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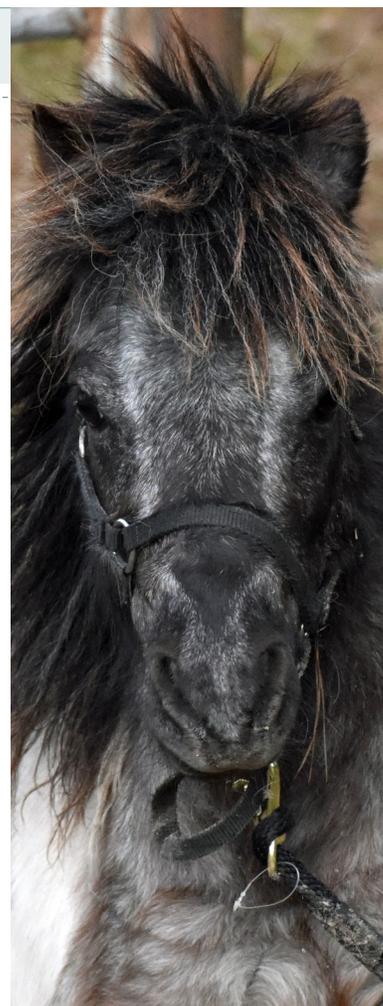
Home is where the horse is...

25 TO BE EXACT SINCE JANUARY 2019!

Since January 1 2019, HRR has taken in 32 horses/ponies. 8 of those went to sanctuaries in North Carolina and Virginia where they will live out the rest of their days. Free from the horrible conditions that most of these horses came from, several were starvation cases from area animal control agencies. 17 went on to homes to start lives after coming to HRR for a variety of reasons. Some were severely neglected, like Rita (see page 3), others were abandoned, and some just needed minor care that their owners just couldn't afford anymore. Regardless, we think 25 horses in 17 months is an AMAZING accomplishment for a new rescue, and we couldn't do this without YOU!

WHERE ARE THE REST?

Sadly four horses had to be humanely euthanized at the recommendation of our veterinarians. (See Gone to Greener Pastures on page 2). We currently still have four at the rescue— Locke, Grace, Big & Money. Some are still undergoing training or medical care and some are available for adoption.



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CALL ME DIGNIFIED - BIG 5 YEARS LATER

“Big” came to me personally in 2015 as a rank stallion who had only been shown a few times, but mostly used for breeding. Due to his massive size and disposition, he had not had the easiest life and had plenty of mishandling. Several people advised me that he was dangerous, untrainable and a lost cause - and that I was crazy to even try.

There was something in those giant eyes and that velvety nose that told me otherwise and try we did. Big just wanted to be treated fairly. When he was a turd he got reprimanded and he accepted. He hated needles, was terrified of the outdoors. The first year was a roller coaster.

I had to agree to leave him a stallion for 2

breeding seasons as a term of his release. But on April 3rd 2017, Big became a gelding. In May of 2018 I nervously gave him friends, and he FINALLY became a happy horse... People were shocked! The rank stud was a pasture puff with horses and minis in a field together.

In 2020 we went a step further thanks to Haley Mosley of Pelham Plantation in Willard, NC Big is under saddle! Big still needs miles under saddle, so he is not for a beginner. He is a kind soul on the ground who LOVES cookies and brushing. He is a total DIVA who actually loves the barn, his fan & neck scratches. Crystal Jordan is riding him for now. He is looking for the perfect forever home!

“A horse doesn’t care how much you know until he knows how much you care”...

GONE TO GREENER PASTURES...



Brutus was one of the Woody case horses .

This photo taken was the day we ended his suffering surrounded by the people who loved him...



Justin



Champ



Blaze



Rita - One of the worst horses from the Woody case upon arrival at HRR July 2019

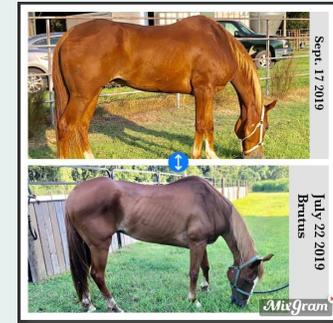
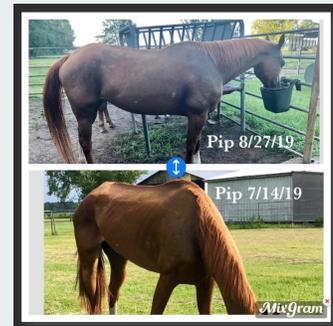
THE WOODY CASE...

Before I start you need to know that I do NOT condone bashing or hate speech towards anyone. Yes, we all have feral moments, myself included. This was a heartbreaking situation. I think what really hurt is that so many of us “knew” the Woody’s and would have helped them if all they had done was ask. Yes horse people are a little nuts. We can be down right ugly and diabolical when it comes to competition. But, when it counts, we stand together. Which this community did for the Woody horses. While I was technically brought in as a professional consultant to rehabilitate these horses for Penderosa Rescue, the horses were quarantined at HRR during their initial rehabilitation. I can speak for PRS & from the bottom of my heart when I thank YOU for helping us help these horses!

Pip, Zippy, Rita, Baby & Brutus all came to stay at HRR for a few months. They all blossomed VERY quickly in our care with routine veterinary care, basic quality feed and forage. Pip & Zippy are living out their days in Virginia at the Evelyn Alexander Homes for Animals and what a life they have! Rita & Baby were adopted together and live in a neighboring county and are looking great. Leroy had to stay at Reagan Equine for a bit due to advanced parasitism, he was adopted by a staff member and went straight home from the clinic, as did Champ. 7 live horses were removed from the property, 4 horses remained in their care and are being monitored by Animal Services. Sources say those horses are in good shape...

If you have followed the media you know they were all three charged and have not gone to trial for a variety of excuses, the latest is COVID 19. While many of you have high hopes that justice will be served, I am not sure what that looks like on my end. It is hard to be positive with the year mark looming over us. I don’t think they should die, or be starved or beaten - my God - an eye for an eye makes us no better than them. But I really don’t know at this point what is “fair”. TWO dead horses, that SUFFERED. Trust me YOU have NO idea what I witnessed. The hours my team & the vets put in caring for these guys, all the money, the emotional toll... I have done a lot of rehabs and sometimes people don’t know better, but they did! They KNEW how to properly care for horses. They KNEW who to call... I just don’t know what to think, or what justice could be. For me I want I heartfelt apology, I want them to accept responsibility for what they did... and maybe a big check to help us help the countless others that don’t know better! ~Jewell

BEFORE & AFTER



TAG YOU'RE IT!

Did you know you can save your Tribute proof of purchase tags from your feed bags and give them to HRR and in turn we get a small rebate for each tag we turn in?

So PLEASE don't throw them away! It takes seconds to cut out the tag and you can mail them in, drop them off or take them to B & K feed store in Burgaw, NC and we will gladly pick them up!

You can mail tags to:

Horton's Rehab Ranch Inc
216 Promised Land Rd
Willard NC 28478



PROPER NUTRITION IS WHERE WE START

A lot of the horses we get in are neglect cases. We have to be very careful on how and what we feed them. We follow our veterinary guidelines and UC Davis recommendations as a general rule of thumb. Quality feeds are more expensive, but we don't have to fee the quantity that people do with "bargain" grains to meet nutritional needs. Horses aren't built for large amounts of concentrates (grains) in their guts—so if you have to feed 10-15 lbs a day you are putting your horse at risk for digestive issues! Horses are built for forage! We are SUPER fortunate that the farm we lease have well maintained grazing year-round and we supplement that with good hay and quality feeds.

We use Tribute Equine Nutrition because of their vast line of feeds that meet all our needs, LOW NSC and local availability.

We also put all new intakes, surgical patients and training horses on Purina Outlast. This product has been making a HUGE difference on our high stress horses, hard keepers and suspected ulcer horses. We are using it for ulcer prevention and it's living up to it's reputation! This product came highly recommended by our Veterinarian. Our easy keepers and sanctuary horses get coastal hay but our new intakes get Alfalfa unless they are a HYPP suspect. Yes this is expensive, but our horses so far are rehabbing safely and quickly and that is what matters!



HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR VET TODAY?

Okay... Technically we can't because of COIVD-19 but honestly our veterinarians are AMAZING! I mean seriously they have adapted incredibly fast to the changing times and in my opinion , better than human medicine.

We literally could NOT do what we do without the incredible team at Reagan Equine. Dr Ginger Reagan and Mallory Bradbury are such an asset to our industry and a blessing to have in our area. They jump when I call, put up with these crazy horses and have to geld all the stallions I intake and that is NO walk in the park!

I also want to thank Dr Johanna Parker & Dr Joni Shimp who also assist me at HRR as much as they can as well .

All of these veterinarians are incredible at what they do. These ladies take my frantic calls and texts when I obsess over what I cannot control. Console me when I am forced to make the decisions the others will not, and well... I would just be lost women, and hope the four of them know that they mean the world to me and I appreciate them more than words can express in this column. If your vet is important to you, make sure you let them know too!

Stay safe ladies—the world needs you! - Jewell



SHOW ME THE MONEY \$\$\$\$

Fundraising for HRR has mainly been online donors through Facebook, GoFund Me and PayPal; and through our tack sales. Since the economy has been down the donation of equipment to HRR has been on the rise. Saddles, blankets, bridles, apparel etc... While people may not always be willing to donate money just because, they will make a reasonable donation towards an item they want or need (and we totally understand) and often they donate more than what I would be asking for it! This has worked beautifully. We do advertise on Facebook marketplace and we ship for cost.

We have had several tack sales & a saddle raffle that have done very well and plan to do more. We also participated in the Equestrian Exchange Tack Sale in Raleigh.

When we have a special case and ask for donations for a specific cause, people have absolutely risen to the need and donated. We are humbled by YOUR support!

We have done a few events with our education horses as well - Rocket, Peanut & Elvis. Including Pender County Spring Fest 2019 & Landfall Derby Day 2019. We lost some others due to weather and COVID 19.



“Where God guides he provides” Isaiah 58:11

HOW IS HRR FINANCIALLY?

In 2019 we brought in just under \$21,000.00!

I was VERY impressed with that number!

We had nearly \$14,000.00 in expenses and of that \$5,000.00 alone was just in veterinary care and that is with them doing everything they can to help us out!

But still, we ended the year with money in our account despite it all and hay in our loft - we aren't complaining!

So far in 2020 we have raised just under \$14,000.00, but we have spent almost \$15,000.00 already, mostly in veterinary care and feed due to all the emaciated horses we got in over the winter months which dipped into our “reserves” from last year.

At HRR we don't want to be that rescue that lives donation to donation. We want to keep at least \$4,000.00 in our account for emergencies and daily living. That's why as we accept horses we ask for help. We accept them with funds in hand, but with the faith that YOU will help us help them without depleting our funds! As I type this we have \$4,100.00 in our account. We have some online fundraisers

that will be depositing to our account in the next two weeks, and checks in the mail!

Please know that we are only part of the puzzle that makes this work. Without all of you contributing and sharing our efforts, we cannot do what we do...

Thank you so much!!!



MEET OUR FOUNDER AND SOLE OPERATOR

WE HATE TO BUST YOUR BALLS...

Actually not really... we get in a LOT of stallions, 8 so far to be exact! They are difficult to handle and expensive to castrate. There are very few rescues that have facilities or staff to handle studs which is why Jewell does it! We are applying for grants to help offset this expense but we really need donor support to keep gelding stallions to reduce unwanted horses. The average castration is \$300—\$600 depending on size. A cryptorchid is about \$2000!

Stallions live stressful lives and are often abused! Help us help them!



Jewell Horton runs HRR 99% of the time by herself. Because they lease the farm they are at, and due to insurance, they do not have a volunteer program. In a few extenuating circumstances she has called in reinforcements, but most days she does all the work all herself. She manages all our social media and fundraisers too.

She is the manager of the Pender County Animal Shelter. She is on the BOD for Cape Fear Equine Rescue, Magnolia Hall Saranalaya & Penderosa Rescue & Sanctuary.

HRR BOD helps makes decisions but they are all professionals with full time jobs as well. Jewell values their input and is grateful for their assistance in the roles they each play.

To say Jewell is passionate about animals is probably an understatement. She has been in animal welfare since 1997 in the veterinary assistant field, animal care and control and emergency and disaster response. She carries several certifications and has traveled across the country in disaster relief efforts post hurricanes for animals. She spearheaded post storm response for animals in her home county of Pender after Hurricanes Matthew and Florence receiving national media coverage for some of her teams saves. She said if it wasn't for her amazing family, friends, team and God—she couldn't have accomplished all that she has. She said her husbands & sons support are the biggest reason she can leave home and do it all!



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