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BEGIN AGAIN FARMS, INC. EQUINE SHELTER

AUGUST 2019



**“JUST HANGIN’ OUT WITH OUR BUDDIES,
WAITING TO GET OUR OWN PET HUMANS”**

Max's Corner: An Eye on the Farm



Hay there! It's your spokeshorse again, Max! I'm hoping you've been having a great summer.

It's that time again to talk about the upcoming **Rescue Ride** on September 21 (see the flyer on page 5). Hoof it on down to our fundraiser. Walk or ride our beautiful trails for a **POKER RIDE**. This year we are allowing folks to buy additional hands, rather than just the one, and pick up your new t-shirt (free to riders and walkers). Don't forget to try out yours and your horses' skills on the obstacle course. Don't have a horse? Not ready to walk the trails? Come anyway! See the farm, eat a yummy lunch provided by Luke's Pub, take a hayride, buy raffle tickets. These rides are our hay and oats! We depend on y'all.

This year's **Frogtown Crawfish Festival** at Woodruff Park picked Begin Again Farms as their worthy nonprofit to receive a portion of their proceeds. In June, our plucky volunteers plus Navajo and Prince were on hand to greet all the crawfish lovers, to sell some t-shirts and to raffle off gift baskets (see page 9). Donations from Frogtown, plus our sales will cover a large part of this winter's hay!

And, as we mentioned in the last newsletter, we received some swings and needed wood and hardware to erect them. Thank you for material donations from **Eileen Adams, Jada Ladner and Lisa Palmer!** And to our volunteers for hard labor! It is up and ready for you to sit in while you eat your lunch or are just hanging out. (See page 4).

Thank you again to **Rick & Susan Turner** for the fine run-in shelter in our one paddock that had none. Jazz, Chief and Honey have been happily using it.

If anyone has any extra time and can help with **trail clearing** and fine-tuning our new trails, please come volunteer! This would be a great idea for a group project as well.

Looking forward to seeing y'all next month. I'll be standin' on the corner, as usual, watching all the mares walk by.

Hoofprints of Love is the newsletter of Begin Again Farms, Inc., a 501c-3 equine rescue in Ellerslie, GA.

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

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12TH ANNUAL RESCUE RIDE

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"Help A Friend Begin Again!"

August 5, 2019

Dear Sir/Ms:

Begin Again Farms, Inc. Equine Shelter's 12th Annual Rescue Ride is coming up on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

We would like to offer your business the opportunity to sponsor our 2019 Rescue Ride with the possibility of becoming a **Presenting Sponsor, Event 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 22 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 11th 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 1/2' 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 acknowledgement in our newsletter, *Hoofprints of Love*, and an 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 1/2' 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 t-shirt given to all volunteers, riders/walkers to wear during the event and for years to come, and also for sale to the general public.

Can we count on your support for one of these levels? Please contact me at beginagainfarm@aol.com or 706-315-6945 if you have any questions or to notify us of your support.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Jackson

President

Begin Again Farms, Inc. Equine Shelter

12TH ANNUAL RESCUE RIDE

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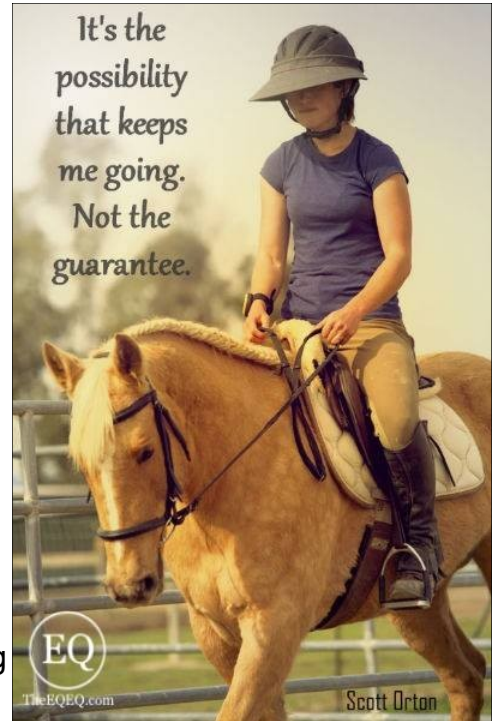


We Ride
So That They May Be Rescued

ON THE TRAIL

By Alice Stagg

This quarter's message is taken directly from an article published By "Horse Listening" in November 2018. I so admire the volunteers at Begin Again Farms who give their time and talents by keeping things clicking along in good order. Like the postal service unofficial motto "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from swift completion of their appointed rounds", one of my first thoughts when we are facing inclement weather is always, "I wonder who's on duty at Begin Again? I hope everything is OK." To all who take on the challenges of meeting the daily needs of the equine residents who depend on us, I offer a big salute, and offer the following article as compensation for a job well done. The Top Six list below is very insightful, but the last two sentences are, to me, the real "Quote o' the Piece" as a good friend often says when synthesizing a large article down to its essence. It bears repeating here: *"In the end, you become a much more **empathic** human being. Which will serve you the rest of your life."*



TOP SIX THINGS YOU'LL LEARN FROM DOING BARN CHORES

It's hard. It's time-consuming. It's often thankless.

To an outside observer, it might seem that working in a barn is unrewarding and just that: chores. I mean, all you're doing is feeding horses, and turning horses in and out, cleaning stalls and sweeping aisles, right?

Well, anyone who has ever worked in a barn knows differently. In fact, people who work with horses have to become highly skilled, be fairly athletic, and know how to pay attention to detail. While people can start with little to no experience, they usually get paired with long time horse keepers who can mentor them until they have enough experience to work independently. Working in a barn can give you more than just a gym-level workout. Here are the top six lessons you won't be able to avoid if you stay long enough at the job.

6. Hard work is necessary

This is probably the first thing you'll learn if you get a chance to work with the horses. You'll quickly realize how you can move heavy things if you put your mind to it. You might have to go up and down stairs or ladders to get to the hay loft. You'll have to fill feed bins and then horse buckets with grain. Those feed bags and hay bales need to be moved, stacked and then fed. The walks to the paddocks can be long, bumpy or snow-covered. No need for you to go to the gym after that!

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5. It's OK to get dirty

Because you won't have any choice in the matter! You'll likely end up with hay bits in your hair and in your shirt, mud all over your lower legs, dirty jeans because of having to lift the feed bags off the dirt floor. Then there's the mouth goop that horses leave on your shoulder as you lead them out, and splashed water as you fill buckets.

4. Team work makes the dream work.

After you have to do the barn all on your own, you quickly learn the value of help. There's nothing better than two (or more) people sharing the chores, one person taking on one task while the second person does another.

3. Routine is wonderful.

This lesson probably will come from the horses themselves. Horses thrive on routine. Timeliness, feed, exercise ... the more regular these can be, the happier the horses in your care. You'll learn the value of establishing and then maintaining a routine.

2. Efficiency is key.

Every barn worker learns all about efficiency and saving energy—not just the electrical kind.

Before you figure out your routine, you might end up having to walk back and forth to key areas—such as the feed room, the tack room, or the paddocks. Soon enough you'll start figuring out how you can save as many trips as possible—because, let's face it—the number of steps you walk can add up pretty quickly when you are walking real distances.

You'll work out what you should carry with you even while you're heading to a paddock to do something else. 10,000 steps? Haha. Even after multiple step-saving attempts, you'll still end up somewhere in the 15-25,000 steps region. That's in one day!

But you won't be able to stand for inefficiencies every again!

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1. Horses come before anything else.

This is truly the #1 lesson you'll learn if you work in the barn. While it's true that you're working for the barn owner, or for the board or lessons students, you'll soon realize that it's all about the horses. How will you learn this valuable lesson?

It might happen when you notice when one of the paddocks has run out of water and how the horses stand around the water tub waiting and waiting—in the heat of the summer. Or you'll notice how a horse gorges on his hay when he comes inside—after having finished the morning hay on that long snowy wintry day, when there is no grass to be found otherwise.

These mistakes will urge you to be more diligent because the horses are literally reliant on you. And it's a big responsibility!

There is one other thing that happens when you add this all up. In the end, you become a much more empathetic human being. Which will serve you for the rest of your life.



Navajo helping the booth at Frogtown Crawfish Festival in June.

Wish List

Horse Supplies:

Feed: 10% Sweet Feed
Alfalfa Pellets
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Adoption—Looking for your new special horse? Please take a look at our pages on Petfinder. And keep watching it, as it will be underway with wonderful new pictures of our horses shortly. We have some great horses available. We are no longer listing them all in the newsletter due to spatial limitations.

Sponsorship—Not enough time for a horse of your own? Not enough space? Not sure you have enough knowledge at this time to own a horse? Or you just want to support Begin Again Farms? Does your child want a horse but you are not sure if she will stick to it, especially in bad weather? Consider a sponsorship or partial sponsorship of one of the Farm's residents. We have a number of horses that cannot be adopted due to age or handicap, or we have horses waiting to be adopted. You can spend as much or as little time as you want or need with your horse.

Corporate sponsorships are also available.

Volunteering—You have the desire to help and/or learn, but you are not financially ready to own or sponsor your own horse. That's fine! Come join a people who will welcome you with open arms and lead you to the adventure of a lifetime. Meet new friends, both two- and four-legged, learn new skills, have FUN. Volunteers do a variety of things around the Farm—feeding, grooming, assisting with vaccinations, worming and with the farrier; machine repair, fencing repair, painting, etc.; and if you prefer working from home, keeping up with the paperwork and/or grantsmanship are possibilities as well.

**For more information on adoption, sponsorship or volunteering,
please talk to Rhonda at 706-315-6945.**



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