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THE LIVES YOU'VE SAVED IN THE LAST 100 DAYS!





THE LIVES YOU'VE SAVED IN THE LAST 100 DAYS! CONTINUED



Pickles: 20 year old TB gelding

Justice: mini gelding

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ADOPTION IS FOR A LIFETIME

by Christine Massinger

All horses are special beings. They are empathic, smart, intuitive, and resilient. They are magnificent in their athleticism. They are excellent teachers and help us learn valuable lessons such as how to lead through peaceful and just communication and how to stand by and be loyal to friends.

The Horse Protection horses are ultra special. They have endured so much: neglect, abuse, abandonment, and misfortune. Yet, on a daily basis, they teach all of us here at Horse Protection how to adapt, how to persevere, how to be courageous and how not only to overcome tragedy but also how to turn tragedy into triumph.

This is why it is devastating for us as an organization when an adopted horse is returned to us. The Horse Protection horses are most deserving of a loving FOREVER home. In the last five months we have had eight horses returned to us by their adopters. Some of these horses were returned to us because their adopter became ill, which is certainly an understandable circumstance. However, several of the horses were returned to us because their adopters simply changed their mind and no longer wanted them. This is not understandable and why we feel we need to advocate for the horses through this message.

It is incredibly stressful for horses to be taken away from what they are used to, their daily routines and the daily patterns that are created in their environment. Horses are prey animals and seek the comfort of consistency. They also deeply bond with other beings whether it be human family members, or horse family members. To pluck them away from what they know and have become accustomed to often devastates them and takes months or years to recover from, if ever.

Perhaps a question might be that Horse Protection does not do a careful enough vetting process of adopters? The answer to that is that Horse Protection's adoption procedures are carefully and meticulously created and structured. We begin with an adoption application which requires vet and farrier references. We require photographs of the facility where the horse (s) will live including fencing, water troughs, shelter, other animals on the premises. We require in-person meetings with the adopters prior to the adoption. We require that an onsite visit to the facility take place to inspect the facility. We require that a contract be signed with Horse Protection that protects the horse in many ways such as ensuring the adopted horse's body score is maintained and that site visits continue to be

conducted every three months to check on the adopted horse. We even invite our adopters to take part in free horsemanship workshops that are offered by one of our professional natural horsemanship trainers so that we can offer the adopter guidance, assistance, and support with their new family member. It is only after all the steps above that we place a Horse Protection horse with an adopter believing and trusting that the horse will be loved, cared for and cherished for the remainder of its life.

As an organization we have met and discussed this issue at length. We have met as a Board of Trustees to determine why this problem occurs and have given great thought and effort to trying to prevent it from ever happening in the future. But the problem persists, and horses come back to us, shaking, stressed, panicked from the sudden and drastic change in their life that has just taken place.

Please, if you choose to adopt, please commit to an adoption for the lifetime of that horse. Commitment is the least we can offer to these special souls who have been through so much already in their lives.



Ana and Arnold (Mother and Son) are once again searching for their loving FOREVER home. Please email Executive Director, Christine Massinger at christine@hpaf.org or call 352-207-3079 if you are willing to commit to these two special souls.

SHE'S SO SWEET WE NAMED HER SUGAR



For three months we worked diligently with the Levy County Sheriff's Office in the rescue of sweet Sugar. Our team went out to rescue Sugar while an undercover Levy County detective watched from an unmarked vehicle to ensure that our team was safe.

Sugar was the victim of extreme neglect. Her hooves had not been tended to for years and she had to rock her weight back to support herself. Sugar is not only sweet, but she is also forgiving and kind. Even though humans hurt her and betrayed her she still seeks the comfort of human touch.

Sugar has had several tests done by our vets to determine the extent of her hoof damage caused by the neglect. With this extent of neglect, her hooves cannot simply be just trimmed for them to be healthy. In fact, x-rays have revealed that Sugar has suffered from chronic founder with both rotation and sinking of her coffin bone in both front hooves. She also has severe white line disease which is presently causing an infection to affect her bone.

Her recovery will take several months to years. Please keep sweet Sugar in your prayers.



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.

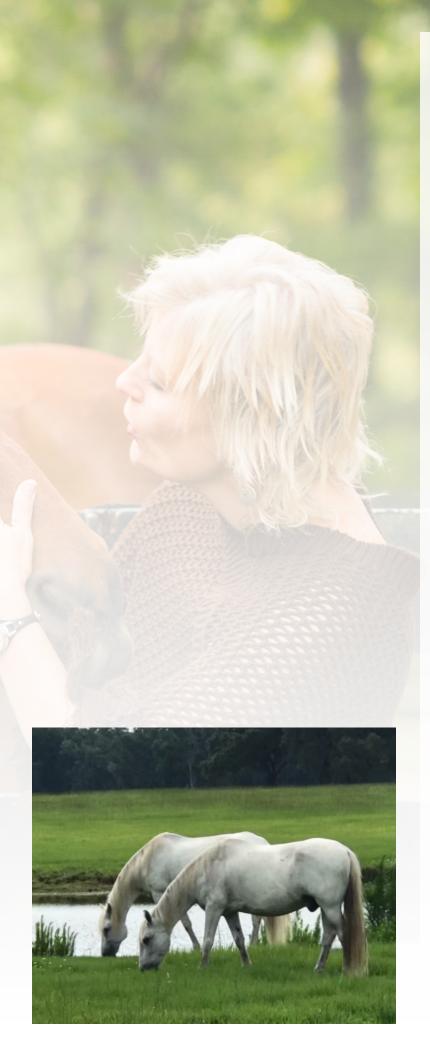
Together we will:

- 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.



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.

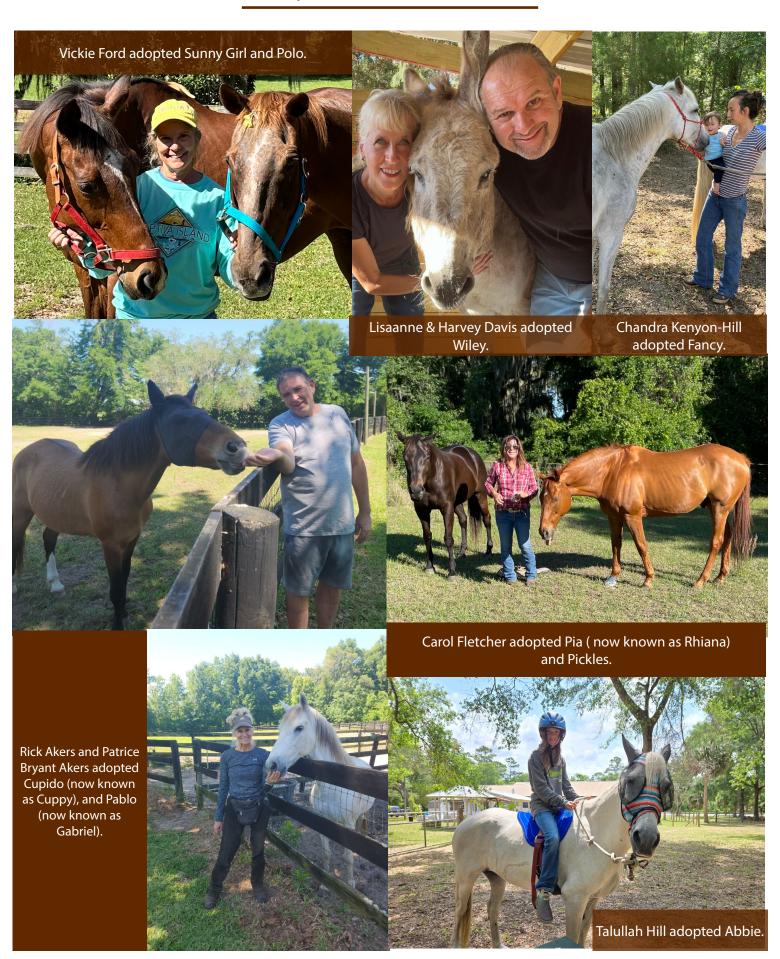
There are a limited number of slots still available for reservation for this plan so don't hesitate. Contact our Executive Director, Christine Massinger, by email to receive a copy of this plan at christine@hpaf.org or by calling 352-207-3079. Christine will be happy to arrange a time that is convenient 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.

Pedrito and Cano, loved by their owner, now in sanctuary with Horse Protection through our Peace of Mind Program.

BEFORE, AFTER AND HAPPILY EVER AFTER



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THE HORSES LOVE THEIR SPONSORS





TOMMY

MADAME

RHETT

- * Thomas Idziak and Rosemary Taylor sponsor **Tommy**
 - * Carol Baileys of The Villages sponsors Rhett
 - * Karen Pando of Altoona sponsors **Madame**

WOULD YOU PLEASE BE OUR SPONSOR?

Our names are Ana and Arnold. We are a mother and son team. Our original caregiver passed away from cancer and we had nowhere to go. Horse Protection took us in and devoted training to both of us.

We were adopted into a home, but we were recently returned by the adopter as they changed their minds. We are once again searching for our loving FOREVER home.

We are sweet and kind and we are both very talented. We have both been trained in natural horsemanship techniques, we have great ground manners and are very loving.

To learn how you can sponsor please email us at chiral-right



THE BENEFITS OF ACCUPUNCTURE

Currently we have 48 horses in our care. Each of them is a different individual requiring a customized approach to diet, supplements, and hoof care. Part of that customized care means recognizing when one of the horses can benefit from such services as acupuncture or laser therapy. Several of the Horse Protection horses need this added approach to their wellness routine for their optimized health.

In fact, acupuncture has been a life saver for horses who have vaccine reactions and suffer from equine anhidrosis (non-sweating). It also is an effective way to manage pain in horses and allow them to have a better quality of life including eating better, sleeping more restfully and balancing themselves more evenly by equally distributing their weight.

At Horse Protection we have witnessed remarkable benefits to horses who are treated with acupuncture. We are incredibly grateful to Dr. Sarah Garcia who donates her services for the Horse Protection horses. She is a talented veterinarian and a wonderful human being! For more about the services she offers and the ways she can help your horse visit southernperformancevet.com



IN THE ARMS OF THE ANGELS

In Memory of our beloved Frankie: 1999-2023

Horse Protection honors the life of Frankie. Frankie came to Horse Protection six years ago, abandoned, and starved. After months of loving care, Frankie finally started to improve.

Frankie made pasture friends quickly and won the hearts of our staff and volunteers. Frankie was known for his sweet little nicker at feeding time. Frankie was one of those horses that could take a bad day and make it good for anyone who he was with. He could make us all smile with his antics.

Cheyennes barn won't be the same without you Frankie, but we know you are running in Heaven's green pasture. Until we meet again, we will keep your memory in our hearts. We will miss you!!

We love you forever, Frankie!!



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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.

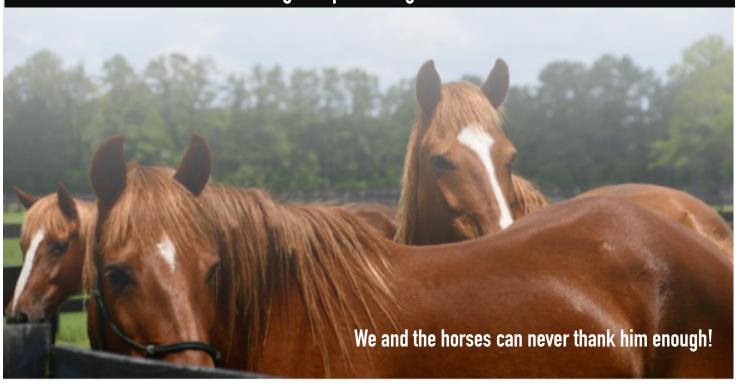
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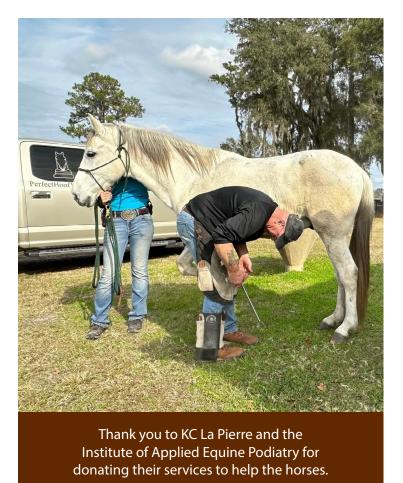
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