



Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd.

With Your Help ...
We Will Make A Difference

Volume #178

www.gerlltd.org

July / August 2010

Foxhall Farm - Georgia Department of Agriculture Benefit Ride By Christina Gilham

The Foxhall Farm GDA Benefit Trail Ride was a smashing success! It was the first event on the west side of Georgia held specifically to raise money for the GDA impound. We had a total of 216 riders come out to enjoy the scenery at the gorgeous Foxhall Sporting Club & Resort in Douglasville, Ga. We would like to thank the following people for their help the day of the event: Karen Mackay, Dana Wicher, Maran Augero, and Kelsey Lambert for guiding the large groups around Foxhall. A very special thanks goes to Eric Moon and John Gilham who truly did a remarkable job facilitating check-in and parking for over 100 rigs, along with Donna Pieper, Amanda Johnson (who also was a guide) and to Diane Reimers who graciously delivered breakfast for the volunteers and also helped with check-in.



The weather was gorgeous even though it rained the entire week before. The trails and riders' spirits were sunny as the groups galloped along the beautiful landscape. There was a wonderfully diverse group of participants: Reining, Gaited, Hunter, Eventing, Dressage and Pleasure riders. Each group was all smiles when they returned. The guided rides allowed many the opportunity to make new friends and meet up with old ones. After the groups returned, they were treated to a wonderful BBQ lunch provided by G and C catering. As everyone ate, they were able to watch a groundwork clinic generously donated by Drew Olsen (www.drewolsen.com). He worked with one of the GDA impound horses named "Rez" which was available for adoption later that afternoon. Drew did a fantastic job getting Rez to accept a saddle pad and maintain focus. Following Drew, Leigh Pouncey gave an informative demonstration on the benefits of Equine Massage Therapy. (continued on page 8)

Who's Who **Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd.**

Board Members

Patty Livingston, President
(770) 867-0760 / gerlpatty@yahoo.com
Ken Archer, Vice President
(770) 554-1381 / gerlken@bellsouth.net
Diana Kelsey DeMoss / Treasurer
(770) 267-0867 / gerlnaners@windstream.net
Anne Ensminger / Secretary
(770) 464-3348 / missanne612@bellsouth.net
Steven Neal / Alternate
(706) 342-3422 / gerlsteven@bellsouth.net

Area Coordinator Directors

Jack & Dottie Carter
(706) 896-4997 / (706) 835-5677
frogleap@windstream.net

Foster Coordinator - Becky Gregory
(770) 207-4762 / gerlbeck@aol.com

Adoption Coordinator - Heather Wages
(770) 267-0785 / gerlheather@yahoo.com

Events Coordinator - Susan Archer
(770) 554-1381 / susangerl3@bellsouth.net

Education Coordinator - Kelly Lockerman
(706) 353-0413 / gerl_education@yahoo.com

Volunteer Coordinator - Leisa McCannon
(770) 267-6912 / gerlvolunteers@yahoo.com

GERL Advisory Board

Billy Myers, DVM
Kenneth Marcella, DVM
William Baker, DVM
Jennifer Baker, DVM

**To report a case of equine abuse,
call the Georgia Department
of Agriculture's Equine Division
Monday - Friday / 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
(404) 656-3713 or (800) 282-5852**

**If you would like GERL to assist with an
Equine Abuse case call (770) 464-0138**

**If you are interested in becoming an Area Coord.
for a county not listed here, please contact
Jack or Dottie Carter (706) 896-4997 / (706) 835-
5677 or frogleap@windstream.net**

Newsletter Editor - Betty Evenson
(706) 265-5045 / gerlbetty@aol.com

***Please submit all newsletter materials by the 10th
of each month for submission in the
following month's newsletter.**

Area Coordinators

Rita Benfield - Douglas, Haralson, Carroll Counties
(770) 489-0212 / ritabenfield@yahoo.com
Juli Williams - Chatham, Bryan, Effingham Counties
(912) 234-8458 / reins2go@aol.com
Annette Raybon - Paulding, Cobb, Bartow Counties
(770) 445-8655 / raybonta@bellsouth.net
Susan Wrensen - Cherokee County
(770) 331-6947 / swrensen@comcast.net
**LeighAnn Holton - Glynn, McIntosh, Wayne,
Brantley & Camden Counties**
(912) 267-0912 / jpi_associates@comcast.net
**Bob & Judy McCrory - Harris, Meriwether, Marion,
Chattahoochee, Talbot, Troup & Muscogee Counties**
(706) 582-3268 / ridgeway12@aol.com
Lynn McMinn - Gwinnett, Walton, Oconee Counties
(404) 372-9245 / lynn.mcminn@yahoo.com
**Tanya Kingsley - Jasper, Butts, Monroe, Jones
& Putnam Counties**
(706) 468-0794 / twkings@gmail.com
Susie Bond - Newton, Morgan & Green Counties
(770) 464-4353 / gerlsusie@att.net
Kriston Glushko - Polk & Floyd Counties
(678) 757-1138 / krgs@earthlink.net
Cambria Moon - Haralson, Polk, Floyd Counties
(770) 597-4438 / info@willowhillfarmllc.com
Victoria & Mark Eubanks - Banks & Franklin Counties
(706) 335-0122 / Victoria_is@yahoo.com
Judy Ricketson - Lowndes County
(229) 300-9926 / gerljudy@hotmail.com
Deborah Stewart - Bartow County
(678) 721-0712 / deborah4768@att.net
Ray Ziebell - Pickens County
(770) 354-0293 / razfences@msn.com
Marion Cobb - Forsyth County
(404) 625-0346 / macobb@bellsouth.net
Dotti & Jack Carter - Towns & Union Counties
(706) 896-4997 / (706) 835-5677
frogleap@windstream.net
Charles & Linda DeVane - Brooks, Thomas & Cook Counties
(229) 263-7714 / (229) 560-0844
Christina Gilham - Coweta & Heard Counties
(770) 605-6753 / spotnnotfarm@bellsouth.net
Doris & Richard Buckley - Habersham & White Counties
(770) 365-7198 / rdbuck@windstream.net
Rosa Allen - Habersham, Rabun & White Counties
(706) 782-5969 / (404) 316-9417 / rpallen@windstream.net
Debbie Whitworth - Elbert & Hart Counties
(706) 283-0802 / (404) 805-4409 / rlwdpw@hotmail.com
Cynthia Brayton - Rockdale & Henry Counties
(404) 374-2980 / cebrayton@comcast.net
Linda Tucker - Jackson & Barrow Counties
(678) 770-7704 / lindahoschton@aol.com
Nicki Thigpen - Warren, McDuffie & Columbia Counties
(706) 755-4375 / daydreamfarmga@yahoo.com
Suzanne Economopoulos - Fulton County
(404) 948-1041 / (770) 377-4363 / zan2970@mindspring.com
Kristen Hopkins - Toombs, Montgomery, Emanuel, & Candler Counties
(912) 614-7893 / hopkins.kristen@gmail.com
Maria Morris - Lamar, Upson & Pike Counties
(770) 584-9554 / georgiashebear@yahoo.com
Kristen Hopkins - Toombs, Montgomery, Emanuel & Candler Counties
(912) 614-7893 / hopkins.kristen@gmail.com
Cathy Hackle - Twiggs, Bleckley, Wilkinson Counties
(478) 957-3875 / chackle@windstream.net
Eddy O'Hern - Houston, Bibb & Peach Counties
(478) 328-8308 / (478) 397-1135 / edohern@bellsouth.net
Ann-Maxwell Searcy - Fannin & Gilmer Counties
(706) 838-4268 / (cell) 770 363-4589 / am@eastwestmorgans.com
BJ Morris - Fannin & Gilmer Counties
(706) 838-4268 / (706) 663-8717 / bj@eastwestmorgans.com
Debora Hines - Thomas & Mitchell Counties
(229) 403-9386 / dhines@mchsi.com



LET ME SAY THIS ... ABOUT THAT By Patty Livingston, President

I'm sure many of you heard the announcement last month that the Decatur Equine Impound was going to be closed due to a large budget cut. Almost immediately, my phone was ringing off the hook and I had more emails from people than I can count, wanting to know if GERL

could do anything to change the decision. I wasn't really sure, but picked up the phone and scheduled an appointment. Less than 24 hours later, Ken Archer, GERL VP, and I were sitting down with the Commissioner and Mary Greene, Director of Equine Health, to discuss what it would take to keep the impound open. We discussed GERL providing more money for feed and hay for all of the impounds in order to relieve some financial pressure. At the end of our meeting, they promised to look into the figures and get back with us on the final answer. We left the meeting very hopeful.

Another huge supporter of the Decatur Impound is Nancy Boe. You may already know that Nancy's non-profit organization, The Stacy Ann Boe Memorial Foundation, created in her daughter's memory, donated \$10,000 to the GDA last summer at the Decatur Impound horse auction, earmarked specifically for use at the Decatur Impound. And recently, during the Foxhall GDA horse auction, Nancy presented the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) with a letter of intent for \$12,500 to be used for the horses at the Decatur Impound.

Little did I know that while we waited to hear back from Mary on the final answer that would determine the fate of the impound, Nancy was busy negotiating with the Commissioner, letting him know that she had more funds to donate to the Decatur impound to help with the expenses in hopes of keeping it open.

Many of you may wonder why it should even remain open since it only houses 15 horses at a time. Those of you who are familiar with that impound already know the answer. It is because it offers an education opportunity to hundreds of school kids every year who have never seen a horse. It is because it is also the "Critical Care" impound that has helped many

horses so weak they could not stand. It's also because it is conveniently located to most of the interstates and in the event of an equine emergency, such as the severe flooding that occurred back in the fall, or a wreck involving a horse on the interstate, they can be at the Decatur Impound within an hour. The little red barn truly has much to offer.

The week after the Foxhall event, I received a phone call from Mary Greene giving me the best news I could ever have hoped for...the Commissioner had decided to leave the Decatur Impound open! I walked on a cloud for the rest of the week.

I have been doing a lot of thinking about my goals for GERL, which is to expand in other areas of the state and promote equine rescue to more law enforcement and animal control agencies. Last month I wrote about my plan to implement the framework of volunteers and essentially, build an army of horse rescue advocates who will do everything from education to coordinating castration clinics. Coming up with creative ideas for impounds is one of my favorite pastimes. And, let me say this, about that...there most likely will always be budget cuts, but the number of starved and abused horses is not going to change because of it. By working together we can make Georgia the state that is doing something about solving our equine problems and, hopefully, one that other states will want to emulate.



School kids visiting the
Mansfield Impound



A Note from the Secretary's Desk By Anne Ensminger

As the Secretary for Georgia Equine Rescue League, I often tell people that the need for our help is "great and growing". Those words are very true. Were it not for the support of our members who give us their hard earned money, volunteer their precious time to help with our events, or take the time to send notes of encouragement, your Board of Directors would, no doubt, soon lose the heart to continue. Because of the extraordinary support from our members, it is almost certain that GERL will, not only continue to help horses in need, but we can pledge to expand our service to help even more horses in additional ways.

I want everyone to know that we are not just sitting on our hands and waiting for people to send money to us. Your Board of Directors is working hard each day to plan fund raiser events, seek grant money, and promote growth of our Foster Care Program.

Patty Livingston is working her magic as she begins organizing "Vaccination Clinics" all over Georgia. GERL received a grant for \$10,000 earlier this year which must be used exclusively for vaccinations. So far, this money has been used to pay the cost of vaccinating horses which enter the GDA Impoundment Program or those which enter our own Foster Program. We are now making arrangements with local veterinarians so that we can offer to pay part of the expense for yearly vaccinations and Coggins tests for privately owned Georgia horses.

Our Stallions to Gelding Program is now in full swing. In an exerted effort to discourage the "backyard breeding" of horses, thus reducing the overabundance of horses in our state, we are offering to pay for gelding stallions for owners who need financial assistance as we actively encourage all stallion owners to consider gelding.

A quick "editorial comment" here My personal thoughts are that the solution to our problem of starved, abused, and unwanted horses all over America, including the American Mustangs, lies in simple birth control. It's a fact that selective breeding leads to improved quality of animals, as well as reduced numbers.

From what we at GERL often observe, horse ownership is not for just any person who thinks it would be nice to own one. If horses were not as available and

they demanded higher prices, people who can not provide the required basic care, could probably not afford to obtain them. I would love to see that be the case.

To emphasize this, let me tell you about an email we received just this week from a concerned horsewoman in Wayne County. She has been very worried about four horses and a pony which are kept in a pen of less than ¼ acre with no food or water. Now a fifth horse has been added! The house on the property is a rental shack where people live in the most deplorable conditions. This dear lady has twice reported the case to the Georgia Department of Agriculture and an Equine Inspector has been dispatched to check on the situation. Hay and water are now occasionally provided for these six unfortunate animals but they continue to lose weight with each passing day.

One of the hardest things for GERL to do is to try to make concerned people like the lady who is reporting these horses, understand that GDA must work under GUIDELINES. As hard as it is to tolerate, that is the way it must be. The owners of these horses have received a citation which serves as a warning. The GDA Inspector will continue to check on this situation, though not nearly to the satisfaction of those of us who find it extremely difficult to imagine this kind of cruelty. If, after issuing the citation, the Inspector visits the property and finds no hay and water, or the condition of the horses has significantly declined, the horses will be impounded. Does this remind you of how a person must be missing for 24 hours before the police will declare them a "missing person"? Yes, our laws can be frustrating.

We all know that these people have no business owning horses. They probably bought them at a cheap price or perhaps someone even gave the horses to them. Free horses are readily available these days. At any rate, lower numbers of horses at a higher value would probably exclude the possibility that these owners would be able to obtain six equine in the first place.

GERL will continue to monitor this situation even though we have no legal right to enter this property and we certainly do not want to do anything that would interfere with the GDA investigation in progress. Naturally, what we would love to do is pull up to this property with the GERL trailer, load these horses, and take them to some heaven on earth for equine. What a dream! In reality, what we must do is wait for GDA to work the case within their guidelines until they can impound these animals. Then GERL can step in and pay for their care at a GDA Impound. That is how the system works.



**This newsletter issue is a
July / August combo!!!**

We Want To Hear From You!

We welcome our member's contributions to our newsletter.

Are you a foster home for GERL horses? We would love to hear about your foster horse(s) and what the experience has been like for you.

Have you adopted a horse from GERL? How about sending us an update with photos and a short story about you and your new family member?

Have you taken a great trip that involved horses? Many of us camp and ride at some really wonderful places and we are sure that our members would like to hear more about these and other horsey trips.

Thank You Dr. Ken Marcella

for providing our
membership
with such informative
articles each month.

See page 11
for this month's article



Please Help! GERL receives money for the following ...

Please save Proof Of Purchase
seals from bags
of these Southern States
feeds ...
Legends, Triple Crown & Reliance

and send them to:

Ginny Scarritt
4835 Kendall Court
Atlanta, GA 30342

Thank You To Our Foster Homes

Belinda & Hannah Carruth
for fostering Aurora

Dotti & Jack Carter
for fostering Big Man (aka Beau)

Diana DeMoss
for fostering White Cloud

Anne Ensminger
for fostering Honor

April & Stoney Goss
for fostering Highway

Bob & Shirley Guhl
for fostering Lobo & Tyree

Patti & Phil Henry
for fostering Chester

Patty & Nick Howard
for fostering Eryzeka & Rosie

Lisa & Randy King
for fostering Shadow, Mulberry
& Lil Lady

Patty Livingston
for fostering Thunder & Cheyenne

Jean Long
for fostering Lucky

Susan McCullar
for fostering GrayBaby and HayBaler

Jacki Moore & Leslie Lambert
for fostering Vandy

Steven Neal
for fostering Leroy, Smokey and Sable

Leigh Ann holton
for fostering Snowball

Cheryl Popiel
for fostering Charity

Tamma Trump
for fostering Hope

Becky Gregory
for fostering Grant

GERL's Cheerleader Award

Ray Ziebell is shown with the "Marty Paulk Best Cheerleader Award" trophy. Ray was recently selected as the recipient of this award at the Gene Ensminger Memorial Ride, but was unable to attend to accept his award. Ray has been a loyal supporter of GERL for many years and is recognized by many as the GERL Indian.



Congratulations to Jack and Dottie Carter, our new GERL Area Coordinator Directors, from Hiawassee.



Donna Griggs presents GERL President Patty Livingston with \$225 in proceeds that was raised at a tack sale and saddle raffle held at Bar G Feed in Bishop. Bar G Feed is a loyal supporter of GERL and we want to thank them for all they do to help the horses!

TIMOTHY and/or ORCHARD ALFALFA HAY FOR SALE

Let us be your source
for excellent Midwestern Alfalfa-Mix horse hay
at an extremely competitive price.



We offer several varieties of hay (lower to higher % of alfalfa with a Timothy / Orchard grass mix). Samples have been tested & lab analyses confirm that this is excellent horse hay. We work directly with the grower to bring this hay to Georgia & the SE. Contact us for pricing, samples, etc.

HORSE HAY DIRECT, LLC

Betty K. Evenson

(706) 265-5045 . (706) 265-9708 . gerlbetty@aol.com

Thanks to American Competitive Trail Horse Association

By Anne Ensminger

GERL was very pleased to be named as the recipient of proceeds from the American Competitive Trail Horse Association's Ride for the Rescues which was held at the lovely Peters Creek Farm near Social Circle, GA on June 13th. This ride was attended by many trail competition enthusiasts and was part of a nation wide attempt to earn a place in the Guinness Book of World Records as riders from coast to coast participated at exactly the same time, on the same day, in a judged trail ride with obstacles. Although the day was extremely hot and humid, most riders returned from the trails with smiling faces.



GERL was allowed to have a booth at this event to let people know about our organization and the work that we do. We held three raffles during the day for some very nice donated prizes. Special thanks to The Settlement at Thomas Divide in Bryson City, NC for their donation of a three night stay for two people and their horses, to enjoy riding their resort property. This prize was won by Tiffany McClausland of Juliette, GA.

Also donated and raffled, was the winner's choice of a spot in the 2011 Georgia Ladies Aside Clinic, or a private sidesaddle lesson. Members of this group gave an elegant demonstration of sidesaddle horsemanship after we all enjoyed a delicious barbeque lunch.

Last but not least, Rocky's Pizza of Monroe, GA donated a \$25 gift certificate for some of their world famous pizza. This prize was won by a delightful 7 year old boy named Wyatt who checked with me at least 20 times during the day to ask if he had won the pizza. You should have seen his face when his name was called! That alone, would have made it worth sitting outside in 95 degree temperatures all day but the many very friendly, fellow horse lovers I met were the main reason for the smile on my face as I drove home.

Thank You!!!

Bethany Butler adopted the Cavalia horses and reimbursed GERL for the funds spent on gelding them!!!

Thank you, Eric Moon, for doing such an incredible job parking all of the horse trailers and making the Fox Hall benefit such a wonderful event! Thanks to Christina & Cammie, too, for all of their hard work!

Gandolfo's Deli Boys, LLC has a wonderful charitable donation program. The employee's are allowed to wear jeans on Friday's in exchange for making donations to a charity of their choice. GERL was picked as their charity this month! We thank you so much for thinking of us!! Keep up the great work!



Foxhall Farm - Georgia Department of Agriculture Benefit Ride (continued from the cover)

The highlight of the day was a horse auction of formerly rescued horses from the GDA. The stars of the auction were two adorable colts that had been performers in the horse show, Cavalia. All the horses received great homes and it was one of the highest averaging sales the GDA had in a while. After the equine auction ended, the remaining guests were able to participate in a live and silent merchandise auction provided by GERL.

Most importantly, we want to THANK all the spectators, riders and their well behaved horses for coming to benefit such a worthy cause. Without them we would not have been able to raise \$10,000.00 for the GDA Impound! By the mass amounts of phone calls, emails, and letters we are receiving, we know that everyone had a great time! Several of the riders have sent in extra donations and are planning on joining GERL due to the event.



Ken Archer, GERL's VP
Doing ... well ... we're not sure
exactly what ... but someone
should tell him that pink
and red do not match so well



MORE FOXHALL BENEFIT RIDE PHOTOS



GERL Volunteers of the Month

July/August 2010

By Anne Ensminger

Even though there are many faithful volunteers who regularly work extremely hard for GERL and are very much appreciated, for this period we simply must give particular recognition to Cambria Moon and Christina Gilham.

These two exceptional young horsewomen, who are long time members of GERL, contacted GERL President, Patty Livingston early in 2009 to say that they wanted to organize a trail ride at MacIntosh Reserve. They were planning the ride for early summer 2010 and wanted the ride to benefit Georgia Department of Agriculture's Equine Program. They would do all of the work to implement their plan but hoped to partner with GERL as a sponsor.

As luck would have it, one of the most severe droughts in Georgia history was followed by extreme amounts of rain in early 2010. MacIntosh Reserve had to be closed for major repairs due to flooding. Undaunted, these two determined young women were able to come up with an even better plan! We could hardly believe it when they called to tell us that they had received permission to hold their ride at the lovely Foxhall Resort and Sporting Club near Douglasville.

We were excited about the opportunity to see this lovely facility about which we had heard so many nice things. We were not disappointed. I doubt that any of the 216 riders who participated were disappointed either. It is a beautiful property.

When Saturday, June 5th, was over, all riders had safely completed a very memorable ride, GDA had auctioned 10 lovely rehabilitated rescue horses into new and loving homes, everyone had been treated to two enjoyable equine demonstrations, many were thrilled with bargains snagged at the GERL live and silent auctions, our tummies were full of delicious barbeque, and most of us wore a new Foxhall tee shirt. No doubt Cambria and Eric Moon, as well as Christina and John Gilham were ready for a quiet evening basking in the knowledge that they had raised over \$10,000 in ONE DAY for Georgia's horses in need!

It was a picture perfect day from morning until the last horse left on Saturday afternoon. We at GERL were so impressed by what these two ladies, with the help of a few good volunteers, were able to accomplish through hard work and determination. It is with humble hearts that GERL proudly honors Cambria and Christina as our Volunteers of the Month.



Eric & Cambria Moon and Christina & John Gilham

**THIS IS A COMBO JUNE / JULY NEWSLETTER.
YOUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL ARRIVE
SOMETIME AROUND SEPTEMBER 1st!
HAVE A SAFE and HAPPY SUMMER!**

WELCOME NEW GERL MEMBERS

Referred By

Allison Altman
Paul & Susan Carlson
Tomas & Ginger Concepcion
Edgar Crandall, III
Robert Horsfall
Joan Huff
Tom & Karen Komatz
Max & Runelle Laseter
Nancy Pahl
Karen Richards
Gene Rowsey
Dan & Kim Smith
Melissa Spatz-Schwartz
Terry & Tina Turner
Linda Vantresco
Craig & Susan Waldron
Donna Williams

Gray, GA
Covington, GA
Gray, GA
Young Harris, GA
Blue Ridge, GA
Roopville, GA
Hartwell, GA
Monroe, GA
Atlanta, GA
Ball Ground, GA
Roswell, GA
Statham, GA
Atlanta, GA
Clarkesville, GA
Ellijay, GA
Anniston, AL
Blairsville, GA

Adriane & Robin
Patty Livingston
Allison Altman
Jack & Dotti Carter
Anne Ensminger
Susan Archer
GERL
Patty Livingston
Susan Archer
Ray Ziebell
Ginny Scarritt
GERL
Patty Livingston
Diana DeMoss
GERL
GERL
Dotti Carter

We Need Your Help! Auction Items are Needed

We have upcoming events that will include auctions.

We need you to help by donating auction items. These items can include new or used tack, home décor items, gift certificates, etc. Remember... our auctions are only as successful as the items that we have to offer.

Do you have a beach house? A cabin rental? Do you have a timeshare that you do not use? Perhaps you would consider donating a few nights or a week for one of our upcoming auctions?
It's tax deductible and benefits a great cause.

Thanks You In Advance For Your Support!

If you have items to donate or have additional questions please contact:

Sue Wrensen
(770) 331-6947
swrensen@comcast.net

OR

Patty Livingston
(770) 867-0760
gerlpatty@yahoo.com

WITH YOUR HELP ...

We Will Make A Difference



Smart Barns

By: Kenneth L Marcella, DVM

There are two strong forces at work that will likely shape the way that barns and equine facilities are going to be managed in the near future. The "Green" revolution has raised the consciousness of all Americans as to more efficient use of electricity, heat, water and various types of energy management. There has been more advancement in this field than in almost any other business sector and "green collar" jobs are growing at twice the national average with resultant technology now available to everyone from big corporations down to the individual. Everyone is being encouraged to "go green" and equine facilities are no exception. There are many potential areas of energy waste in the typical horse barn and new software/automation systems now let owners and managers control their operations and greatly reduce energy loss.

The current economic situation has also dictated that changes be made in how barns are run. Cutting waste and unnecessary loss and improving efficiency have been big parts of how forward-thinking operations have "weathered the fiscal storm" and remained successful. Innovative barn management companies have recognized that a substantial financial return has been available for those who run their barns more efficiently. The Tax Code of 2006-2013 provides tax credits and/or deductions for improvements in managing energy in commercial barns. These credits can be as high as \$1.80 per square foot of facility space. That's almost \$260 dollars for every 12 X 12 stall in the barn and that adds up quickly. Additionally, management software with in-barn touch screen access may well revolutionize how barn owners, managers, horse trainers and all the assorted professionals and support workers in a barn environment interact, share and control the vast amount of information that goes into caring for the typical broodmare, thoroughbred in training, or show horse.

A search of barn management systems will yield a large number of good programs that are designed to be run from a desk top or lap top. These products allow managers to track vaccinations, farrier records, and similar information for their horses and also allow stables to generate invoices and perform most recording and accounting functions. Two companies, however, have taken barn management a large step forward and represent the next generation in this area. BARN-E (Barn And Ranch Next Evolution) from Charter Solutions International and the Barn Logix automation system provide all the standard information recording assistance of other current systems but add in-barn interactive features, remote access information exchange, greater integration of radio-

graphs, video and other multimedia information and physical plant management that far exceeds what has been previously available.

Dee Hayes, the originator and president of Barn Logix is a commercial engineer with over 20 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. She utilized her expertise in those industries to bring innovation to barn management and, according to Ms. Hayes, "designed Barn Logix for the purpose of precise control of energy management, remote monitoring and organization of barn records and schedules". Thomas Pfeffer, president of BARN-E, is an IT expert who began looking at the vast amount of information scattered through the average barn and developed his system to "lift a stable to an unprecedented level of organization and optimization", says Mr. Pfeffer, "by combining the steering of daily work process, communication and information management".

Just what does all this "efficiency and information management jargon" mean on a practical level? Both of these systems function from a touch screen monitor in the barn, either recessed in a wall location or in a stand alone kiosk-type work station. Simple to follow screens allow barn workers, related professionals or managers to access all types of data where and when it is most needed. Barn Logix can provide someone standing in the barn aisle information on all aspects of a particular horse's care, feeding, shoeing, vaccinations and so forth. Information can be retrieved or entered and record keeping is immediate, accurate and complete. The Barn logix automated system is also heavily weighted toward physical plant management. This system can be set to monitor water intake, control the fly spray system, turn all types of lights (arena, barn, security) on or off at specific times, turn fans on or off based on temperature or other user preferences, monitor air quality (ammonia levels), control air exhaust fans and ventilation openings, control heating and air conditioning units, evaluate and control humidity levels, monitor fire and smoke detection devices and oversee emergency notification procedures, and aid in barn bird prevention with audio controls along with many other functions. The strength of this system is that one integrated program runs all of these features so that Barn Logix can shut down fans when the fly spray system runs, or close lights and turn off fans for individual horses that it recognizes have been taken to a show or to the track. This control of heating and air conditioning, lighting and ventilation represent the major areas where substantial savings are available when barns are run efficiently and the reduction in physical labor to perform all of these functions provides an additional economic saving.

(continued on the following page)

Smart Barns

(continued from the previous page)

A touch of the screen in a BARN-E facility will first produce a weather map of the local area giving a five day forecast. BARN-E is internet integrated allowing for weather information access, language translation and for e-mail notification and updates to owners and other related barn workers. "My grooms especially love the weather feature", says Gina Bishop, owner/manager of Huntington Stables in Georgia. "BARN-E's weather info allows them to plan for the horses ahead of time regarding turnout, blanketing and riding/training plans", she adds. The language translation feature is also important from the communication standpoint because BARN-E can easily translate feeding information, grooming instructions, training plans, tasks or any other information into numerous languages. A manager simply types the desired message into the corresponding field on the screen and BARN-E translates the instructions. This process can also be done remotely. A trainer at the track in Florida can send an e-mail message via cell phone to BARN-E at the farm in Kentucky with specific instructions regarding a particular horse. An urgent message is displayed on the screen. The trainer can then get a follow-up message of acknowledgement, and later a message signifying completion of the required task all via cell phone email correlated and sent by BARN-E, regardless of the languages being used. BARN-E can also improve efficiency by sending e-mail reminders to managers and owners alike so that appointments are not missed, all relevant participants are present for specific events, and owners are kept updated on their horse's care and progress. "One of the things I love most", says Cindi Murch, manager of Rising Fawn Equestrian Center in Georgia, "is being alerted a day or two prior to my farrier arriving and then having

BARN-E tell me and my staff which horses to leave in the day of the appointment- I cannot tell you how many times I have chased horses in the pasture that were not left in when they needed to be". Features such as these illustrate the simplicity and yet the advanced state of management assistance provided by these two systems.

Barn logix also features remote access and allows for video monitoring of individual horses which can be an important feature for veterinary facilities, breeding/foaling operations and barns where owners want the same remote video access to their horses that people have come to expect from human day care centers and dog and cat boarding facilities. Dr. Wade Spradley, owner of Legacy Equine, a full service equine hospital in Oklahoma, has a Barn Logix system in his practice and uses the remote monitoring for both better patient care and for enhanced security.

Barn Logix has an almost infinite number of possible options and, according to Ms. Hayes, "as I added various capabilities, I kept each operation simple and user-friendly". This sentiment is echoed by Mr. Pfeffer who adds "Every feature in BARN-E today and tomorrow is and will be designed by equine professionals for equine professionals- There is no better way to do it". We have only seen the beginning of what these systems can do for barn management and as economic and energy concerns continue to drive innovation, more advancement will be forthcoming. Both systems and those to follow in their footsteps will continue to add new and creative ways to manage information, communicate, and control the day to day functions of a barn as we all try to work smarter not harder.

Reprinted by permission of
Thoroughbred Times

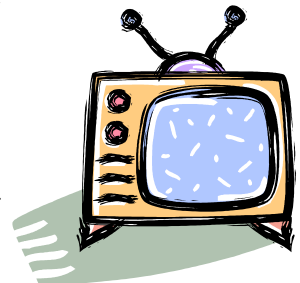
GERL and GDA TV Interview Airing Times

Mark Mote of Windstream filmed two thirty minute interviews with members of GERL and the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA).

Four rescue horses were used in the interview to show the different stages of an impounded horse's rehabilitation, starting with the pick-up. One of the horses was actually a granddaughter of Secretariat, one of the most famous race horses in history. Part one will run for two weeks starting last Monday the 14th and Part two will start running on the 28th, also for two weeks.

You must be a Windstream subscriber to see it, however, we'll be working on getting it aired elsewhere in the near future.

Stay tuned!



The Life of an Equine Inspector

**By Barbara Butler
Former Equine Inspector**

Come spend a day with a Horse Inspector
It's cold and windy, the rain, it pours.
In our trucks going door to door.
The rich have problems and so do the poor.

We risk our lives at times, getting in harm's way
But to us it's just part of a regular day.
Guns and knives, verbal threats
Abuse of all kinds, we sometimes sweat.

But that horse out there, skin and bone
Laying in water for hours alone.
They don't have a voice to tell of their pain
We talk to the owners, information we gain.

Not all of our stories are happy endings.
Some we try our best at defending.
The end comes slowly lying in that pasture,
Left to die, starving and still loving their master.

We, the inspectors have to witness their plights
Trust me when I say we want to take flight.
How can humans do this, instill their suffering
Our job then becomes one of buffering.

We try to make sense of what happened to this Equine
The owners make excuses and continually whine.
It was old and poor when I got it, I tried my best to help it
The inspector listens and at times has true grit.

We go to our trucks, drive off and away.
Tears just a flowing, just another sad day.
The glamour gone, the Equine dies
Yea, come spend a day in any of our lives.

**In Memory of Polly and Jack
2-1-08**



Dear GERL

Jack and I would like to thank everyone for the warm reception we have received since taking on the position of Area Coordinator Directors. I am just amazed by the contacts we have been making with concerned individuals across the state wanting to make a difference in the quality of life for Georgia's horses. This is an exciting time. The organization is growing and changing and we are looking forward to taking part in this endeavor.

We are busy developing a new job description for our ACs and creating the new position of AC Lead. The Lead will oversee a group of coordinators in their designated area, providing guidance, training and assisting in organizing special events. We will distribute the new job descriptions as soon as they are finalized.

Our most immediate goal is to improve communication between ourselves and the area coordinators and communication between the coordinators themselves. We can all learn from each other's experiences, both the successes and the failures. We want to see the ACs taking a more active role in assisting GDA inspectors as needed and being the eyes and ears for GDA in the areas without inspectors, coordinating local events and keeping in contact with GERL members in their areas. There is so much that can be done and the more people we have involved the easier the job will be for all of us. We have a lot of good people out there wanting to give their time and talents - we need to utilize these talents.

We are looking forward to working closely with each of you and hopefully meeting you in person very soon.

**Jack and Dotti Carter
Area Coordinator Directors**



2010 GERL Calendar of Events

**Horses Helping Horses - Polo Match to benefit GERL
Sunday, August 15th
Chukkar Farm – Milton, GA**

**Fright Fest – 2010
October 29-31
Jake Mountain - Dahlonega, GA**



Mark your calendars so that you don't miss any of these wonderful events that will benefit GERL. It's a guaranteed great time ... a benefit for a wonderful cause and a way to see old friends and meet new friends!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

"Feed a Horse"

Starved and neglected horses impounded by the Georgia Department of Agriculture need your help! Donations will be applied directly towards feed and hay for impounded horses. Currently, the cost for rehabilitating a horse is approximately \$150 per month, per horse.

Make your TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation through the Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. "Feed a Horse" program. We need your help so that these horses can live.

Get involved! Ask your friends, family, co-workers and others to help raise money to feed the horses!



Before



After

I would like to make a donation of:

- ☐ \$150.00 per month for 4 months to rehabilitate one horse.
- ☐ \$600.00 one time donation to rehabilitate one horse.
- ☐ \$ _____ per month to help rehabilitate the horses.
- ☐ \$ _____ any donation is gladly accepted!

**"Feed a Horse"
Program**

www.gerlltd.org

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Make check payable to:

GERL

Mail to: P.O. Box 328
Bethlehem, GA 30620

THANK YOU!

***Your donation is
tax deductible!***

GERL ADOPTABLES

Lobo and Tyree were both stated as 15yo geldings when we brought them into the GERL adoption program. Based on our vet's assessment, he feels they are closer to 10-12yo. They stand at approx 14.2-14.3hh and stocky (easy keepers). These boys are both VERY sweet and gentle to handle, but have no previous riding experience to our knowledge. There are no physical issues with either gelding that would prevent these boys from being trained under saddle. We will be looking for either companion homes or homes that have the facilities and time to train them properly. These geldings will be adopted out individually.



Leroy is a 5 yo bay Thoroughbred cross gelding. He stands close to 15.2hh and is gentle to handle. We were advised that Leroy has been trained to ride, but we have not yet assessed his level of training.



Smokey is a 11 month old dark bay gelding (he appears nearly black), also a son of Leroy, and currently measures about 13.3hh. His dam was stocky, light sorrel with flaxen mane and tail, and stands about 14hh. She was one of a matched pair used to pull a wagon.



Snowball is a precious little 11yo white pony mare, standing just 10-11hh. She acclimated quickly to her new pasture mate in foster care. She is saddle trained and lead lines well. We are looking for a loving family to adopt Snowball for their kids or grandkids.



Hay Baler is another 11 month old sired by Leroy, chestnut is color. Currently he stands at 13.1hh. His dam was a bay Qtr Hrs type mare, about 14.2hh.



**For adoption fees and additional information please contact
Heather Wages, GERL Adoption Coordinator
(770) 267-0785 / gerlheather@yahoo.com**

GERL ADOPTABLES

Shadow is a 4 year old Palomino gelding. He continues to improve through his rehabilitation, and his foster parents continue to work with him on his training. We should shortly be able to assess his training/riding level. It appears that he has been ridden in the past. Shadow, like Highway, is getting ready to find his forever home where someone can take him 'on the trail' to success.

ADOPTED



Shadow



Star

Star is a 16 year old Saddlebred mare. She is a small mare and is gentle to handle. She will be suited for an experienced rider. Star is solid black except for small star on forehead.

Mercedes is a 20+ year old Gray Arabian/QH mare. According to the previous owner, anybody can ride this horse and she is child safe. Unfortunately the owner found herself unable to care properly for her 3 horses any longer and voluntarily turned them over to GERL to place in new, loving homes.



Mercedes

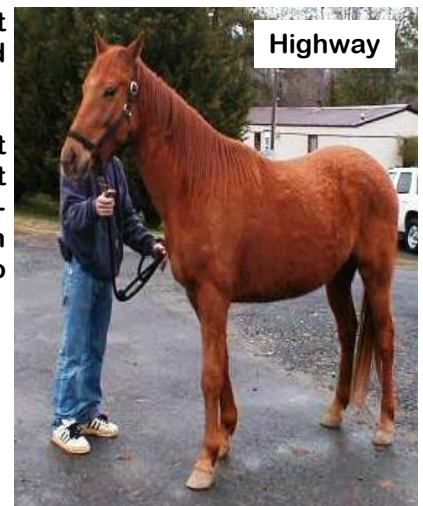


Thunder

Thunder is an Arabian X gelding, sorrel with a blaze and white stockings, about 20 years old. We understand that he was a great trail horse, but we are waiting for additional weight gain before we ride him. His foster mom states: *Thunder constantly amazes me as to how alert and energetic he is for a 20 year old horse, let alone a starved 20 year old horse. A lady who knew him well said that Thunder was actually her pick of the 3 horses because he was so wonderful on the trails.* Thunder is looking for a forever home that will keep him in shape, but not overwork him at his age. Are you looking for seasoned trail horse for light duty??

Highway is a 4-5 year old QH sorrel gelding. He is blind in his right eye, but gets around great. He is not broke to ride yet. He loads, clips and has great ground manners. He is also a very smart and willing pupil, and gets along extremely well with other horses. His foster parents continue to work with him in the round pen, so, updates to follow. Highway loves people and is ready to find his forever home where someone can take him 'on the trail' to success.

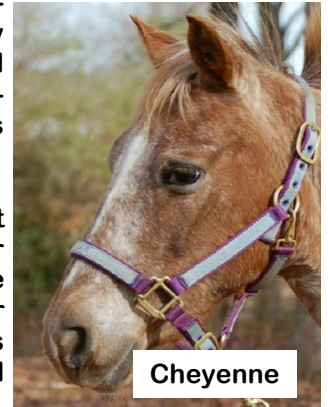
For adoption fees and additional information please contact Heather Wages, GERL Adoption Coordinator (770) 267-0785 / gerlheather@yahoo.com



Highway

GERL ADOPTABLES

Cheyenne is a red roan pony mare, about 13.2 hands. She is a very easy keeper. Although shy when she first came into our program, Cheyenne has gentled very nicely and is a very calm pasture mate. Due to a front knee injury, she would best be suited as a companion only, but to the right home, could possibly be used for very light riding by a smaller child (maybe lead line). We are currently assessing whether she is saddle trained.



Cheyenne



Gray Baby

Gray Baby is a 16yo flea bitten grey mustang mare, about 14.1hh, carrying the mustang brand on the left side of her neck. She has a very sweet disposition and loves to be brushed. Her foster mom has put a Western saddle on her and she seemed very at ease with it, so we believe she has been ridden before. As she gains a bit more weight, we will work with her further to determine her level of training. We are looking for a home that is ready to give her a job.

Charmer is a 7 year old Tennessee Walking Horse Gelding. Charmer has been ridden on trails, but during the past year, he did not have much riding or handling due to the health of his owner. He currently resides at the home of trainer Tanya Kiselyova who is continuing his training to make sure he is safe and pleasant on the ground and under saddle. For additional information and pictures, visit www.equinoxhorse.net/Charmerproject.html.



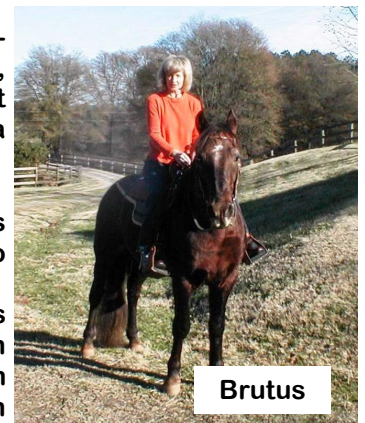
Charmer



Sable

Sable is a 11 month old bay gelding, son of Leroy, currently measuring close to 14hh. His dam was stocky, light sorrel with flaxen mane and tail, and stands about 14hh. She was one of a matched pair used to pull a wagon.

Brutus is a 20+ year old Morgan cross gelding. He was an extremely gentle stallion when he came into our program, and was successfully gelded with no problems. He has been socialized/pastured with both mares and geldings and has gotten along with all. His foster mom has now ridden him on trails. He doesn't seem to have any health problems and has good feet.



Brutus

Lil Lady is a 14 year old chestnut Arabian mare, approx 14.1 hh. She is gentle to handle and is comfortable under saddle. This mare has not been ridden much for a 14 year old horse and would be best suited for an experienced rider. We would like to find a new forever home that will have the ability and patience to take her to the next level of training.

**For adoption fees and additional information please contact
Heather Wages, GERL Adoption Coordinator
(770) 267-0785 / gerlheather@yahoo.com**

ANGEL OF HOPE

Hope is one of GERL's foster horses. Her foster Mom, Tamma Trump, has put her on Facebook.

Follow her progress by logging on to Facebook and searching for "Angel of Hope".



Puttin On The Feed Bag

TOMATO PIE

4 Tomatos Sliced
10 Fresh Basil Leaves Chopped
½ Cup Green Onions
8 Slices Of Cooked Bacon – Or can use fresh bacon bits
1 Cup Mozzarella Cheese
1 Cup Sharp Cheddar Cheese
1 Cup Mayonnaise
9" Deep Dish Pie Crust – Pre Bake
Salt and Pepper – To Taste

Preheat oven to 350. Bake for 30 minutes or until brown.

Put sliced tomatoes in a single layer in a colander – sprinkle with salt and let stand for 10 minutes.

Layer tomatoes, bacon, basil, and onions. Season with salt and pepper.

Mix Cheeses and Mayonnaise and spread on top.

Bake and eat.

Feed Bag Recipe Submissions

Do you have a wonderful, easy recipe that you would like to share?

Putting On the Feed Bag is a new section in our newsletter and we want your suggestions.

Please submit your recipe contributions to
gerlbetty@aol.com



TRAILER NEEDED FOR MANSFIELD IMPOUND!

4 Horse Gooseneck Aluminum Stock Trailer
Center Divider and Dressing Room

Contact Patty Livingston @ 770-867-0760
gerlpatty@yahoo.com

Donation is Tax Deductible!

Pulaski Prison Impound Wish List

Bleach	Shampoo/Conditioner
Water Hoses	Show Sheen
Listerine	Dewormer
Antibiotics	Antibacterial Soap
Feed/Treats	Hoof Care Tools/Products
Feed Buckets	Weight Tapes
Mane & Tail Brushes	Fence Supplies
Wound Treatment Products	Horse Blankets
Pooper Scoopers	Feed Containers
Salt & Mineral Blocks	Digital Thermometer

Please call Patty Livingston (770) 867-0760 if you would like to donate any items to the Pulaski Prison Impound.

North Georgia Mounted Search & Rescue ("NGMSAR")

Call for info and date for next meeting.

Col. Bob Eikenberry
(706) 429 9918
foragednstl@windstream.net
or
Steve de Lyra
(706) 265 8182
stevd@windstream.net

Thank You For Renewing Your GERL Membership

Rita Benfield & Mike Wade
Cindy Russell Bounds
George & Barbara Bullock
Michael Chisolm
Marion & Jackie Cobb
Tanya & Anthony Cochran & Family
Patti Cornelius
Sue Crane
Ed & Sandra Creel
Brian & Cathy Dees
Edward dePeterse
Andrea Elmore
Jane Estes
Alice Farrar
Debbie Ferrell
Peggy Giddens
Kriston Glushko
Emily Harpster
John & Sarah Hill
Sonny & Kay Hinote
Tanya & Dave Kingsley
Bonnie Kirschling
Cheryl Popiel
Shirley Thomas
Marya Tietz
Jerry & Kay Titlow
Lee & Jill Webb
Ashley Whitener
Ray & Pierrette Ziebell

Douglasville, GA
Washington, GA
Fairburn, GA
Waleska, GA
Cumming, GA
Bethlehem, GA
Alpharetta, GA
Clarkesville, GA
Douglasville, GA
Barnesville, GA
Bishop, GA
McDonough, GA
Newborn, GA
Gray, GA
Gainesville, GA
Murphy, NC
Rockmart, GA
Snellville, GA
Hazelhurst, GA
Lawrenceville, GA
Hillsboro, GA
Milledgeville, GA
Townsend, GA
Monroe, GA
Roswell, GA
Gainesville, GA
Palmetto, GA
Covington, GA
Dawsonville, GA

Welcome New Foster Coordinator and Adoption Coordinator

Becky Gregory will be taking over as our Foster Coordinator and Heather Wages will be taking over as our Adoption Coordinator.

Becky and Heather have been long time GERL members and are ready to get a bit more involved!

Welcome ... and thank you for taking on these huge, important tasks within GERL!



Becky Gregory & Heather Wages

THANK YOU TO OUR 2010 EVENT SUPPORTERS

Please thank and patronize the individuals and businesses who support our fund raisers with donations for our auctions and events.

Rucker Feed & Pet - Cumming
Dr. Jan and Bobby Smith - Cumming
Mickey Farmer - Gainesville
Apple Butter Treats, Toi Wall
Neighsayers, Pat Wages - Cumming
Creative Creations, Tammie Nix, Senoia
Mary Greene - Atlanta
Bob & Dorothy Thomas - Dawsonville
Thomas Threatt - Hoschton
Boss Brothers Feed - Loganville
Susie Hansen & Scott Harris - Monticello
Processors Co-Op - Alan Brown - Alpharetta

Debbie Mulinax - Covington
David & Leisa McCannon - Jersey
Art Schwab - Canton
Betty & Duane Evenson - Dawsonville
Solo - Conyers
Tanya Kingsley - Hillsboro
Ray Ziebel - Dawsonville
Steven Neal - Rutledge
Patti Henry - Monroe
Charles Griffin
Marge Mabey - Alpharetta
Sue Wrensen - Canton

The GERL Store



Ladies contoured fit, cap sleeve, ribbed T. 90% cotton, 10% poly. S-XL. \$14.00
Deep Heather, Raspberry, Black



Ladies tank top—fashion fit. 100% cotton. S-XL \$12.00
Black, Frost Pink



Youth T's. 100% preshrunk cotton. Grey is 90/10. S-XL \$10.00
Royal Blue, Black, Heather Grey



I wish I had a GERL Shirt!



Ladies Polo Shirts
S-XL \$20.00 XXL \$24.00
White, Light Blue, Yellow Haze, Heather Grey



Otto 6 panel, low profile caps. \$15.00
A MUST HAVE!!



Men's Polo Shirts
S-XL \$20.00 XXL \$24.00
White, Light Blue, Yellow Haze, Heather Grey



T-Shirts - 100% pre-shrunk cotton.
S-XXL All sizes \$10.00

Call Diana DeMoss 770-267-0867 To Order! We take Visa, Master Card, Discover & Amex!

**If Your Name Is Listed Here, Your
Membership Is Due For Renewal!
This Will Be Your Last Newsletter
Unless You Renew.**

Don & Beth Bohannon
Constance Burchette
Pat Dean
Albert & Margaret Hill
Kelly Lockerman & Rick Gerhold
Whit Payne
Pennie Peck
Bill Rogers & Charlotte Rogers
Jan & Gaye Wilson
Mid & Dee Allen
Betty Altman
Evelyn Braile
Anne Ensminger
Mark & Lynn Garrett
Elizabeth Harris
Geri Kono

***Membership form is
on the back cover**

**GERL is proud to announce you can
now DONATE
on our website using Paypal!**



*Easy and secure,
just go to www.gerlltd.org*

HORSEMEN'S

Feed & Supplies

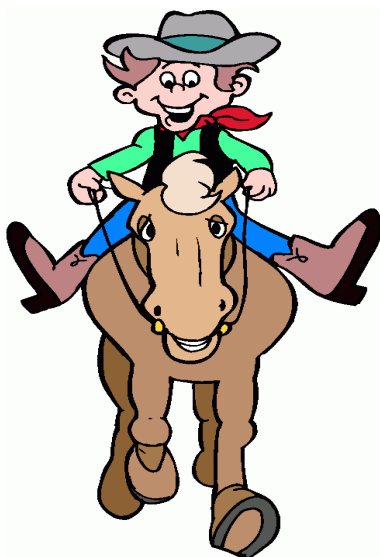
1744 Hwy. 42 South
Indian Springs, Ga. 30216

678-774-8666



Horse - Cow - Goat - Chicken - Dog - Cat

Located just North of Indian Springs Bridge on the left.



**No Measuring, No Fuss for
Clear Water Troughs Contact Us!**

Just drop one tablet in your troughs every 3-5 days and you won't have to scrub again! For more information please visit us on the web at

www.clearwatertroughs.com

SPECIAL HORSE ORGANIZATION WINNER'S PROGRAM

FACT SHEET



What is the S.H.O.W. Program?

The S.H.O.W. Program is a unique opportunity for non-profit horse associations and clubs in Southern States market territories to earn financial sponsorship for special events. Note: All funds must be used in events that specifically benefit the horse industry.

As a leader in equine care and nutrition, Southern States is committed to providing support to horse organizations. The S.H.O.W. Program allows Southern States to provide financial support on a fair and equitable basis.

Who is eligible to participate?

Any "not-for-profit" horse club or breed association located within Southern States' service area may participate in the S.H.O.W. Program. All funds distributed through the program must be used solely for the betterment of the horse industry. Individual owners or farms may not participate except as part of a recognized non-profit approved club or association.

How does the program work?

Participating organizations collect and submit proofs-of-purchase seals from eligible bags of Triple Crown®, Reliance® and Legends® horse feeds.

The organization accrues a credit of twenty-five cents (25¢) for each eligible proof of purchase, except Reliance® which will be worth (10¢) per proof of purchase. All bulk bin deliveries of Southern States pelleted horse feeds, except Reliance® pellets, are worth \$10/ton of feed delivered. Reliance® pelleted horse feed is valued at \$4/ton.

What qualifies as proof of purchase?

The following are the only valid "proof of purchase" seals for S.H.O.W. Program. Proofs of purchase are found on the back-bottom of all Triple Crown®, Reliance® and Legends® horse feeds. Feed tags are not accepted as a "proof of purchase."



Proof of Purchase Seals

For bulk feed purchases, the original customer copy of the delivery ticket qualifies as proof of purchase. Photocopies are not acceptable. (Note: bulk delivery tickets can only be accepted for the current program year which runs from July 1-June 30. For example, tickets for the 2010-2011 program must show that the feed was delivered on or after July 1, 2010 but before July 1, 2011 to be eligible.)



Continued on back...

Dear GERL

After only 2 years, you've helped to raise \$ 2,487.25 for GERL through the Southern States' POP program!

I continue to be grateful to our regular donors and I wish to thank the following new donors: Alison Evans, The Pampered Pony, R.A. Ziebell & Co., Brian Dees, Betty Sue Hearin, Cecilia Ball, Tiffany Bergdorf, Dotti Carter, Hugh Hester, Hank Bell, Kristi Lindsay, S. Wedlake, Jeana Mullen, Margaret Clower, Neal & Patricia Ochs, Lynn Dover, Arleen Klungle of Aguila Cruz Paso Finos, Nancy Bogardts, Patricia Ebersole, Kay Fletcher, Susan Cox, Elizabeth Mitchell, Lee Ann Gilson of In Unison Farm and Stan Reich.

Please continue to cut, save, & mail in your POP's and tell your friends too. The horses are counting on your support now more than ever.

With sincerest thanks,

Ginny Scarritt



What does S.H.O.W. have to do with G.E.R.L.?

This year alone Southern States has sent checks totaling over \$1,100.00 to GERL as a result of members sending in their proof of purchase seals from eligible Southern States horse feed products.

Ginny Scarritt has been our "angel" who receives the "POPs", organizes them and sends them to Southern States. Thank you, Ginny!

If you are currently using Triple Crown, Reliance or Legend feeds - do the horses a favor and cut out those proof of purchase "POP" seals and send them to her! What an easy way for you to make a donation to G.E.R.L. to help us help starved, abused and neglected horses in Georgia!

Mail POP's to: Ginny Scarritt, 4835 Kendall Ct., Atlanta, GA 30342

Beau

By Dottie Carter

We received a call just before Thanksgiving last year from Donna Pieper asking if we would be able to care for a horse from Gordon County Animal Control. They had picked up the horse a month earlier. The owner had requested that they take him to the landfill to be destroyed. When he was picked up, Darla Money Adoptions Coordinator for the Gordon County Animal Shelter, felt the horse deserved a chance at life. She contacted GERL to see if he could be brought into our program. At the time of pickup, Beau weighed approximately 750 pounds, had severely overgrown hooves, was suffering from laminitis and was an intact stallion. When we went to get him the day after Thanksgiving, he had been gelded the week before, had his teeth floated and his first farrier work in a very long time.



That was then. Beau is now a beautiful black and white spotted walking horse, weighing approximately 950 pounds. He wears egg bar shoes to help take the pressure off his front feet which has made all the difference in the world in how he can get around - no more sore feet. When he did not shed his winter coat this spring, we had him tested for Cushings, thyroid problems and insulin resistance. It turns out that he is very insulin resistant which we are dealing with by limiting his access to rich grass and putting him on Safe Starch Forage by Southern States Feed. He is a very sweet horse that at age 13 still has a long life ahead of him with proper nutritional management. Due to his chronic laminitis and an old stifle injury, I do not believe he will ever be a saddle horse again but my best wishes for him are to be a therapy horse. I feel he could do light duty in a ring with soft footing. He would make a great companion horse with another gelding. He presently happily shares his pasture, stall and feed bucket with our seven year old mustang gelding.



Jack & Dotti Carter
Area Coordinator Directors
Frog Leap Farm
Hiawassee, GA

We want to hear from you!
Have you adopted a horse from GERL?
Are you fostering a horse for GERL?

We would like to see pictures and hear your update.



Dear GERL

It has been a year since Banjo & Spice came to live with me. Banjo is a "doll". She is so sweet, nothing seems to bother her. Her health condition doesn't seem to bother her and she gets around the pastures just fine. Spice however did not seem to have the same ground manners taught to her. She took about 2 months just to let me get near her in the field. But with plenty of treats & lots of love she is great & looking so much better now. She still has a lot to learn, but I enjoy teaching her even if it takes 2 hours to fly spray her!!

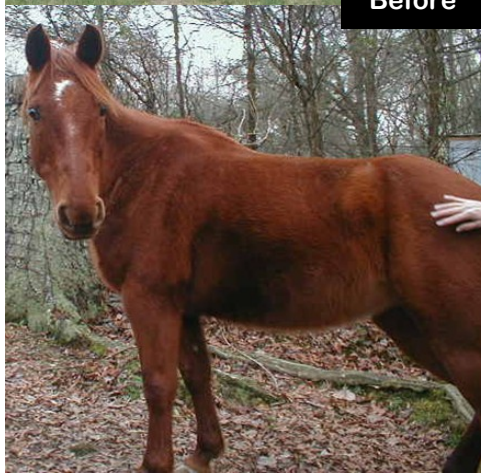
Please keep up the good work. God's beautiful creatures need us.



Banjo Before



Banjo After



Spice Before



Spice After

Albert & Margaret Hill

Editor's Note: We called Banjo the "Sweeney mare" because that's what Dr. Black said was wrong with her and why she could never be ridden. The term "Sweeny" refers to an injury of the supraspinatus and infraspinatus muscles on both sides of the spine at the scapula. (see March 2009 newsletter for details)



Dear GERL

Just a note to let you know that Brutus has adjusted well at his new home. we want to thank GERL for all you do. See you soon.

Susan & Paul Carlson



Susan McCullar To The Rescue

By: Dick Hodgetts, Columnist for The Morgan County Citizen

Susan McCullar is one of those friends you wonder how you got along before you knew them. She does so many things so effortlessly the rest just watch her and wonder: why it is so easy for her?

I have friends who knew her sixty years ago. One admirer said: "she is the kind of person you want to teach your kids in kindergarten" and he adds "she did teach mine, I always knew she would be the perfect person to instill values and teach lessons to children."



Today she is not fighting the cultural wars that kindergarten teachers are expected to wage. She is saving mistreated horses with the Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL). Horses have been a strong attachment for her. When she went to camps in North Carolina back in the 1950's and 1960's, she rode every day as long as the counselors would allow.

She and husband Tony McCullar bought acreage off the Apalachee Road. Part of her deal with her spouse included an agreement that he did not have to commit to equine involvement. Good thing. Today she has four of her own, and is treating two "rescued" horses from GERL. The League works with the Georgia Department of Agriculture to rescue horses. They are classified from one to ten, "one" being lowest and the greatest risk. Susan takes the most challenging cases. There is a skill in saving the animals even from themselves. A horse is designed to eat continuously. When they have been neglected a great deal of discipline is required to give them just enough feed and in the correct amounts to allow weight gain and not over indulge. One of the great assets to GERL is the proximity to UGA's Vet School. Years ago Dr. Gary Heusener developed: Miracle Feed, a product high in fat content that allows horses to ingest more feed than normal without hurting themselves. Fortunately the feed is carried by Godfrey's and any retail outlet carrying their feed products can obtain it. Whitey Hunt and his team make the product available to GERL and it is a good tonic for what ails a neglected horse.

Susan now has her current invalid horses progressing - each having gained fifty plus pounds. When the GERL staff meet with Susan, they will determine a time that the horses are available for "adoption".

You can tell when the McCullar farm has rescued animals, a sign at the front gate will state: GERL RESCUE HORSES ON PROPERTY. It just would not be right for a casual visitor to assume she had neglected horses in her pasture. When they depart her care they will be vastly improved. Viewing her with the horses it is easy to see why the work is so rewarding, as each of the rescued horses compete for fence position so they can nuzzle their rescuer. Susan McCullar has indeed come to their rescue.

CHECK OUT
the
GREAT GERL
MERCHANDISE
for sale on
Page 21

August 15th

**Polo Match
to benefit GERL**

**to be held at
Chukkar Farm
Alpharetta, GA**

**See page 28
for details.**

October 29th - 31st

GERL Freight Fest

**to be held at
Jake Mountain
Dahlonega, GA**

**Check your
September newsletter
for
flyer and registration**



A Tidbit from your Board of Directors

We wanted our newsletter readers to see just a small example of what we deal with almost daily. These are three horses which were recently signed over to GERL by their owner. Georgia Department of Agriculture Inspectors had been trying to work with him for quite some time. They issued citations and tried to teach him how to care for these poor horses but he was inconsistent with the needed care. As the weeks passed, the horses declined greatly in body condition.

Finally, in disgust and in an effort to prevent possible prosecution by GDA, the owner agreed to sign the horses over to GERL. GDA Inspectors were kind enough to deliver them to a GERL foster home where they will receive love, attention, and most importantly, adequate nourishment. As you can see from these pictures, the bay gelding and the black mare are quite thin. As is nature's way, the foal looks to be in good condition because his dam has given all she has to insure his survival.

We are happy to know that these horses are now in good hands and can now be rehabilitated and adopted into loving homes. The foal will be available for adoption as soon as he is weaned. We know you will agree with us that he is quite a handsome little fellow!



AUGUST 15th POLO MATCH to BENEFIT GERL

Tally Ho ! Polo Ponies To The Rescue !



Horses Helping Horses Charity Event Polo Match

COST: \$15.00 per person *\$5.00 from every admission will go to GERL (1/3)



CONTACT: Jack Cashin
(Home) 770-664-1533 and (Cell) 404-277-7204
WEB: <http://www.chukkarfarm.com>

**WHERE: Chukar Farm and Polo Club, 1140 Liberty Grove Road,
Alpharetta, Georgia 30004**

DATE: Sunday, August 15, 2010 TIME: Open: 1:00 PM - Match: 2:00 PM

Go to Chukkar Farms Website for driving directions.

Bring your own food and drinks and enjoy the match.



Mulberry

By Anne Ensminger

I want to share a story that is on my heart. Actually, there are few available details concerning Mulberry. I will tell you right from the beginning that GERL was not able to save her. We didn't even have her in our care long enough to get a picture of her.

This, all too short story, began when we received a call from a Paulding County Animal Control Officer who reported that they had picked up a starving mare, loose on the side of the road, one month earlier. In spite of their repeated attempts to find the owner, no one came forward to claim her. Sadly, she had failed to thrive under their care and they wanted to know if GERL would take her. Of course we would take her!

Donna Pieper put on her Foster Care Coordinator hat and found a temporary home for this poor mare that the Animal Control folks had named "Mulberry". Patty Livingston and Ken Archer traveled to pick her up and deliver her to her foster caregivers. They noted a very docile, cooperative mare of advanced age, in terrible condition. She was very thin, her hair coat was deplorable, she had a mildly deformed right front foot, and she had a suspicious looking discharge.

Mulberry was in foster care for only a very short time when her caregivers realized that she was getting weaker by the day. Dr. Lenny Fuller from Countryside Animal Hospital went out to have a look at her. His assessment was not good. Not only was Mulberry suffering from severe malnourishment, but she also had cancer. We received a recommendation from "Dr. Lenny" which is extremely rare for him to make. He thought that Mulberry needed to have her suffering ended as soon as possible.

We reluctantly accepted the recommendation of Dr. Fuller and did the right thing for Mulberry. Her first time foster caregivers were devastated. Mulberry is now at peace but we can not help but wonder about the path her life had taken. Had she been someone's pride and joy, as is my horse, Dillon? Had she ever experienced life with abundant care and feed such as horses belonging to GERL members enjoy? What about the wonderful feeling of the spring sun on her back as she grazed a lush field all day? Or had Mulberry been passed from owner to owner and been forced to accept her fate as she faithfully served each one until she was no longer physically able to please them? That was her nature. She would have done that.

Our hearts break as we remember Mulberry and try to imagine the depth of her suffering.

We will not forget little Mulberry as she represents too many other horses that have left this sometimes cruel world and, sadly, will never be remembered. We will continue to do our best to be advocates for horses like Mulberry but we have little hope that humans who let this kind of end come to such an animal, will change.

Thank you, Donna Pieper!

From the GERL Board of Directors ...

We are sad to report that, after almost two years as Adoptions/Foster Coordinator for GERL, Donna Pieper is stepping down.

Over her many years of service to GERL, Donna has served as Treasurer and as a member of the Board of Directors. Also heavily involved with Georgia Horse Council, Back Country Horsemen, Rockdale Trailblazers, and all matters involving the horse industry in Georgia, Donna realized that she needed more time to enjoy her own horses and her wonderful family. While we completely understand, we will greatly miss working with Donna. We will find contentment in knowing that she remains a part of our organization and that her wise council is always as near as the telephone.

Thank you, Donna, for a job well done!



Did you
see
that???



Our Thoughts & Prayers Are With You

Rosa Allen as you mourn
the loss of your equine friend, Kat

Shannon Marler as you mourn the passing of your loyal companion, Sally. She made her final trip to Tuck-Luck Farms over Memorial Day weekend. She will be sadly missed.

Thank You For Donating To Our Feed A Horse Program

Charlotte & George Zubowicz
Carol Royer
Shirley Thomas
Constance Burchette

Donations in Honor Of

Allison Mercen's horse, Clarisse by Cynthia DeCamp
Dana McDaniel's horse, Revelation by Cynthia DeCamp



Dear GERL

JUST AN OBSERVATION

As I review this organization, it's fundraisers, it's hardworking volunteers, it comes to mind that there are so many different types of donations.

We have people that are consistently making monetary donations to our Feed A Horse program, some just send a check for no reason. There are people that foster horses and never ask for a dime, trainers that help us calm down a colt so that we can get a halter on him, folks that send in cute & informative articles for the newsletter (hey, we need more of those!). There are 2 elves that take all of the left over flea market "stuff" and sell it for us—and bring in quite a bit of money for this old junk. Who woulda thought? The list goes on and on....

I am amazed by the outpouring of support. I am thinking that it's the small stuff that no one really knows about that makes this wonderful GERL tick. It's no small wonder that GERL is one of the largest volunteer organizations in the State!

I just want to thank you all, because we really couldn't do this without you! Pat yourself on the back! Send more money!!! :)

Diana DeMoss
Treasurer

Donations In Memory Of

Jerry Livingston

BY

Jeffery & Janet Tillman of Elkton, FL
Peggy Giddens of Murphy, NC
Mary Greene of Dunwoody, GA
Cynthia DeCamp of Decatur, GA
Nancy Pyatte of Jacksonville, FL
Anne Ensminger of Covington, GA
Ken & Susan Archer of Loganville, GA
Mickey Farmer of Gainesville, GA
Kim Snider of Gainesville, GA
Thomas Threatt of Houschtou, GA
Steve & Diana DeMoss of Good Hope, GA

Thank You

To all GERL members, supporters
and volunteers!

WITH YOUR HELP ...
WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thank You For Your Donations And Continued Support

Paula Stewart
Joseph & Frances Imbert
Tim Hoon
Whit Payne
Edgar Crandall, III
Sarah Hill
Rita Benefield
Jennifer Peebles
Sonny Hinote
Marion & Jackie Cobb
Cindy Russell Bounds
Edward dePeterse
Linda Gettle

Thank You For Your Change Jars

The Stock Market - Conyers, GA
Pampered Pony - Monroe, GA

BUSINESS CARDS

R.A. FENCING
FOR HOME & FARM
R.A. ZIEBELL & CO.
SPECIALIZING IN HORSE SAFE FENCING
All Types of Wood-Vinyl-High Tensile Wire-Decorative Gates-Masonry Entrances
ELECTRO-BRAID FENCE Dealer **770-894-3939** **Heritage Vinyl Products**
RAY ZIEBELL OWNER

DEBBIE & LAMAR MULLINAX
Toll Free: (877) 786-8724
1575 Access Road Tel: (770) 385-0419
Covington, GA 30014 Fax: (770) 788-0574
www.sundownerofgeorgia.com Email: trailers@sundownerofgeorgia.com

Countryside Hospital
EQUINE DENTISTRY
Billy C. Myers, DVM
(770) 788-PETS • (770) 787-4711 • (770) 787-0981 Fax
www.countrysidevets.com

Horse Hay Direct, LLC
Quality Horse Hay
Directly from the Grower



Specializing in Midwestern hay
(Timothy / Orchard / Alfalfa mixes)

Pick up in Dawsonville, GA or we can deliver.
Order by the semi-load and save!

Betty K. Evenson
(706) 265-5045 • (706) 265-9708
gerlbetty@aol.com

2ND CHANCE RANCH

3379 Indian Shoals Road, Dacula, GA 30019
Phone: 770-962-5302
Email: Ranch2C@live.com



FREE 1 hr with each 1 hr of Rental with this ad

* Convenient to Harbins Park for miles of horse trails
* Just 40 minutes to International Horse Park in Conyers, GA

Horse Arena Rental
• 175' x 100'
• Newly Constructed
• Great Footing

Horse Pasture Boarding
• Open Grazing
• Grain Available
• Covered Shelter

Georgia Equine Rescue League
PO Box 328
Bethlehem, GA 30620
(770) 464-0138
www.gerlltd.org

PRST STD
US POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #1037
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA

"With Your Help ... We Will Make A Difference"

Membership Application

New Member: _____ Renewal: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone (home): _____ (cell): _____

E-mail Address: _____ Referred by: _____

_____ I am a horse owner

_____ Although I do not own a horse, I would like to support the GERL

_____ I am interested in becoming a GERL Foster Home

_____ I am interested in becoming a GERL fundraising event volunteer

Annual membership dues are:

\$35.00 Family _____ \$25.00 Single _____ \$15.00 Junior (12 & under) _____ Age: _____

\$50.00 Club, Organization or Business _____ \$1000.00 Lifetime _____

Misc. Donation: \$ _____

In Honor of _____ for the amount of \$ _____

In Memory of _____ for the amount of \$ _____

Make check payable to: GERL
Mail to: GERL - P.O. Box 328 - Bethlehem, GA 30620