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

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Sandy



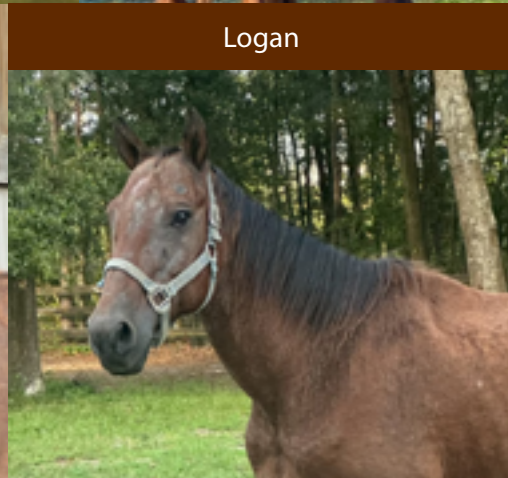
Anastasia



Pie



Hero



Logan



Maria



Star



Summer (top) and
Amari (right)



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



Top (L to R): Grace,
Patience, Joy
Left: Ziaza
Right: Baby Rocky



Spring, Summer, Winter and Fall - we get the calls.

Whether it's hot or cold, rainy or dry - our farm and its precious residents rely on us for their feed, medical care and training.

Your monthly commitment of \$30 or more is the foundation that gives us the confidence to say YES when a call comes in to save another life.

Partner with us on a monthly basis. The horses thank you and we are encouraged by your willingness to make this special kind of pledge!

As a token of our appreciation and a symbol of your support that spans the seasons, we will give you one of our **STEADFAST THROUGH THE SEASONS** insulated tumblers - whether it is hot or cold, it's there for you, just like you are for the horses of HPAF.



STEADFAST



WILL YOU BE STEADFAST?

Help Us Save Lives

Throughout the spring, summer, fall and winter seasons of the year, Horse Protection experiences various challenges. In the spring and summer months our biggest challenge is the wetness of the pasture. Horse Protection is located on 148 acres in Micanopy. The land is beautiful. But the soil is wet. Horse Protection is located on gumbo soil which is soil that does not drain and therefore, the water pools on the top of the soil. The consequence for us is that many of the horses suffer hoof issues during these months, issues such as abscesses which, if not treated, can become very dangerous to the horse's wellbeing. **In the past three months alone, Horse Protection has incurred over \$32,000 in veterinary bills.** Several of these bills were related to horses who needed quality veterinary care due to hoof issues caused by the gumbo soil. Your Steadfast through the Seasons donations allow us to provide the



quality health care that these horses so need and deserve. In the fall and winter months, we experience a different challenge. In these seasons our pastures die, and we are then in hay season. Currently we are caring for 55 horses. Hay expenses for 55 horses is quite expensive. In fact, we incur expenses of \$2500 **a week** for hay during these seasons. Additionally, our grain expenses also go up in these months. With the combined expenses of hay and feed during the fall and winter months your Steadfast through the Seasons donations allow us to provide quality hay and feed that these horses so need and deserve.

Throughout all the seasons in the year, and in fact on a weekly basis, we receive urgent calls regarding horses in need. Horses that are neglected, abused, abandoned and/



This is Pia - on rescue day at top, and living her best life now on the bottom - thanks to your steadfast support.

or starved. We work cooperatively with law enforcement in the rescue of these horses. **This year alone we have saved over 50 horses' lives.** Your Steadfast through the Seasons donations help us to say YES to the calls we get on a weekly basis. Without your support we cannot do the good work that we do. Donations as little as \$30 a month will make a tremendous difference in the lives of these horses.

Please help us help the horses with a Steadfast Through the Seasons donation. The horses are counting on you. To sign up, simply scan the QR code on the previous page - the one that says "STEADFAST" or go directly to: <https://horseprotection.networkforgood.com/projects/235950-steadfast-through-the-seasons>

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

and before our press date of November 12!

Amy Sperling

None of this would be possible without the kindness and generosity of Ms. Amy Sperling!

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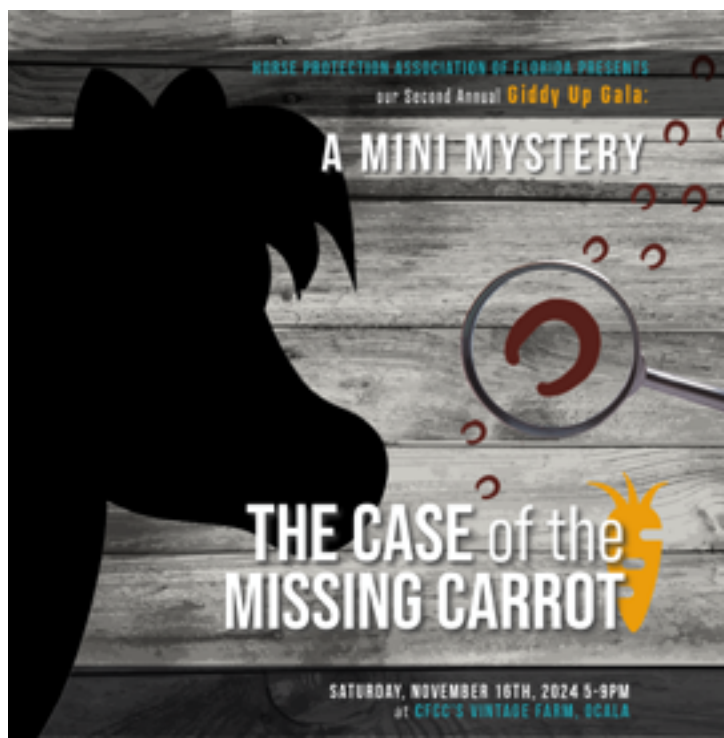
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GIDDY UP GALA

The Second Annual Giddy Up Gala was a huge success for the horses. 150 people came out to enjoy a sit down dinner, open bar and tons of entertainment at the beautiful College of Central Florida Vintage Farm Campus on Saturday, November 16th.

This year's theme: **A Mini Mystery: the Case of the Missing Carrot**, was a big hit! We had fun helping the guests solve the caper.

Guests were greeted by the HPAF staff and given their detective badges, then the Miracle Mini "suspects" all dressed up in their finest, escorted them into the venue.

The event Program was styled like an old-fashioned newspaper and was loaded with clues. Guests also picked up clues from the Interrogation Videos and other random places. One was even taped to the bottom of their chairs. In the end, guests cast their votes to ID who stole the missing carrot and one very lucky guest won a diamond bracelet courtesy of Lemieux Diamond Company. All of the runners up received Spirit Walk Gift Certificates.

The Gala was the official launch of our Steadfast Through the Seasons Campaign - a call for monthly donation commitments to provide a stable base of support for the horses that they can depend upon in all seasons. It was a great success with many new donors answering the call.

To see more photos from the Gala, visit our website and check out the blog post. Photos expertly provided by Sean Dowie Photography.



GUESTS POSING FOR THEIR MUGSHOTS WITH ONE OF THE SUSPECTS, LUSTROUS LOVE.



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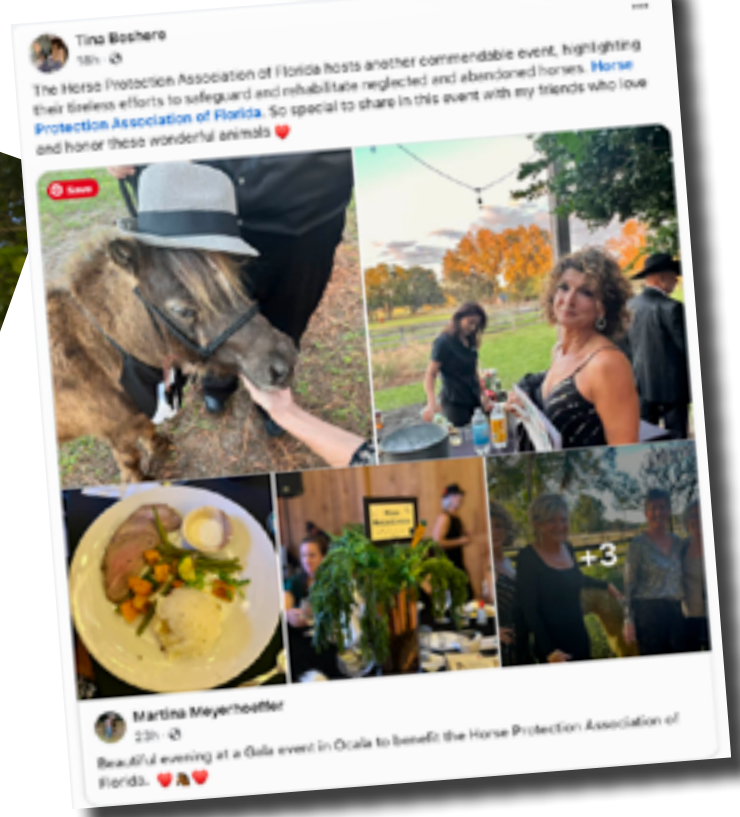
Horse Protection was very honored to receive the Community Service Award from the Levy County Sheriffs Office for our dedication in rescuing and saving countless horses' lives.



THE "PERPETRATOR" WAS REVEALED IN A HEARTWARMING VIDEO.



THE SILENT AUCTION FEATURED MANY FUN ITEMS.



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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.

- 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

BEFORE, AFTER AND HAPPILY EVER AFTER



Lisa Howell adopted Joker.

Michelle Zieth adopted Harvey and Zania.



Madison Reynen adopted Archie.



Pat and Bill Kenaston adopted Pickles and Pia.



Lisaanne and Harvey Davis adopted Lucy and Luna.



BEFORE, AFTER AND HAPPILY EVER AFTER



Robin Brosmer adopted Tommy.



Terry Vieth adopted Summer and Sandy.



Jennifer Bravick adopted Sunny.



Patrice Bryant Akers adopted Sugar.



Cindy Thyberg adopted Arnold.



Diana and Randy Haughey adopted Logan.



MORE HAPPILY EVER AFTER!

Arianne Jackson adopted Zania and Velvet.



Nancy Harmon adopted Cissy and Dancer.



Katie Falco adopted Lilly.



BABY ROCKY

This summer we received a call from Detective Garboski of the Levy County Sheriff's Office regarding a 3-month-old colt, starved. His mother and his two herd mates also starved. The Detective said that the situation was dire and asked if we could take the four horses immediately into our care. When the colt arrived, he was so weak that he collapsed. He was very close to death.

Our veterinarian, Dr. Jessica Reynolds, was able to give him IV fluids so that he could make the needed trip to Peterson and Smith Vet Hospital. A team of veterinarians worked on him. Initially the colt could not raise his head up as he was so weak but eventually, he was able to lift his head up and could be propped up with pillows. We named the baby Rocky because he was a fighter.



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BABY ROCKY



Baby Rocky had been deprived of food for so long that he had lost his ability to swallow. He no longer had the swallowing reflex. He needed to be put on a feeding tube so that he would survive.

eventually able to come back to Horse Protection. We are very pleased to report that he is doing wonderfully. His mother and his two herd mates are also doing wonderfully. **THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR COMPASSIONATE DONATIONS, BABY ROCKY NOW HAS SPRING IN HIS STEP!!**



Baby Rocky stayed at the hospital for two weeks with his mother and thankfully got stronger and stronger. He was



Your donations help save lives! Baby Rocky is alive and doing well because you saved him with your caring donations. We receive calls on a weekly basis regarding horses in need. Horses who are abandoned, abused, neglected and/or starved. Please donate to help save a precious horse's life. The horses depend on you.

IN THE ARMS OF THE ANGELS

In Memory of Hope: 1994-2024

The tiniest of angels leave the largest hoof prints on our hearts. In 2022 Horse Protection rescued a mother/daughter pair of minis. They both became Miracle Minis and were part of our Spirit Walk. They were known as Hope (the mother) and Faith (the daughter) As with all minis, everyone falls in love with them due to their size and general cuteness. We fell madly in love with this pair, especially little Hope. She was the sweetest little angel, cute as a button, and had an adorable little whinny. The past several months Hope has been fighting an immune disorder which eventually took its toll on her small body. Sadly, on August 1st, Hope succumbed to her health problems. She is in heaven now with the other angels and we know she is watching over us. We love and miss you, Hope. Until we meet again.



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