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# 5 Years and 100 horses later..

#### WE MADE IT 5 YEARS!!!!

Can you believe it? We have made it FIVE years, including through my divorce, through COVID and one of the worst economies in decades! Not only am I in disbelief but I am in awe of your support both emotionally and financially! 97 horses and 3 cows in our custody during this time, and this doesn't even count all the offsite assists we did as well!!!! This truly shows how much of an impact a small rescue and it's supporting community can really have! I say it all the time, we may not change the world for them all, but we change the world for the ones we come in contact with. If that's onsite or through assistance, WE make a difference! THANK YOU! I made a photo collage further in of almost everyone. I hope you enjoy!

#### WANNA HELP?

There are so many ways to help!

- You can always donate! We accept Venmo. Paypal or you can mail donations to Horton's Rehab Ranch PO Box 1562 Burgaw, NC 28425
- Tack, supplies, & apparel donations are accepted (and qualify for a tax write off) and
  we in turn put these in our shop in Burgaw (The Twisted Artisan located at 117 West
  Freemont Street) and at HRR that can be added to your personal collection for a
  donation!
- Save those feed bag tags! The proof of purchase tags from Tribute and Purina products can be mailed to us and we can turn those in for reimbursement!
- ADOPT! If you have room in your barn and bank account for another equine friend consider adopting!











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#### 2023 FINANACES

- Income \$47,739.81
- Expenses \$38, 806.57
- We ALWAYS try to maintain \$5,000.00 in our account for emergencies.

Please recognize with soon to be 17 horses on site we are FAR from SAFE! Many will require outside training to be adopted! Please don't get comfortable with this number we NEED support!



#### ECONOMIC WHOAS...



I laughed out loud at this photo. That's where it all goes.... 90% of our rescues are due to lack of preparedness. This economy is NOT looking any better for you OR rescues... Actually rescues are closing almost EVERY DAY! Despite being at 19 (a record high for HRR) I have said NO a LOT lately. This economy has me too spooked to say yes...

You need to plan NOW for you horses (and pets) futures. Do not assume family or rescues will be able to help. We are all financially struggling. Otherwise there is a good chance Trigger may be a Alpo in Mexico! Here are a few tips:

- Pet insurance for medical emergencies
- A trust for care when you are gone.
   This gives someone legal authority and funds to care for your animals; and you can get very specific with this too.
- Sanctuaries as assigned benefactors just do your research on these.
- With elderly and chronically sick animals please consider humane euthanasia... your animals dedicated their lives to you. Stop passing your moral and financial burdens on someone else. Love them until the end.

"My horse, my horse, my kingdom for a... wait I sold the kingdom to pay for the horses... " Jewell Horton



#### WE LOVE TO EDUCATE!

We love to help spread the word about how awesome horses are and how to take care of them! We also love to help spread our mission to the future of tomorrow in hopes they can help stop some of what is happening to horses in society today. So much of what we see is preventable with education! You are NEVER to young or old to learn!

On a beautiful Saturday in November a group from Pender County Schools came out and spent the afternoon doing just that and we had a great time.

If you have a group that would like to do an educational session on or off site please email us hortonsrehabranch@gmail.com









#### PONY TAILS... MISTY

Misty came into my life in 2016 when Hurricane Matthew ravaged Pender County. She stole my heart as fast as she broke it in neck deep waters, in the middle of the night, miles away from anything I knew, it was unfamiliar terrain. We had loaded all her goat friends but one HUGE mean billy in the 5 ton, but we were risking not getting back ourselves in the vehicle, and I had nearly drowned myself on the last goat retrieval. She was WILD, as was the stud colt she was with. Hypothermia had set in, the deputies literally lifted me onto the truck. I sat there shivering, covering myself with shivering goats for warmth... I said "cut the fences" and he did. We drove away pushing massive wake, and all I could do was cry frigid tears, shiver and pray. I vowed to return if I didn't die. It took DAYS to make it back to that location. No mystical white pony!!! No bodies!!! Where did they go? We boated a bit further and there they were on a grassy hill safe and sound! Never had I been so happy to see two feral equines and a mean ass goat!!! The people on the hill vowed to watch them and said the would let us know when it was safe to return and get them! Maybe a week or so later we rounded them up and they came to stay at the local animal shelter where I worked until their owners could make arrangements for them to go "home". Misty and I became tolerable "friends" LOL... I had reunited her with her family, brought her food; she decided I wasn't Satan!

Misty went home, and Hurricane Florence came. Her owners reached out and we pre-evacuated Misty and the goats, but their home was a total loss, AGAIN... just 2 years later. After 2 major home losses, health issues themselves, Misty got a sore on her nose. Misty was NEVER an easy pony. Farriers wouldn't touch her, and they were struggling. A vet came and looked at her and diagnosed her spot said she needed some cream applied and it would be fine. But they couldn't even routinely catch her. So in Summer of 2022 Misty came to HRR. In a few months she became a pretty solid citizen and could be caught, medicated, and trimmed. An old friend needed a companion for their grieving horses and they fell in love with Misty. In November she went to the MOST AMAZING HOME! However, shortly after arriving their vet gave her a check up and her nose was NOT "just a spot" is was a VERY aggressive cancer. Her adopters fought until the very end giving it their ALL. More than I could ever ask of ANY adopter... they laid Misty to rest in August of 2023. Our hearts forever shattered.

Rescue is hard... You may ask why did we fight to keep one pony alive, only to loose in the end? Because she lived a beautiful life in between. WE gave her that! Thank you Tom and Joyce. You hold a dear place in my heart.







#### GREENER PASTURES GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN





Romeo—huge neglect case. June to Nov. 23 fixed his weight but there was no saving the damage to his legs. He died a happy horse, not hungry, loved & with friends. One of my hardest euthanasia's. Love you buddy.

Dec 2022 Rip 25y education horse sudden colic





Rose & Blanche: 35-40y mother daughter duo; Rose had cushings, laminitis & COPD! None being treated upon arrival for years. Blanche also seemed early heaves, lameness from no hoof care. NEVER separated. Rose's health was failing despite HUGE medical intervention, Blanche was insanely attached. Due to health of Rose and health/age and emotional welfare of Blanche, humane euthanasia together was chosen upon discussion with DVM.



Peke pony: 20/30y mini that had severe COPD, cushings, failing to thrive or respond to care.

## FIVE YEARS ON FEBRUARY 13, 2023































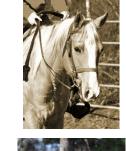












































### ONE HUNDRED ANIMALS LATER...





































































#### WE NEED DONATIONS

HRR runs solely on donations. We have NO paid staff or volunteers. Just what you see here is who handles everything! Jewell works tirelessly to get grants, purchasing discounts, etc to save any way possible. Vet, feed and TRAINING are our biggest expenses... your donations are tax deductible. Also, if you have suggestions for fundraisers, we gladly welcome suggestions! Please email us hortonsrehabranch@gmail.com regarding donor of fundraiser questions.



#### WHO WE ARE...



Jewell Horton is the founder & primary operator of HRR. She will be your main point of contact for most HRR needs. She has devoted her life to animals welfare, but horses hold a special place in her heart.



Justin Holley is the Assistant Director. He has a passion for cooking and fundraising. Thank goodness because we have a lot of mouths to feed and need \$\$ to do it! He also passionately loves Chili (the horse) who is his sidekick at the barn.



Allison Cartwright
Copenhaver is a farm
associate and we
operate on her families farm where she
resides. She is a long
time friend of
Jewell's & she & her
family are a tremendous help and supporter of HRR. She
has two adopted
horses!



Archer Horton is a herd associate, Jewell's son and lil partner in crime. He loves to ride the horses, give treats and has a soft spot for the old and sick ones. He wants to help people when he grows up, but promises to donate to HRR...

#### We need donations Horton's Rehab Ranch Inc PO Box 1562 Burgaw, NC 28425

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