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## Casualty of Divorce Case Gets a New Lease on Life

By Marei Hunder

Anyone who has ever been involved in a divorce case, whether they are half of the couple that is parting ways or otherwise involved, knows one thing: divorce is not pretty. Many times, animals turn out to be victims, and they unfortunately cannot speak their minds in the situation. Recently, the Georgia Department of Agriculture was notified of one such occurrence. Animal Control officers contacted GDA Inspector Marei Hunter. They had been tipped off about a horse that was being locked in a garage with all of the doors closed. Upon arrival, Marei discovered an emaciated horse that was in fact trapped in a garage, with only barbed wire up across a section where a gate used to stand. The only companion that the horse had was an old, junky boat.



After doing some research, Marei discovered that the couple that owned the property had divorced. The woman had moved her horses to a nice, safe pasture. However, perhaps in order to get revenge on her ex-husband, she had locked his horse in the garage. Since the man was not permitted on the property, he could not feed/water his horse and was unaware of the situation. Multiple notes left for the owners to contact Marei went unanswered and violation notices issued continued to be ignored. Finally, Marei contacted the judge that handled the divorce case. He wrote orders for Marei to feed and care for the horse over the weekend, until the case could be brought up on Monday. A generous local feed store donated feed, and the horse was a happy camper.

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## **Casualty of Divorce Case Gets a New Lease on Life**

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Before the judge on Monday, the woman naturally claimed to have been feeding the horse all along. She denied knowing the reason why the horse is thin. However, the judge ruled in the horse's favor and he became the property of GDA. Colter, as he is now affectionately known, thrived at the impound barn. He gained weight and became loved by many of the barn workers and volunteers. Once in good body condition, Colter was test-ridden and GDA workers discovered he is quite well-trained and talented. A dedicated volunteer, as well as Inspector Courtney Farnon, rode Colter and prepared him to be sold at the Foxhall Farm sale in June.



After seeing him advertised in the sale catalog, a trainer contacted her about one of her student's interest in Colter. Never having been to an auction, Kim Ford brought her daughter, Callie, to the sale. Although nervous, Colter put on quite a show and won the approval of the Ford family. He now has a wonderful new home and is behaving beautifully for Callie. They have so much fun together and have participated successfully in shows and camps over the past month. Colter's story is definitely proof that good things can happen in bad situations.



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## **LET ME SAY THIS ... ABOUT THAT**

**By Patty Livingston,  
President**

Well, our first vaccination clinic is behind us and we are getting ready for clinic number 2 which is scheduled for Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> in Valdosta. We spent 100% of the \$10,000 grant funds from PetSmart, plus \$5,000 of our own money on vaccinations, so far, this year. We paid for 50% of the vac-

cinations (and Coggins) that were offered in our two clinics and learned that it cost approximately \$2,000 to vaccinate a little over 100 horses. This is valuable information for future reference. We decided to hold off on hosting more vaccination clinics for this year until more grant funds can be secured. Of course, we will continue to pay for all of the vaccinations for all of the impounded horses picked up by the Georgia Dept. of Agriculture.

In a recent discussion with the program manager for PetSmart Charities, I was told that they would most likely not offer grants like the one we received for vaccinations last October because they didn't feel it was a good use of their money. I did throw out some numbers about the high incidence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in South Georgia, but I'm not sure that will make a difference in their decision-making. I would really like to make vaccination clinics available annually in South Georgia because of their EEE fatalities. I think it is important to make people aware and offer discount clinics to encourage them to vaccinate. I recently received a call from New South Equine Medicine in Watkinsville telling me about a vaccination grant that was being offered by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) in conjunction with the Unwanted Horse Veterinary Relief Campaign. Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health was

offering to provide the facilities who were awarded the grant with vaccines to disperse. The vaccines were to be shipped to the AAEP-member equine veterinarian, in this case that was New South Equine Medicine. By the time I received the call we only had three days to pull the application off of their website, complete it and send it in. Of course, we dropped everything we were doing and pulled all of the necessary information together in order to apply. Less than a month later we received a letter from AAEP letting us know that we had been awarded a small supply of vaccines that included 50 doses of 5-way and 10 doses of the Rabies vaccines. This was a wonderful little shot in the arm! (No pun intended) We decided that these vaccines will be used for the horses at the impound barns. The AAEP encouraged us to re-apply for this program in 2011 and you can be sure that we will certainly do that.

I met with Shannon Marler recently and she is busy researching grant possibilities for castration clinics. We are actually a little late in the year to find grant monies available since many companies typically require applications be submitted in the February time-frame. However, it doesn't hurt to look and get an education of what is available out there. In the meantime, I've been giving a lot of thought about the castration clinics and have realized that we are going to need to talk to somebody who has actually been involved in one so that we can get some ideas about how to host such a thing in the most efficient manner. We have been able to build good relationships with the veterinarians who have been involved in the vaccination clinics down south and it is my hope that we can work together again, perhaps next year, on a castration clinic. That's my tentative goal, anyway. Of course, we have great working relationships with all of the veterinarians that we use in other areas of Georgia, as well. So, the plan is to get one castration clinic under our belt and then talk to other vets to see who might have an interest in being involved in future clinics. I'm not sure that there is one area of Georgia that has more stallions than another, so I don't think location matters so much. Let me say this, about that...with castration, the need is everywhere!

## **GERL Stallions to Gelding Program**

**Stallions Gelded To Date By GERL: 20**



## A Note from the Secretary's Desk By Anne Ensminger

I was a "horse crazy" little girl and that has never changed. Well, the "little girl" part changed quite some time ago but I still love horses and spend many hours of each day riding them, caring for them, looking at them and enjoying their beauty, or conversing with my

fellow GERL Board members as we try to figure out how we can help another horse that is hungry or in pain. The small part I have played in the day to day business of GERL, has always been very satisfying for me and I hope I will be able to serve for a long, long time.

Many years ago I heard someone say that the only SURE things in this old world are death and taxes. I think we have to add 'change' to that short list. Certainly, our world is constantly changing. For the most part, change is probably good but the increase in outright equine abuse that we are seeing, is a change that I find frightening. Is this really a change or have I just led a sheltered life?

How can a person be responsible for the care of a horse and not do something for it when it is foundered and in so much pain that it cannot walk a short distance to get water? How can another person have several horses standing in a dirt lot, in the hot Georgia sun, with no food or water, slowly becoming walking skeletons and not do something about that? What about a person who would keep a horse in a pit with little food or water for weeks and watch it slowly die? Read our cover story this month about Colter and try to imagine how being involved in a divorce could prompt a human being to put a wonderful horse like that in a garage so that the estranged spouse could

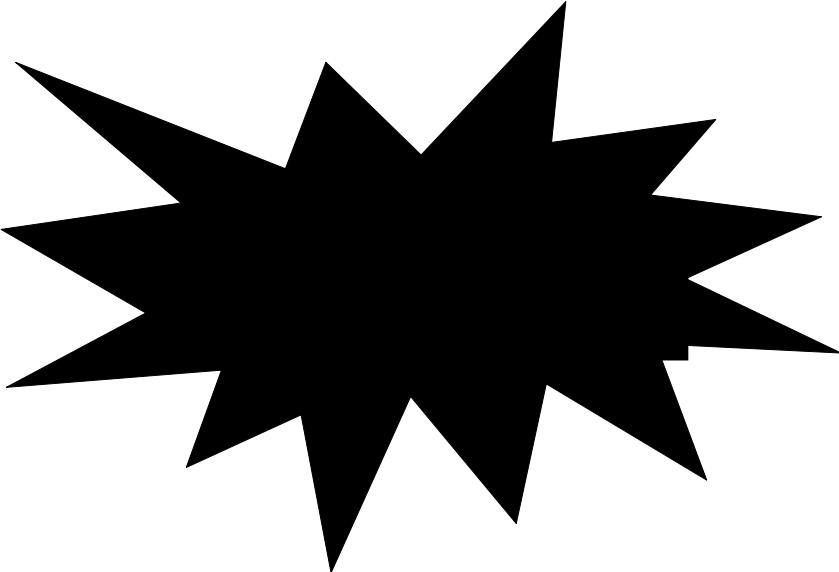
not find him.

My "editorial comment" this month comes from the deep frustration I feel when I realize that the above listed incidents are true. We don't make this stuff up! Added is the fact that these are only a few of many cases which are known to GERL. We are very aware that the GDA, Equine Division, deals with many more cases than we will ever learn about. Of course these stories make us angry and ever more determined to see that these horses receive the care they need ..... BUT until the uncaring people who let horses starve and suffer like this, receive the punishment they deserve and not just a "slap on the hands", the downward spiral in the level of conscience for some horse owners will continue. I have said many times how proud I am of the Georgia laws that protect equine. With that pride in my heart, I beg prosecutors and judges to see that this ..... (is it a CHANGE in human nature?) ..... is not allowed to continue without the most severe penalties allowed by law. At the very least, the offenders should be made to pay for the rehabilitation of their horses which are legally impounded by GDA Inspectors or County Animal Control Officers.

Because GERL enjoys a coveted 501c3 status which allows for donations to be tax deductible, the organization is prohibited from participating in any type of political lobby. Were that not the case, I'm sure GERL would be very active in trying to make the equine protection laws that we already have, more effective by insuring severe penalties for offenders. As it is, we must simply continue to raise money to take care of the ever growing number of horses which need our help and I, not in my role as a member of the GERL Board of Directors, but as a concerned horse lover, can only beg for, and continue to hope for some CHANGES that will benefit abused horses and punish cruel and thoughtless owners.



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



## 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



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## GERL Volunteer of the Month

By Patty Livingston

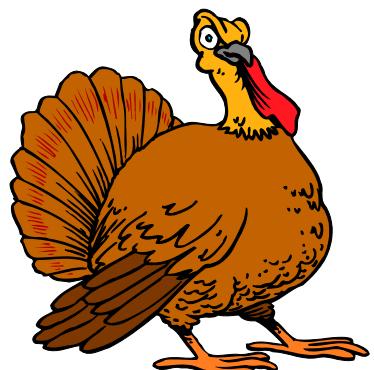
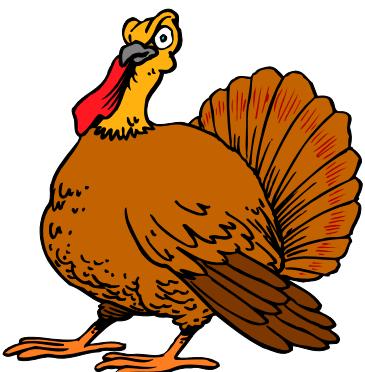
I'll never forget the first time I met Debora Hines. I had been doing a lot of work on the new GERL regional plan and was specifically looking for someone in the southern part of the state who would take ownership to help implement it. I was coming back from a trip to Florida and received a phone call from GERL Area Coordinator, Charles DeVane, who wanted to know if I had time to stop for lunch on my way back to Atlanta. He was very excited about a new person that he had met and who had a lot of interest in finding out more about GERL and perhaps volunteering. I arrived at the Clarian Inn restaurant in Valdosta and met a dynamic ball of energy! We discussed the regional plan and the idea to host a vaccination clinic in order to make people more aware of GERL and to spend some of the grant dollars. Debora eagerly accepted the challenge to put it all together. It was a great meeting and I was so excited that I had received that call. Debora joined GERL immediately and became an Area Coordinator. Because of her exceptional organizational skills, positive, "get er done" attitude, I knew that we had also found the Area Coordinator Lead we were looking for. I called Dotti Carter on the way home to tell her the great news!



Debora is also well versed with rescuing horses. She and her friend, Aimee Vipond have created a Christian-based horse rescue organization called Equine Harmony and they have rescued many horses in their area. In fact, Debora lives on a 30+ acre farm that she shares with several of her rescue horses, her husband, Kevin, some dogs and several cats. She has a huge heart when it comes to animals.

She is responsible for putting together the first GERL vaccination clinic held recently in Cairo, GA. She designed and created our vaccination form. She called all of the vets and talked to them many times about the types of vaccinations we should include, clinic pricing, set-up and all of the other details involved in putting on a clinic. The clinic went very smooth and all of the long hours of preparation and planning really paid off. It was a great success and helped a lot of people in the community.

Debora was voted hands down as the recipient of the Volunteer of the Month for all she does for GERL and the horses! My hat's off to you, Debora Hines! Thank You!



## GERL Members - Out and About



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# **October 9, 2010**

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For questions about the clinic, email Dr. Rebecca [delphiacres@hotmail.com](mailto:delphiacres@hotmail.com) or (214) 679-3629

## **NOTICE! NEWSLETTER CHANGES COMING!**

BY: Patty Livingston, President

Your GERL Board has recently decided that some changes must be made in the area of our newsletter. This is due to the extreme labor intensity, basic costs, and postage. We will be moving to a quarterly newsletter starting in 2011.

The releases will be as follows:

Early March

Early June

Early September

Early December

This newsletter is an October / November combination. The next newsletter will be produced in December, 2010. The newsletters will be forty pages in order to capture all of the pertinent events and information between editions. We will also be cutting back on the number that we print. We have always overproduced the newsletter in order to send a package of 25, or more, to each of our Area Coordinators for distribution. Bulk mail prices are very high and we need to reduce this expense. Therefore, we have decided that we will create a static GERL informational flyer/brochure that will replace the bulk mail newsletters currently going to the Area Coordinators. The brochure will be available by the first of the year.

Our plan is to make our newsletters better than ever and something you will look forward to reading. The economy has much to do with these decisions, so, I hope you all understand the need for this change.

Thanks for your continued support!

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## A Better Way To Evaluate Hay

By: Kenneth L Marcella, DVM

Forages make up an estimated 50 to 100% of equine diets and are by far the biggest single component of most horse's daily nutritional intake in almost all areas of the country. A hay marketing survey published by Rutgers University Cooperative Extension reported that 93.5% of owners in New Jersey and Pennsylvania indicated that they fed hay all year long with 61.5 purchasing it locally. The researchers involved with this study also found that hay "quality" was very important to horse owners, since survey respondents had very specific preferences for certain types and characteristics of the hay that they would select and buy. This study (conducted in 1999 and repeated again in 2004) showed, however, that many of the criteria most important to owners did not correlate to the best means of evaluating hay. Owners rated freedom from mold, type of hay (timothy, orchard, alfalfa or various mixes), and absence of weeds as the three highest factors in hay choice. All of these assessments were made visually and without any type of analysis. The reality is that hay is a very important component of a horse's diet but there are no standards and little continuity in nutritional analysis of forage. Additionally, the method used by most owners to decide on which hay to buy and feed is based largely on subjective criteria.

"It is incongruous", states Paul Sirois of Dairy One/Equi-analytical Laboratories of Ithaca, New York, a company offering forage analysis for both dairy and equine clients, "that manufactured feeds must have a guaranteed nutritional composition, yet forages are bought and sold based on predominantly subjective measures". Mr. Sirois acknowledges that forage laboratory services across the nation have traditionally been there to meet the needs of the dairy industry and the methods of evaluating hays have heavily favored ruminant nutrition demands. There is a slight change in this industry however and recently laboratories have begun addressing the special problems of horses and trying to standardize equine forage nutritional analysis. A large part of the driving force in this industry shift is the increased interest in carbohydrates (CHO) in horse hay. Carbohydrate content has been implicated as a possible causative factor in equine disorders such as laminitis, Cushing's disease, Equine Metabolic Syndrome and insulin resistance, all of which have been increasingly diagnosed in the last decade. Equine veterinarians have helped educate horse owners as to the potential effects that hay quality and content can have on their horse's health. Now it is time to make better objective information available to those discriminating owners so that they can choose the best hay possible.

"Standardization of carbohydrate terminology is essential to fully understand the impact of CHO on equine health and performance", states Mr. Sirois. Marketing of hay, from the viewpoint of both the buyer and the seller, would be greatly enhanced by providing nutritional information pre-sale. "High quality hay could be sold at a higher price and specialty hay, such as low CHO hay, would demand a premium", adds Sirois. Veterinarians can help this process by further educating their clients as to better methods of hay evaluation and by encouraging more forage analysis within the horse hay industry.

The simplest method of hay analysis is called the organoleptic or sensory method. It includes 5 categories and each receives a certain percentage of points. Maturity (30 %) is the most important criteria. This area was fourth highest (of five) in the Rutgers study of owner concerns however. Maturity relates to the stage at which the hay was cut and baled. The more mature the hay the lower the digestibility and the lower the nutritional content. This can be determined by looking at the hay and by feeling it. The more stems and seed heads and the more coarse and brittle the hay, the more mature it is. Many owners get maturity confused with "cutting", as in the first, second or third cut of hay from a particular field. It is generally perceived that "second cutting" hay is better (more nutritional value) than first cutting. The important point, however, is that within a particular hay type, the stage of maturity at cutting is far more important to the quality of hay than when it was cut. "Typically, second cutting hays in the Northeast and Midatlantic states are harvested at a more immature stage than first cutting and under better harvest conditions", states Mr. Sirois. He adds, "It is these factors, rather than the notion of "cutting" that exerts an impact on final forage quality. Quality grass hay contains few seed heads, quality alfalfa should not contain any seed pods and few blooms and quality clover should contain no mature, weathered flowers.

Leafiness is the next category (30%) since the leaves contain the most protein and digestible nutrients. Terry Poole, Frederick County, Maryland Extension Agent explains that "leaves contain 60% of the Total Digestible Nutrition (TDN), 70% of the protein and 90% of the vitamins in hay making "Leafiness" highly important in hay evaluation".

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## A Better Way To Evaluate Hay

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Hays with mostly stems and few leaves are likely of poor quality and hay with high amounts of shattered or dislodged leaves indicates excessive handling (possible in the raking process and often identifying hay that was rained on after cutting and needed additional turning and drying) and will likely be of lesser quality as well. Another category is called "Condition" and accounts for 20% of the total. This can best be determined by examining and smelling the hay to determine mold, dust and important information about the drying or curing process. Hay that has been baled while too green or wet can develop extremely high temperatures within the bale (in excess of 100 degrees), and this heat can make the hay brittle with a burnt or unpleasant smell. This heat can also cause the hay to become dusty and the moisture at baling can produce mold.

Mold and dust in hay can be a problem for all horses and a significant issue for very sensitive individuals. It is estimated that 1 in 6 horses suffers from some type of allergic respiratory condition during its lifetime and airway inflammation can severely affect performance and overall health. Many horse owners soak their horse's hay prior to feeding in attempts to remove mold, dust and other allergic particles. New products are now available that essentially steam clean entire hay bales (HAYGAIN by the Jiffy Steamer Company), functionally reducing the amount of possible allergic particles to near zero. Good quality, correctly cut, dried and baled hay should be free of dust and mold but this new technology allows owners yet another way to help improve hay quality and assist horses prone to respiratory conditions.

Color (10%) is very important to owners but is generally overrated. Most good hay is a bright natural green to green-yellow. The more yellow generally the more mature the hay. Hay that has been rain damaged (dark brown or black with brittle stems), sun bleached (yellow and brittle), heat damaged (brown and musty smelling) or moldy will be "off" color. Good hay should smell clean and slightly sweet. "Odor is the primary reason for animal rejection and most horses smell their hay before eating it", says Mr. Poole. Yet many owners either fail to pay attention to hay smells or are just not that sensitive when evaluating good from bad odors. Foreign material is the last category for hay evaluation (10%) and this includes weeds (thistle, pigweed, and nettles), insects (blister beetles), trash or other objects. Looking at and handling the hay can provide a good assessment of the amount and type of foreign material present.

While this sensory method of evaluation can often provide useful information on hay quality, there has been a need for more objective nutritional



data and a long history of evolution for forage analysis. In 1860 Henneberg and Stohman developed a method of chemical feed analysis. This "Proximate Analysis" method divided all feed into six fractions-water, ether extract, crude protein, ash, and nitrogen free extract. This analysis was not very useful however, because it made no determination of how digestible any of the fractions were. More recently the VanSoest Detergent Analysis separates the dry matter of forage into either cell walls or cell contents. Cell contents consist of sugars, starches, soluble CHO, pectin, protein, nonprotein nitrogen, lipids and water-soluble vitamins and minerals which are all (98%) digestible. Cell walls consist of cellulose and hemicellulose (digestible by the horse), and other indigestible components. This analysis has yielded the current system that reports crude protein, neutral detergent fiber (NDF -the portion of the forage that is composed of cell walls) and acid detergent fiber (ADF- the portion of NDF that is indigestible). High quality hay should have low ADF and low NDF values indicating that the indigestible portion of the hay is very small. By adding CHO evaluation to hay analysis, one more important factor that can possibly influence an owner's purchasing decisions has been provided. In 1995 a method for determining nonstructural CHO was introduced which identified sugars as water soluble carbohydrates (WSC). This WSC fraction contained mono, di, oligo and polysaccharides. The predominant polysaccharide of importance in the horse is fructan which is a plant storage CHO found primarily in cool season grasses and directly related to many equine metabolic conditions. Even more advanced analysis currently adds the WSC to the starch component of forage producing a value called Nonstructural CHO (NSC). Finally being able to identify and quantify fructan in forage samples and to determine the amount of sugar and starch (NSC) now allows owners to more carefully select hays for sensitive individuals and horses that cannot tolerate high CHO levels.

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## A Better Way To Evaluate Hay (continued from the previous page)

Forage analysis can quickly become an alphabet soup of values (CHO, WSC, NDF, ADF, NSC) but it will benefit the equine veterinarian to understand these terms and to help push for better, more standardized hay analysis. Encouraging clients to use objective analysis for forage purchases will reward those producers baling good quality hay and will help move the industry forward. Performance horse owners needing high energy hay will be able to purchase it and those needing low CHO hay for that potential laminitic or Cushing's disease horse will also be able to find it. While it will always be important to touch and smell the hay fed to horses, objective analysis is truly the future for an age old industry.

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GERL Area Coordinators gathered in Ellijay recently to start planning for their upcoming 10 County Meeting with law enforcement in the Northwest. From L to R: Donna Williams, Helen Abernathy, AC Directors, Dotti and Jack Carter, Deborah Steward (and granddaughter), BJ Morris, Sue Wrensen and Ray Ziebell. Meeting will be on November 13th at the Pickens County Sheriff's facility.

If you have it, it is for life. It is a disease for which there is no cure. You will go on riding even after they have to haul you on to a comfortable, wise old cob, with feet like inverted buckets and with a back like a fireside chair... When I can't ride anymore, I shall still keep horses as long as I can hobble about with a bucket and a wheelbarrow. When I can't hobble, I shall roll my wheelchair out to the fence where my horses graze, and watch them.

- by Monica Dickens, the great-granddaughter of author Charles Dickens, in her book Talking of Horses



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Mercedes



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Highway

**Charity** 13 year old Tobiano Paint mare, 15 hh. Very gentle with a sweet disposition. She has an old injury above her right rear hock that is cosmetic and does not interfere with her range of motion. Will make a great trail horse.



Charity

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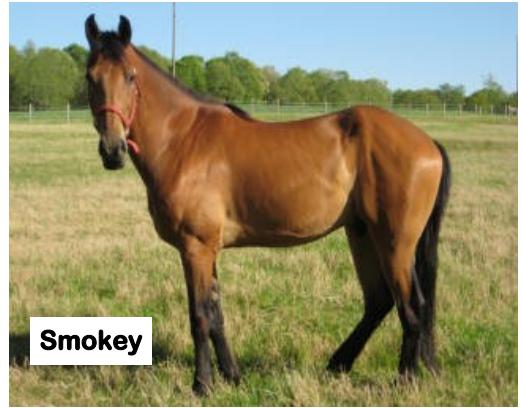
# GERL ADOPTABLES



Leroy

**Leroy** 5 year old Thoroughbred cross gelding, 15.2 hh. Gentle to handle. He is about to begin professional training with Eddy O'Hern, one of GERL's Area Coordinators. We're receiving lots of calls on this pretty boy. He'll make someone a nice horse!

**Smokey** 1 year old dark bay Thoroughbred cross gelding, 13.3 hh. Sired by Leroy. Needs someone to work with him. Will be a wonderful horse.



Smokey

**Lil Lady** 14 year old chestnut Arabian mare, 14.1 hh. She is a very quiet girl. She has been trail ridden in the past. She will begin her next level of training with Robert Chambliss soon. Mr. Chambliss adopted Lobo and Tyree in July and has had great success with them. Do you have room on your farm for this "Lil Lady"?



Hay  
Baler

**Hay Baler** 1 year old chestnut Thoroughbred cross gelding, 13.2 hh. Sired by Leroy. Loads, leads, stands for farrier. Foster parents are working with him daily. He would make a wonderful project for anyone who wants to start their own horse.



Lil Lady

**Snowball** 11 year old white Easy keeper, very gentle. Not trained to ride. Look-  
ing for a loving family to spend her days with.

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Snowball

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# GERL ADOPTABLES

Cheyenne 10 year old strawberry roan pony mare, 13.2 hh.  
Easy keeper. Due to a front knee injury she would

**ADOPTED**

be best suited as a companion only. We believe that this mare has been severely abused in the past, which has made her very shy. She needs TLC every day to overcome her fears.



Gray Baby



Cheyenne

**Gray Baby** 16 year old flea bitten gray Mustang mare, 14.2 hh. She has a very sweet disposition. She is green broke and needs an experienced rider. Won't you adopt this pretty girl?



Sable

**Sable** 1 year old bay Thorobred cross gelding, 14 hh. Sired by Leroy (see page 31). Sweet boy, ready for training.



Hope

**Hope** 2 year old sorrel Q.H. mare, 14.2 hh. She has been blind from birth and constantly amazes her foster mom on how well she gets around. She loves to be brushed, loads and knows many voice commands. She is very smart, willing, very trusting and is ready to start her training. Hope will need a home that can accommodate her special needs.

**Cancun** 13 year old sorrel Q.H. gelding, 15 hh. He is proud cut, rides well but needs a strong, capable owner.

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 Judy Ricketson & Gray  
 Kitty, Becky Gregory,  
 Charles DeVane and  
 Heather Wages

## 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](mailto:gerlbetty@aol.com)



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!

## Puttin On The Feed Bag

### Incredible Coconut Pie

1/2 stick butter - melted	4 oz unsweetened / frozen coconut
2 eggs	1 cup milk
1 cup sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup self-rising sugar	1/4 teaspoon salt

Beat eggs and sugar together - add flour and beat. Add other ingredients and pour into a 9' greased pie pan.

Cook at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until firm - and slightly golden on top. \*Makes one pie.

\*\*This pie is more like a custard and makes its own crust. If you like coconut you must try this recipe. It's been my favorite pie since my great Aunt Marie made it for me when I was a young girl.

Submitted by Aunt Marie / Betty Evenson



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Hilltop Stables Arena, Ft. Gordon

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



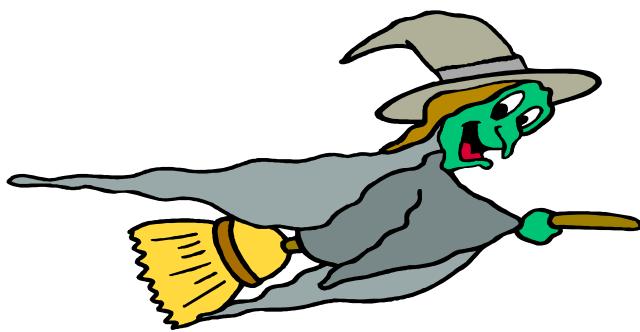
10-County Meeting/Training - November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Pickens County Sheriff's Office

GERL Christmas Party - December 11<sup>th</sup>  
Bethlehem, GA

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This position requires a very energetic and organized person!

If you are interested in learning more about this very important opportunity within GERL please call Patty at (770) 867-0760.

## GERL Needs Poop Scoopers!

I am sure that most of you are experienced in this area! I am also sure that you think that we are asking for stall cleaners! **WRONG!**

We would like to "hire" some reporters for our newsletter. We need you to get out there and get the "scoop" from GERL members, foster parents, adoptive parents and others that may have a success story they are just waiting to tell. We are looking for anyone that would like to be more involved, but just haven't found their niche. There are so many stories to be told! These "scoopers" need to be self motivated and willing to go that extra mile for GERL! You don't have to have above average writing skills to do this! We are all just regular folks and we need your help!

Please contact Anne Ensminger if you are interested in being on the Poop Scooper Squad! (770) 464-3348 or [missanne612@bellsouth.net](mailto:missanne612@bellsouth.net)

## GERL Hosts the First Vaccination Clinic in South Georgia

By: Patty Livingston

On August 28, 2010, the Georgia Equine Rescue League hosted their first vaccination clinic in Cairo, Georgia. Six of us from North Georgia - Anne Ensminger, Diana DeMoss, Dotti Carter, Heather Wages, Becky Gregory and I left on Friday afternoon to head to the Best Western in Cairo (Georgia). The four and a half hour drive was a hoot with sweet, innocent little Heather turning into quite a prankster. Who knew? I truly don't believe that I have heard Anne laugh that hard in a while. Of course, we were all holding our sides. Not particularly fodder worth repeating.

We arrived at the Best Western and were immediately escorted into their restaurant where we joined a large table of all of the local folks who were involved in the vaccination clinic in some way or another. The crew consisted of GERL Area Coordinator Leads, Debora Hines (and husband, Kevin) and Charles DeVane, and GERL Education Lead, Judy Ricketson. Dr. Janet Ackerman and her fiancé, Gary Click, and her assistant, Kimberly Cessna, were also there. It was great to get to know each other in a relaxed setting before we were thrown into "clinic mode" bright and early the next morning.



Did I forget to mention that we found a little gray kitten running around in the parking lot of the motel as soon as we arrived? Well, that little kitty had Judy and me driving around Cairo at 10:00 at night trying to find the WalMart so that we could buy some kitty litter and kitten food. Once that was accomplished we all went to bed. Dotti, the kitty and I shared a room.

The clinic was held less than a mile from our hotel at the Grady County Livestock Pavilion. There were several trailers already parked and waiting when we arrived a little after 7:00 a.m.. Diana and Becky had the GERL cargo trailer and pulled it up in front of a well-kept concession stand that served as our registration area. We set up two vaccination areas behind registration. Dr. Ackerman and her assistant, Kimberly, were set up under one canopy and Dr. Alex Greenberg, Dr. Elizabeth Kidd and their assistant, Brenda Snyder were set up a short distance away. They took turns vaccinating horses throughout the next 4 hours.

Hosting a GERL vaccination clinic has been a goal of mine for over a year. The wheels were set in motion when we received a \$10,000 grant from PetSmart last year that was to be used solely for vaccinations. As a result, we scheduled two vaccination clinics in South Georgia. The second one is scheduled for Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> in Valdosta. You may be asking, what's the big deal about a vaccination clinic? Well, did you know that South Georgia has the highest incidence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) than any other area in the country, with the exception of North Florida? It is estimated that only about a quarter of the cases of EEE are ever reported. Many times a horse displaying all of the symptoms of EEE is so near death by the time a vet is called that it will typically be euthanized. For that reason a test may never be run and the case is never officially reported as EEE.

EEE diseases are transmitted to horses and humans by mosquitoes that have fed on infected wild birds. EEE virus attacks the central nervous system of its host. Unvaccinated horses are particularly susceptible to the infection. The disease appears within five days after mosquitoes transmit the virus to the horse. Onset of clinical signs of EEE are abrupt, and affected horses die within three days. Signs of EEE in horses include fever; a sleepy appearance; some muscle twitches of the head, neck, shoulder and flank; and a weak, staggering gait. Affected animals are soon down, unable to stand. There is no effective treatment. The fatality rate is 90 percent or higher. An animal that survives may have permanent brain damage. The Vets in south Georgia were all very happy to see GERL helping in their community. (continued on page 25)

## Hope's Story By Tamma Trump

I was thrilled last November when I had been approved to be a foster mom for GERL. With my background I had told them I would take a bad one and I didn't have long to wait.

As December rolled around, for some reason I just couldn't get in the Christmas spirit then I received an email from Donna on December 17<sup>th</sup> with a picture of this emaciated mare covered in mud, manure and rain rot. She looked horrible and on top of it she was completely blind, born without corneas. Her background was sketchy and Donna didn't know much about her other than she was approximately two years old and didn't have a Coggins. I was heartbroken that I couldn't go and get her that day but I have a boarding stable and I couldn't risk the health of my boarder's horses. For the next week the temperature hit all time lows and all I could think about was that little mare out in the cold with no meat on her bones and no coat to keep her warm. At that point I decided to call her my Christmas Angel as she was now the reason for the season.

The next weekend my sons and I started clearing out the paddock, moving anything she could get hurt on and put mats in the run in shed with lots of soft warm shavings for her to curl up in. We were ready.

At last I had a date to go pick her up! On Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> I hitched up, tossed the smallest blankets I had in the trailer, picked up a friend to help, in case she had trouble standing in the trailer, and off I went with only a name and address where to get her. Lo and behold she had been with Paula Sewell for the month in a warm stall with a blanket and food! Paula had worked some on her mane and tail getting the knots out and had started to work on the mud and manure that was caked all over her. Paula told me she did have a name, Hope.

The blankets that I had taken were huge on her, we wrapped her in them the best we could and she stood still as I wrapped her little legs. I was amazed that she was so trusting she followed me right into the trailer. The ride home was uneventful and we were greeted by some of the Little Brook Farm boarders when we arrived! I immediately taped her, she weighed only 563 lbs and was 13.3 HH and I had no blankets small enough for her. Off to Horsetown in Marietta where they gave me a 10% discount on a new blanket!

Hope settled in her new stall in her private paddock and acted like she had always been there. She was extremely protective of her food and would kick and



scream at anything or anyone that came close to her. She would also kick and scream at any other horses that should happen to come up to the fence for a sniff and a get to you know ya. I had been the recipient of several of those kicks and decided it had to stop. Using a swimming pool noodle I would stand and rub her all over while she ate until she finally got the idea that no one was going to hurt her or take her food. She can now be brushed and messed with while eating but will always have to be fed separate where no other horses can get at her food.

We started working on voice commands so she would understand what I was doing around her and to help her get around. First and foremost she knew her name and would come towards you. We worked on door, halter and blanket and in two days she knew where to stop to exit her stall when I said door, we have a smart girl here, and she stops to have her halter put on. Several days later I noticed that she was using the leftover mats that we had left on the ground in her paddock, as guides to get around to her hay, water and stall. I was in utter amazement with that one. Today after 6 months she has increased her words to include, barn, brush, Fly Mask, Fly Spray and object, for anything new that has been added to the turnout area. She uses a zig zag pattern when walking and is usually doing her Ray Charles impression with her nose in the air smelling for her companion Buddy or when there is a new person intruding that hasn't said hello to her. All strangers have to come up to her say hi and let her smell you or she won't leave you alone LOL. (Hope is still too young and vulnerable to be turned out with the rest of the herd and does best in a small area with a buddy.)

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## Hope's Story

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There were so many friends, family and horse lovers wanting to know how Hope was doing that I created a Facebook page for her. Angel of Hope is the first GERL rescue to have one and as of today she has 189 fans!! Here is where I have recorded her milestones: weight gain, first trim with the farrier, first bath and vet visits. Her first vet visit was January 29<sup>th</sup> to assess her eyes and confirm her age that I had questioned since arriving at the farm. She didn't act like a 4 year old, she hadn't grown into her knees and she acted babyish. The vet confirmed that she was 2.5 years old at the most - ah ... so now so many more questions had been answered with a clearer path to diet and nutrition! As for her eyes it was determined to leave them as is. They are a part of who she is and they are very expressive.



Hope has gained over 100 lbs and has grown to almost 14.2 hands. She is still small but has the heart and soul of a 17 hand horse. She is fast to learn and enjoys meeting new people and learning new things. She has been lounged a few times and seems to like to be able to trot in a safe and secure area. I think she is still too small to be broke to ride but give her another year and she will be awesome and trusting. The Little Brook family has truly enjoyed watching her regain her health and grow into a beautiful little mare. If you haven't done so, visit her Facebook page, Angel of Hope and read a more detailed progression.

*Editor's Note: Hope is available for adoption. Might you be able to give her a forever home? See page 18 for adoption information.*



Meet Barley and Cracker Jack! They are "Mini B" ponies who are full brothers. They're 12 and 13 years old and have never been separated. Both were recently castrated and will be ready for adoption soon!

\*See our website or December's newsletter for additional details.



## **GERL Hosts the First Vaccination Clinic in South Georgia (continued from page 22)**

We shut down the clinic at noon and started packing everything up for the ride home. We vaccinated 105 horses in just 4 hours. Many also received a Coggins test. It was a great day and we were all very proud of the results of our first clinic and how well everything went. We all celebrated by going down the street to a neat BBQ restaurant and had lunch together with the doctors and staff before we hit the road for Atlanta.

I want to thank Dr. Janet Ackerman of Animal Medical Center and Dr. Alex Greenberg and Dr. Elizabeth Kidd of Cairo Animal Hospital for agreeing to participate in this clinic and in helping out the community and spreading the word about the good deeds of GERL!



Oh yeah, did I forget to mention that the little gray kitty was with us at the vaccination clinic? She was hanging around everybody who came up to register and was totally undaunted by the horses, dogs and all of the commotion. We had been working on Anne, convincing her that this kitty really needed to go home with her. As it turned out, she went home with Kevin and Debora Hines. They report that she has fit right into their family and is doing well.

(see additional photos on the following page)

## GERL Hosts the First Vaccination Clinic in South Georgia (continued from the previous page)



Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this clinic a success! It was great to see so many new faces.



### Hot Rod & Nellie

Hot Rod and Nellie are two recent additions to the GERL family.

They were impounded by Gwinnett County Animal Control and GERL member Donna Pieper has been holding them until they could be signed over to GERL.

Hot Rod had a halter imbedded under his jaw. We believe them to be six years old. Hot Rod & Nellie are miniature horses. They are approximately 36" high. Once Hot Rod is gelded they will both be offered for adoption. Watch our website for updates!!

**Miniature horses** are found in many nations, particularly in Europe and the Americas. The designation of miniature horse is determined by the height of the animal, which, depending on the particular breed registry involved, is usually less than 34–38 inches (86–97 cm) as measured at the last hairs of the mane, which are found at the withers. While miniature horses are the size of a very small pony, many retain horse characteristics and are considered "horses" by their respective registries. They have various colors and coat patterns.

Miniature horses are friendly and interact well with people. For this reason they are often kept as family pets, though they still retain natural horse behavior, including a natural fight or flight instinct, and must be treated like an equine, even if they primarily serve as a companion animal. They are also trained as service animals, akin to assistance dogs for people with disabilities. While miniature horses can be trained to work indoors, they are still real horses and are healthier when allowed to live outdoors (with proper shelter and room to run) when not working with humans.

They are generally quite hardy, often living longer on average than some full-sized horse breeds; the average life span of miniature horses is from 25 to 35 years.

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*

## A Decatur Girl Scout Group Visits the Impound September 11th



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August 17, 2010

Ms. Patty Livingston  
Georgia Equine Rescue League  
P.O. Box 328  
Bethlehem, Georgia 30620

Dear Patty:

Please accept my many thanks for the generous donation of \$10,104.35 given on behalf of the Georgia Equine Rescue League during your recent Foxhall fundraiser to benefit the Georgia Department of Agriculture Equine Division.

As you well know, there are no state funds appropriated for the department's equine program, and these horses are well served by the contributions of volunteers and charitable organizations like yours. We appreciate your devotion to the equine industry and your generosity in making this kind gesture.

Again, thank you. Please feel free to call or me and Mary Greene in the meantime whenever we can be of service to you and your members.

Sincerely,

*Tommy Irvin*  
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Dear GERL

I give these in memory of my old girls and other creatures that God has allowed me to share life with.

*Frances - approximately 30 years old October 6, 2006  
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Ginny Scaritt

*She flies without wings,  
On the winds of God.  
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*Patricia Hobbs*

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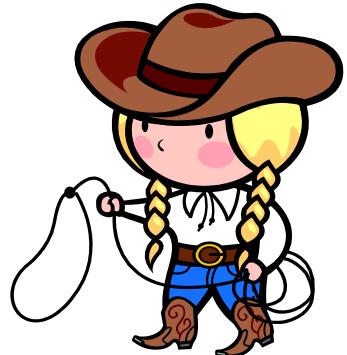
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Virginia Smith and her husband, Bill, have adopted White Cloud and Grant. They have grandchildren who will enjoy loving on these two wonderful horses. Virginia told us that she just couldn't have a horse in the South named Grant, so his new name is "Bobby Lee"!

Pictured is Diane Smith with White Cloud and Virginia Smith with Grant.

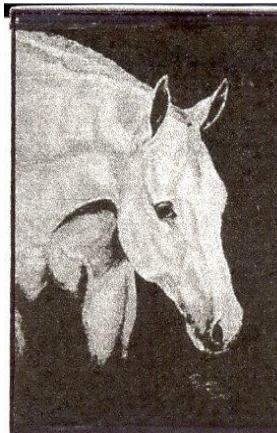
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