# Hoofprints of Love

**AUGUST 2015—BEGIN AGAIN FARMS, INC.** 



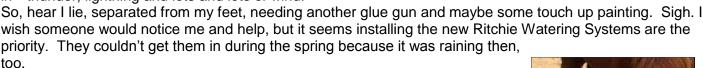
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# Max's Corner: An Eye on the Farm

Max is the spokeshorse for Begin Again Farms, Inc. You can always see him standing on the corner, watching everything that is going on.

An eye on the Farm???? More likely an eye to the sky. Well, maybe an ear to the Farm, where I hear those underground rumblings.

It was the above ground rumblings that did me in—thunder, lightning and lots and lots of wind.



Speaking of our new watering system, we are just about done! It took a village! Special thanks to Illges Foundation, Ritch Electric, Booth Plumbing, Jim Fuller Jr., Lisa Henson, Philip Authement and all the other volunteers who stepped up to help with trenching, laying pipe, pouring concrete, setting bolts, and hooking the water up. There is only one more to install. This wonderful system will insure our horses always have fresh water, and save our volunteers hours of time cleaning and filling and occasionally patching water tanks.

We would especially like to thank the American Association of Equine Practitioners, Valley Veterinary Associates and Merck & Co. for their ongoing assistance in providing rabies and other vaccines for our horses. This is a huge benefit for the Farm.

Navajo and Prince participated in this year's TAP program at the Rankin Center, teaching 80 children and their teen mentors how horses get along with each other and with people. TAP is a program teaching tolerance and diversity through visual and performing arts.

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If you are not on our e-mail list for the newsletter and upcoming events, please contact:

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### MAX'S CORNER (continued from previous page)

In June, a Humane Society of the United States representative and one from Georgia Equine Rescue League and PAWS contacted us about an older woman who was having trouble keeping up with expenses for her dogs and horses. Rhonda evaluated the four horses on the premises. Two needed euthanasia: one had terminal cancer and the other was 37 years old and going downhill. Rhonda recommended diet changes and worming and assisted with hoof trimming for the other two. Thank you to Dr. Phil Carey of Vet to Pet for donating his services. The woman loves her horses, and it is great to be able to help her keep them.

### **RESCUE RIDE**

In future news, we are coming up rapidly to this year's **RESCUE RIDE**, set for Saturday, September 26. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Begin Again Farms relies strongly on our friends and volunteers to support this, our biggest fundraiser of the year. So please take a look at pages four and five. Page 4 is our form for sponsors. We really, really need sponsors. Give it some thought. Who gets your money? Doctors? Dentists? Car dealerships? I bet you know some business to ask to sponsor. There are lots of different levels that they can choose from.

Page 5 is the pledge form for your ride or walk. Think how much you could bring in if everyone you knew gave a dollar or five.

**PRIZES**—Remember, there are always nice prizes for the top three people who bring in the most.

And don't forget those other places you frequent—could they donate a tax-deductible item or gift certificate for door (or maybe it should be called gate) prizes or the silent auction?

Bring all your friends and neighbors. Post flyers. Hang them in your break room. We will be sending out the flyers and sponsorship forms by separate cover.

Remember, it costs a lot to take care of and rehabilitate horses. We are blessed to have wonderful friends and volunteers. Please help us afford to do this through the coming year.

Oh, and if you want to volunteer at the ride, please let Shelly Stansell know, and if you have something you would really like to do, let her know that too!

Well, that's about all I have to say for this quarter. I do hope someone will come around and get me back on my hooves again. In the meantime, I guess I'll be singing: "Nobody knows you when you're down and out."





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"Help A Friend Begin Again!"

Dear Sir/Ms:

Begin Again Farms, Inc. Equine Shelter's 8th Annual Rescue Ride is coming up on Saturday, September 26, 2015.

We would like to offer your business the opportunity to sponsor our 2015 Rescue Ride with the possibility of becoming a Presenting Sponsor, Event Sponsor, Banner Sponsor or a T-Shirt Sponsor. Before Begin Again Farms, Inc. Equine Shelter, horses in Georgia and the surrounding area were generally not impounded by animal control because no one had the capabilities or expertise to shelter and rehabilitate them. Historically, in cases where officials decided that horses were being neglected or abused, owners were ordered to sell or euthanize the animal. For over 19 years now, Begin Again Farms has been successful in providing shelter, rehabilitation and the chance to begin again for horses that would otherwise suffer or perish.

Of course, this can't happen without the support we have received from our community. In turn, we help our community by giving them public recognition when they contribute to our mission of fostering compassion and responsibility for horses through intervention, education and outreach. Our Rescue Ride is a perfect opportunity for us to say thank you to the contributors that make our mission possible by providing various promotional and advertising opportunities. Last year, we had over 100 attendees at our 7th Annual Rescue Ride and we are anticipating that number to increase this year! We have seen our t-shirts from the past Annual Rides continue to advertise for our sponsors throughout the entire year. This event is a perfect way for you to promote your business to numerous potential customers.

There are several ways that you can sponsor our efforts while promoting your business:

- (a) "PRESENTING SPONSORSHIP" (\$1000): Your business would be listed as a Presenting Sponsor for the Rescue Ride in all publicity for the event. Your business would receive prime placement (top-back) of your name and logo on the event t-shirts worn by our volunteers, riders/walkers and for sale to the general public. You would also receive a business card sized advertisement in our quarterly newsletter, Hoofprints of Love and a 8'x2 ½' banner displayed at all events for the period of one year, space at our Sponsors Booth for your business' promotional materials.
- (b) "EVENT SPONSORSHIP" (\$500): Your business would be entitled to a medium size ad under the Presenting Sponsor on our event T-shirt which is worn for years to come and acknowledged in our newsletter, Hoofprints of Love and a 6'x2-1/2' banner displayed at this event. Space is also provided at our Sponsor Booth for your business' promotional materials.
- (c) "BANNER SPONSORSHIP" (\$200): Your business would be entitled to a 6'x2 ½' banner displayed from the road at this event. Combine both c & d sponsorship for (\$250).
- (d) "T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP" (\$100): Your business would be entitled to a business size ad on our event tshirt given to all volunteers, riders/walkers to wear during the event and for years to come, and also for sale to the general public..

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(	(706)	315-6945 if	you have any	questions or to noti	fy us of y	our support.			

Sincerely,

# PLEDGE FORM: BEGIN AGAIN FARMS, INC.

#### 8th Annual Rescue Ride

#### Instructions:

- 1. Sign up supporters and list the amount they pledge on this form. Try to collect all donations before the event.
- 2. Submit all donations to the BAFI sign-in table. Make checks payable to "Begin Again Farms, Inc."
- 3. On the day of the Annual Rescue Ride/Walk, bring this completed pledge form (or a copy) to the BAFI sign-in table at Begin Again Farms.
- 4. After the event, collect any outstanding pledges. All pledges must be turned into BAFI Event Coordinator (Rhonda Jackson) by 09/30/2015 to qualify.

Questions? Contact Rhonda Jackson @ 706-31	15-6945.	Thanks for your support!			
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### The Benefits of Volunteering

- 1. You feel all your cares drain away the minute you open the first gate. None of the worries of your day to day life follow you into the Farm.
- 2. You get to do what you have always wanted to, work with horses.
- 3. You will improve the lives of abused, neglected or unwanted horses.
- 4. You learn something new every day. You just have to keep your ears and eyes open.
- 5. You meet a wonderful, friendly, eclectic group of people, all with one love in common.
- 6. You don't have to pay for a gym membership. You'll get plenty of exercise, and it will keep you healthy.



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# NEW THOUGHTS ON SPONSORSHIP THE PROJECT HORSE

Would it surprise you to know that a debilitated or lame horse that arrives in the shelter may need nine months to a year of rehab before he can be adopted? Or that a healthy horse may need a long period of training or re-training before he can be adopted? Some of our sponsors like a "project horse" that they can work with and rehabilitate before adoption. Maybe that would be something you would like to do, either with a full of partial sponsorship. Depending on the need of the particular horse, he might need daily care or a couple days during the week.

The new horse, Tahoe, was sponsored the same afternoon he came out of the trailer.

Consider opening your heart and working with your hands to help a horse prepare for adoption. Horses DO know when they have their own special person. The look in their eyes is different. They develop more confidence and heal faster, both physically and mentally, than when they are just one of many. Depending on your skill level with riding or ground work, or whether you would prefer one that needs nursing care, the right horse will be waiting for you. And, yes, we can train you to do this, and feed on days when you are not available.

Have the time, but can't afford even a partial sponsorship? No problem. There is a horse waiting for you in the volunteer program.

If you are not seeing the horse you want on our list of horses needing sponsorship, please contact Rhonda at 706-315-6945, and match up with a horse on the adoption list, or perhaps one that will arrive at the Farm soon.

We do still have a few horses that will never leave the Farm who need sponsors:

**PEANUT**—The Farm's first education pony. Peanut visits schools, works the pony rides, participates in costume in the Waverly Hall Parade every year.

**HANDSOME**—Gorgeous white horse with major fear issues.



**RANSOM** 

**IZZY**—Dun stallion, very good natured. Will never be able to be ridden due to foalhood injury. Izzy has a partial (financial only) sponsorship.

**PICKLEENA**—registered bay Quarter Horse mare, 21 years old and going strong. She's had tons of training, but can be cold-backed. This mare knows a lot. Experienced rider only. Pickleena needs to be sponsored this year while she recovers from allergic reactions to tick bites.

### Sponsorship —(continued from previous page)



**POGO**—A darling older miniature horse. Loves grooming and treats. (*Pictured left*)

PRETTY BOY—(picture below) This tall, handsome palomino has pemphigus, an auto-immune disorder. While he has not had an outbreak in a long time, he still has some occasional lameness. Gentle disposition, loves to be groomed and petted—the more attention, the better he does.

**RANSOM**—(*pictured previous page*) Older bay with the most gorgeous sweet eyes. Very gentle. He has Cushing's disease, which is most obvious because of his long coat.

**REP aka REPLICA'S IMPRESSION**—Over twenty-year old quarter horse gelding, full of pep. Ex-roper. Very experienced rider only. Has saddling issues.

**RHETT**—Black 28-year-old Tennessee Walking Horse. Has gotten over much of his shyness and will approach people, especially if they are bearing treats.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SPONSORSHIP—

Please contact Rhonda at 706-315-6945





### A Special Thank You To

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Lena Tahoe (pictured)



# Adopters send their pictures

### **JUDD**





### **HEAVY METAL-PURPLE RAIN**

### By Denise Cash



I had to share my laugh at myself....

I recently bought Heavy Metal some of the whitening shampoo made for white horses because, bless her, she was the color of Harris County clay. Regular horse shampoo just didn't seem to do the trick and she is too beautiful to be orange. The deal with this shampoo is you wet the horse, soap the horse up, let the horse "soak" for five minutes and rinse the horse. This process, according to the label on the shampoo, is supposed to leave you with a glistening white horse or in Metal's case a glistening flea-bitten gray horse with a white mane, tail and leg feathers.

This process is no hardship because Metal LOVES a bath. It is her favorite pastime with the exception of eating. I have a great stiff brush that I use to

scrub her and she rocks and wiggles, makes funny faces with her sweet nose and does all the other horsey things that let you know you're her hero and are getting all of her best itchy spots, then she promptly falls asleep.

I wasn't really paying a lot of attention because she is a big horse and I was concentrating on doing a good job scrubbing her. I certainly didn't want to miss a spot. Honestly this is my best time to tell Metal all of my secrets and basically just talk things out that may be weighing on my soul. She is my best listener, never criticizing, always providing comfort with her soft snuffles of encouragement and periodic cuddles when she rests her giant head on my chest to let me know she is fully engaged in our conversation. She has excellent active listening skills until she falls asleep.

Anyhow I got her all soaped up and stood back for the five minutes of soaking. I wanted to make sure all instructions were carefully followed for ultimate outcome.

This was when the realization of what I had done to beloved heart horse hit me, and made me laugh until I cried. Before me stood my huge, Percheron Draft horse, in all her glory... except... she was completely purple. I am talking eggplant purple from the tip of her sweet, precious nose to the very end of her glorious, magnificent tail.

I think I may have overused my new product a bit. As always during her bath, Metal had fallen fast asleep, thankfully, missing yet another indignity imposed upon her by me... God love her! There is a special place in Heaven for my big girl!

I am proud to say she is clean now and the color God made her, after much rinsing, and I do mean MUCH rinsing. All I'm saying is, I'm hiding when the water bill comes because I can think of one husband, who shall remain nameless, but initials are Stan Cash, will not be happy with me at all!

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# THIS MONTH'S FEATURED HORSE:

## **HONEY**



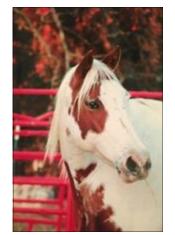
This 10 year old walking horse mare is a sweetheart. Stands for mounting and dismounting. Has done many trail rides. Loads in the trailer. Stands for bathing. stands for farrier. Because she is a walking horse with forward motion, I do not recommend her for a novice rider.

She has good ground manners, lunges and round pens. Very light with reining. She will make someone a favorite mount.





# Horses for Adoption



**BBR BITSY CUTTER—(***Pictured left***)** Chestnut Paint (Tob-overo) mare, who de spite her name is not small. Super nice, stands for farrier and fly spray, loads. Needs experienced rider.

**BEAUTY-** (*Pictured right*) Bay mare tall pony, has done barrel racing, likes children, is a bit of a pistol.

BINGO—(*Pictured bottom right*) Handsome sorrel Quarter Horse gelding, 3-year-old. Leads well. Will mature into a small horse. From cutting stock, but no papers. Accepts deworming paste and behaves well in herd situations. The best deal for Bingo is a knowledgeable and confident horse person who will understand his rough start in life. He came to us very suspicious of people, but has made great progress.







**BRAYGORN**— (*Pictured bottom left*) 8-year-old quiet bay Thoroughbred gelding. Off the track, used for trail riding. Has been Parelli trained. His only drawback is that he is a cribber.

### **Horses for Adoption**

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**CHAMP—(***Pictured right***)** bay 3 year old Quarter Horse gelding. Ready to start training and can go in any direction. Has basic ground manners, accepts deworming paste and fly spray. Behaves well in herd environment. Socialized.

**GOLDIE**—Palomino quarter horse mare, halter broken, leads well.



JUNIPER- (*pictured right*) Juniper is a lovely bay pinto Welsh pony x Quarter Horse mare. She moves beautifully, has striking coloration and a sweet personality. Juniper has been a hunter/jumper pony, and has done some trails. This past summer she worked with the children at Good Shepherd Therapeutic Center. She is well mannered and loads well into a trailer. She is looking for the perfect home that will love and care for her.





LW CATALENA KATESBUCK—
(*Pictured left*)
Registered solid paint-bred dun mare.



**LADY—(Pictured left)** This little lady is an eye catcher!!! Lady is a pretty quarter horse type, bay filly with one blue eye and a wide blaze. She accepts deworming paste, fly spray, and behaves well in a herd environment/ socialized. She is up to date on vaccinations and coggins. Lady was foaled in 2011, and has started basic training.

**LUKE**—(*pictured right*) bay Holsteiner gelding. Some English training, has done low-level eventing. Minor arthritis in hocks so he will not be able to jump. Needs experienced rider.



**MOSES—(***Pictured right***)** Handsome young mule. He has Some trust issues. He does enjoy human company (especially if they are bearing treats). Takes treats very gently.

Moses needs a mule-savvy person who will work with him one-on-one until he regains his trust.



**PEANUT II—(***Pictured right***)** Peanut II is a very sweet chestnut Tennessee Walking Horse gelding. He handles well on the ground. He loads beautifully and is great on the trails.

He can be mildly cold backed when first mounted. Not for a beginner right now.



PHOENIX—Sorrel Quarter Horse gelding, halter broken, leads well, stands for farrier.



**RW DUALLYS MAIA JANE—(Pictured right)**Really cute registered chestnut Quarter Horse mare. Small, wonderful personality. Has lots of potential for a knowledgeable person.

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**RW FRECK'S FANCY LENA—(***Pictured left***)** Bay Quarter Horse mare, sound, unbroken. Freckles Playboy, One Gun, Doc O'Lena, Smart Peppy on papers. Spirited and beautiful.

RW PLAYBOYS ARROWLENA—(*Pictured right*)
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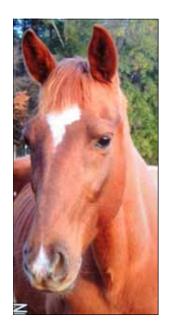
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RAIN—(Pictured right and below) Chestnut Tennessee Walking Horse gelding.





SIROCCO—(*Pictured right*) Gorgeous six-year-old registered Palomino Morgan gelding. Athletic, conformationally correct. He needs a firm but fair owner providing consistency in riding and ground work. He has been ridden both English and Western, and has the potential for advancing in any discipline.







TINY TIM—(*Pictured right*) Tim is a handsome sorrel gelding with a diamond shaped star and 1 left hind sock. At 13.1hds and 650lbs, he had a rough start in life but oddly enough, is a compliant little fella. He has been clipped and saddled. He will mature into a small adult horse. Tim stands for the vet and farrier, stands tied, has basic ground manners, accepts deworming paste, fly spray, and behaves well in a herd environment/ socialized. He is up to date on vaccinations and coggins. Tim was foaled in 2011.





**TIZZY—(Pictured left)** This beautiful Quarter Horse mare has permanent lameness issues from being struck by a car. She's a nice horse, and would love to be adopted as a companion horse.

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### Wish List

### **Horse Supplies:**

Nutrena Stock & Stable 12% Nutrena Safe Choice Perform

Beet Pulp In Balance Mineral Blocks Sweet PDZ

Shavings or Pellets for Stalls

Wormer Fly Spray

Fly Spray for Piranha Spray Master

Equilix

### Help:

Electrician to do minor repair work

Tack:

Any new or used saddles & miscellaneous tack

Horse Blankets

Easy entry miniature horse cart

### **Tools and Equipment:**

Any kind of yard tools Fence Charger Steel T-Posts—6' Any Size Gates Hog or Horse Wire Treated Lumber any size Power tools **Event Needs:** 

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For more information about how you can help support these extraordinary equines, please contact:

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All in-kind items donated are tax-deductible. As Begin Again Farms, Inc. is a volunteer organization, your donations go to the horses and the foods and items to make the horses' lives happier and healthier!

# YES!

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### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are essential to Begin Again Farm's continued good work. Begin Again Farm LOVES volunteers. And volunteers have a lot of fun while doing worthwhile activities with the horses! Currently we need the following:

Morning and evening horse care volunteers: fill gaps in the schedule feeding, refilling water, cleaning stalls. No experience necessary; we will train.

Persons experienced in **training** and handling horses to help prepare them for adoption.

**Fundraisers**: Volunteers will help plan and carry out various fundraising events for BAFI. These events include benefit trail rides, silent auction, etc.

**VOLUNTEER WORK DAY—The Second Saturday of Every Month**. Help with special projects around the farm, including painting; fence construction or repair; cleaning the tack rooms, barn or trailers; trail clearing; or whatever needs to be done. We will send out e-mails in advance. If you are not on our e-mail newsletter etc. list, please contact reusmannl@bellsouth.net

If you wish to volunteer for any of the above, or just want to be on our list for odds and ends (fence building, painting, selling T-shirts), please contact Rhonda at 706-315-6945.

### PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED

Volunteer photographer wanted to take pictures of new horses as they come in and after they have been returned to health. Pictures of adoptable equines should be suitable to be featured on Petfinder and A Home For Every Horse.

THE MISSION OF BEGIN AGAIN
FARMS is to rescue imperiled, retired or abandoned hoofed animals; provide a safe refuge; promote rehabilitation and return to full physical ability; provide safe adoptions for rehabilitated animals; and expand the knowledge of equine science, training and horsemanship through association with community groups and leaders.

Begin Again Farms, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization





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Spreading the word about Begin Again Farms is a huge help to us!