-themed diamond bracelet by Lemieux Diamonds and a Girlfriend Shopping Spree from Dillard's.

There will be a wine tasting provided courtesy of Island Grove Wines. They are also donating 25 bottles of wine as a raffle prize. 2Brothers Distillers is offering a bourbon tasting to add to the fun. A little red wagon filled with Breyer Plush Toys named after the Miracle Minis is sure to be a big hit!

Each plush toy is "saddled" with a Spirit Walk Gift Certificate.

This Gala is a celebration of how we are turning tragedy into triumph. The Miracle Minis will celebrate with us in all their live equine glory, and a very special video will let the rest of the 54 HPAF horses join the party. Another video will welcome everyone into a day in the life of the HPAF staff and volunteers



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GIDDY UP GALA, CONTINUED

who give so much and care so deeply about each rescue and rehabilitation.

The enthusiasm and support of our Sponsors for this event has been humbling and we are so grateful. On Veteran's Day, we gladly acknowledge our gratitude for the sacrifice of our U.S. service members. Our Presenting Sponsors, James and Athena Cody are both retired Chief Master Sergeants of the U.S. Air Force. The Codys recently adopted 3 HPAF horses themselves.

Our Venue Sponsor, Berrettini Feed Specialists, is well known in greater Ocala. The horses are especially thankful for all of the quality nourishment that they help us to provide to the HPAF horses.



Venue Sponsor

Please join us in honoring all of our Gala Sponsors! Each one has aligned their business for the sake of the HPAF horses. We will be excited to share the news of the the fun we had, the love we shared, and the support we raised for the horses.



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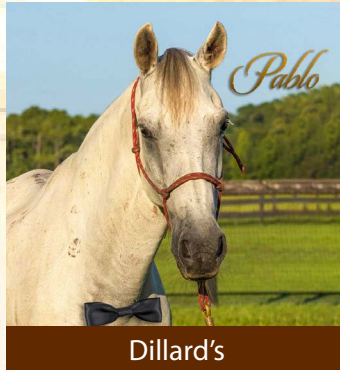
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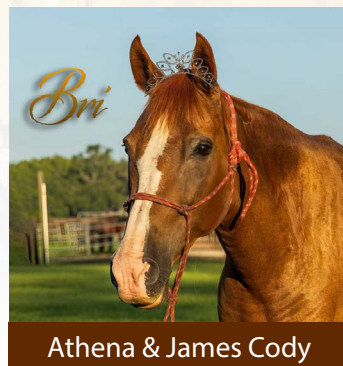
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Do you worry about what would happen to your horse if something were to happen to you?

Do you find yourself asking...

WHAT IF?

DON'T LEAVE YOUR PRECIOUS HORSES **in Fate's Hands**

Horse Protection Association of Florida is proud to announce that we have **expanded our Mission** to include assisting horses whose caregivers have passed away, are terminally ill or are disabled.

We now offer a **Peace of Mind Plan, a personalized estate plan for you and your horses.** It will protect them if something were to happen to you.

Creating the Peace of Mind Plan is **easy and straightforward.** It will take about an hour to complete.

Together we will:

- Reserve your horse's spot in the Peace of Mind Plan.
- Discuss your horse's care needs including any special ways that your horse likes to be cared for (i.e., certain hoof care, certain supplements, certain behavioral tendencies).
- Create a plan to ensure that your horse will be well cared for in the event something was to happen to you.

We at Horse Protection see the tragedies that occur to horses when caregivers do not properly plan to protect them.

- 150,000 horses are slaughtered for food products every year in the United States even though consumption of horse meat is illegal in this Country.
- Too often we see family members who have been entrusted to care for horses who don't follow through either because they are not horse people, or their circumstances have changed.
- Not enough horse lovers create legally valid trusts that will ensure their horses remain safe if something were to happen to them.
- Wills cannot be trusted as horses are considered property and money cannot be willed to them directly. Wills also may be contested in court for very long periods of time leaving no funds to provide for horses during critical time frames.

Stop the worry and gain **PEACE OF MIND.**

Call Christine Massinger, Executive Director at **(352) 207-3079** or email christine@hpaf.org

PEACE OF MIND PLAN

Would it surprise you to learn that several of the horses that we have recently rescued were horses whose caregivers have passed away?

These horses were loved but were left in fate's hands as no plan was in place for them. If you do not have a solid plan in place to protect your horse if something were to happen to you, you are putting your horse at great risk. We at Horse Protection have seen tragic things happen in these circumstances where horses are put into the wrong hands, sold, given away, sent to slaughter. We, as horse people, don't want to imagine that this will be the case for our beloved horse(s). But the truth of the matter is that it is up to us to be proactive and plan so that our four-legged loved ones can remain safe if we are no longer able to care for them.

Horse Protection has recently expanded our mission statement to provide sanctuary for horses whose caregivers have passed away, have become terminally ill, or become disabled. Our Peace of Mind Plan is a very simple estate plan that will allow your horse to live on Horse Protection's property and be cared for by our knowledgeable staff. It is a customized plan that will allow your horse to receive all the comforts that he/she needs or is accustomed to whether that be: customized Ferrier care, special grooming needs, medications, supplements, assistance with training etc. We commit to taking care of your beloved horse(s) with the same attention that you do.

There are a limited number of slots still available for reservation for this plan so don't hesitate. **Contact our Executive Director, Christine Massinger, by email to receive a copy of this plan at christine@hpaf.org or by calling 352-207-3079.** Christine will be happy to arrange a time that is convenient for you to go over the plan via phone or in person and to discuss your needs.

Together we will create a plan to ensure that your horse will be well cared for in the event something happens to you.

Don't leave your precious horse in fate's hands. Gain Peace of Mind today.

Christine, her husband Doug and three of their horses: Courage, Li'l Boon & Ave'.



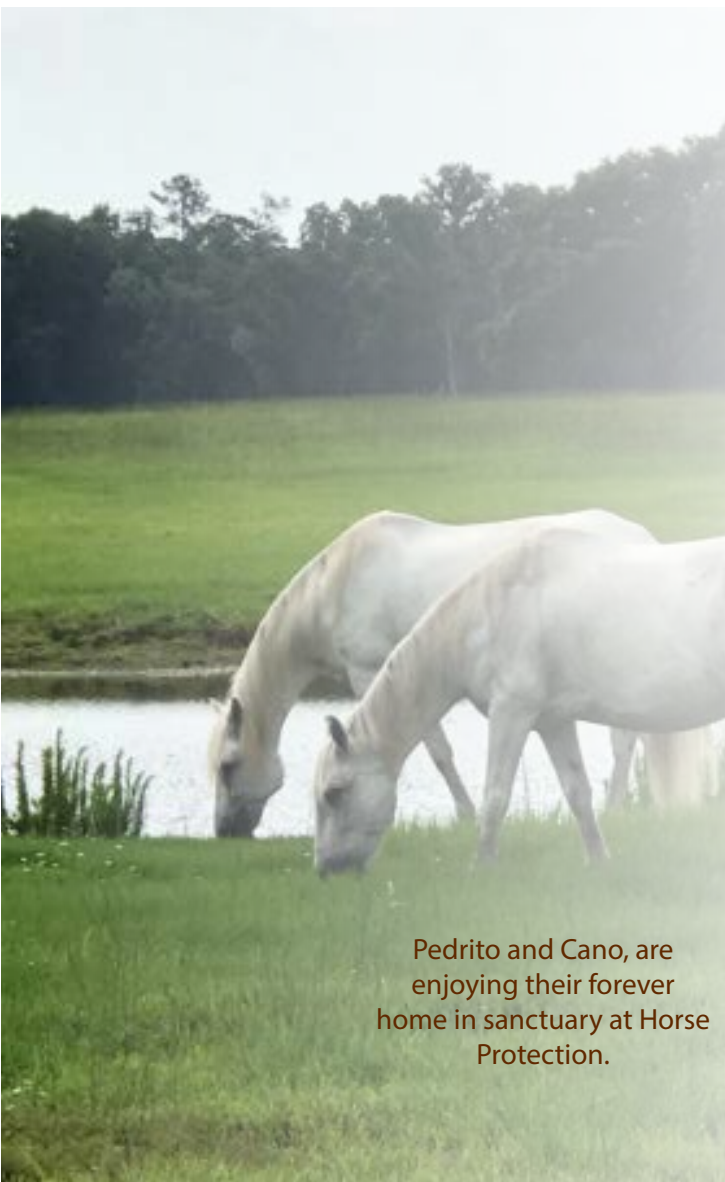
BEFORE, AFTER AND HAPPILY EVER AFTER



Tina Beshere is fostering Jax.



Ruth Onkst is fostering Diamond.



Pedrito and Cano, are enjoying their forever home in sanctuary at Horse Protection.

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My mother's final request was for her horses not to suffer when she could no longer care for them.

My parents' 50 years of marriage was built around horses as joy and bonding. My mother found them healing at a very young age as many do.

When my father passed and my mother's disease took a final hold I needed to find someplace I could trust.

I found HPAF as a perfect match. The staff is professional and thorough with every aspect of the care of my mom's "Boys".

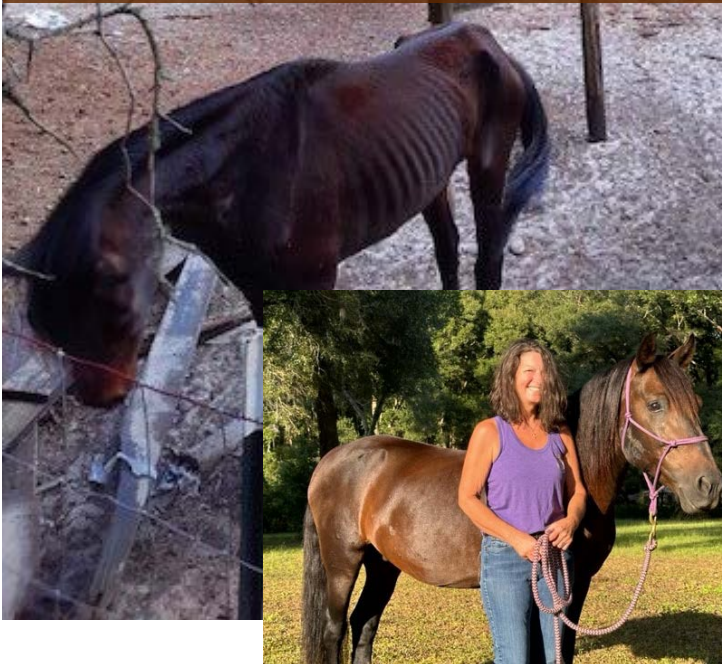
I am forever grateful. ”

Jacob Snowwhite



BEFORE, AFTER AND HAPPILY EVER AFTER

Leo at his rescue and below, in the loving arms of his adopter, HPAF volunteer Angie Chesser.



Christine Giampavolo adopted Wiley.



Penny Parks adopted Sunny.



Lisa Howell is fostering Joker.

CURIOUS ABOUT ADOPTION OR FOSTERING?

check out our Adoption FAQ:
<https://hpaf.org/horses/adoption/>



Kathryn Fowler & Colby Vine adopted Brando and Dempsey.

THE HORSES LOVE THEIR SPONSORS



TOMMY



Pat Kilby with Cupido



LOLA

- * Helen Wuest sponsors **Lola**
- * Rosemary Taylor and Eugene Rodriquez sponsor **Tommy**
 - * Pat Kilby of Gainesville sponsors **Cupido**
- * Carol Baileys of The Villages and Penny Parks sponsor **Rhett**
 - * Thomas Idziak sponsors **Sunday**
- * Karen Pando of Altoona and Penny Parks sponsor **Madame**
 - * Cristina Serralta of Miami sponsors **Abby**

WOULD YOU PLEASE BE MY SPONSOR?

My name is Ace.

I am a nine year old Thoroughbred and I am one handsome fellow!

I am also very, very sweet and I love to give kisses and hugs. I am looking for a kind human to sponsor me so that I can go into training. The better trained I am the more chance I have to get adopted.

Will you please be my sponsor? To learn how you can sponsor please email us at christine@hpaf.org



THE WORST IN PEOPLE - THE BEST IN PEOPLE

-----Original Message-----

From: HPAF Team <hpafteam@hpaf.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 2:03 PM

To: Christine Massinger <christine@hpaf.org>

Subject: New Message From Horse Protection Association of Florida - Inquire Through Email

Good afternoon

We have a farm in Davie , FL with an Elderly horse. We want to know the best way to get rid of him. He can walk

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The above email was received by Horse Protection in October of this year. It, unfortunately, is not an unusual communication. Each week we receive phone calls and emails regarding horses in need. This email was no different. **In these circumstances we need to act and act quickly as the horse's welfare and life are in danger.**

Our Mission is focused on assisting horses who are abused, neglected, and abandoned. In these circumstances we have the responsibility to come to the horse's assistance in the most effective way that we can. Currently we have over 54 horses in our care. This past October we rescued seven horses in one month alone.

The cost to care for each horse per year averages between \$4000-\$6000. Simply put, we could not do the important and good work that we do without you, our donors. **We survive solely on donations and therefore, so do the horses.**

Although we often see the worst in people, we also see the best in people too. People who are caring and compassionate. People who donate their time and money. People who give of themselves selflessly to care for others. This is what keeps us going and breathes energy back into our staff and management to do the important work that we do each day.

We are also a **TEAM**. A team of horse protectors. Each of us is dedicated to caring for the horses as best as we can and to providing them with a happy life, whether that be through adoption or in sanctuary at Horse Protection.

YOU, our donors, are an important part of our team. You

are a herd member in the Horse Protection herd, and you are also a horse protector.

Only together can we help make a difference for the horses. We thank you very much for caring about them.

Christine Massinger, Esq.
Executive Director/Board Member



UPDATE: On November 1st Horse Protection welcomed the horse mentioned above, who we lovingly renamed J.C., to the Horse Protection herd. He is a 25 year-old Paso Fino. J.C. is now safely in our care!

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These organizations support us. We appreciate them greatly. Please support them!

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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,
Majorie Brickell, Ann Keyser,
Juan Rodriguez, Izola Kruger,
Lucille Wilkinson, Theresa Rozano,
June Nielson, Marilyn Hart,
William Albert Fabry &
Dorthey Eleanor Fabry

**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,
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Doris & Bill Smith,
Elly Mims,
Marty Price

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



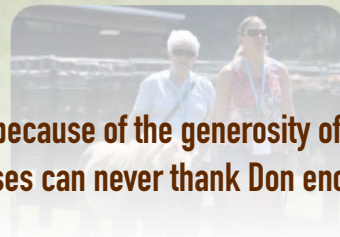
ABOVE ALL THINGS
LOVE



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



MANY THANKS!



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Thank you to Dr. Sarah Garcia from
Southern Performance Veterinary Acupuncture and
Wellness for her amazing work. She
generously donates her time for the Horse Protection
horses!



And thank you, Christine Giampavolo, for your many
hours of cheerful volunteer service to the horses.

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