

Hoofprints of Love

BEGIN AGAIN FARMS, INC. EQUINE SHELTER
April 2021



The mission of Begin Again Farms, In. is to rescue imperiled, retired or abandoned hooved 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.

Max's Corner: An Eye on the Farm



MAX—BAFI'S SPOKESHORSE

Hay everyone! It's me again, Max, the spokeshorse of Begin Again Farms Equine Shelter. Are you all enjoying this crazy weather? 80 degrees one day and then freezing another night? I promise you, for our annual Memorial Ride we will NOT have freezing weather. I am looking forward to seeing those trailers coming in filled with gorgeous well-loved and well-cared-for horses. Don't forget to mark your calendars. It'll be Saturday, May 22. See our flyer on page 4. We are still looking for sponsors for our event. Please consider helping us out! See more information on the following page.

It's been one of those winters. Blankets on, blankets off, blankets on, blankets off. And there's been some sickness among family members, as well as people not wanting to come out because of covid (we have only experienced some corvids—American crows and fish crows—instead of covid), so you won't see a whole lot of changes since you were at the fall Rescue Ride. We did get the broken automatic waterer by the wayback paddock fixed. And we got a new drag 6'x8' which is doing a terrific job. Despite cold temps, we horses haven't missed a meal because our volunteers hoofed it on down to the Farm, every day, twice a day. Want to be a breakfast or dinner volunteer? Please get in touch with Rhonda. We have plenty of other volunteer opportunities as well—everything from exercising and training horses to grooming to light carpentry or painting to organizing and cleaning. Whatever your desires, we can find something for you. The one thing our volunteers always say is that just driving through the gates, they can feel their stresses of ordinary life just vanishing.

We have some new horses, some who came to us in poor condition, some of whom are just old and needing elderly care, and some of whom are or will be available for adoption. It's spring, and time to be looking for that new horse. Please call Rhonda at 706-315-6945 on who is currently available, after checking our list on page 6.

***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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“Help a Friend Begin Again”

February 07, 2021

Dear Sir/Ms:

Begin Again Farms, Inc. Equine Shelter's 13th Annual Memorial Ride fundraiser is coming up on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

We would like to offer your business the opportunity to sponsor our 2021 Memorial Ride fundraiser 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 24 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 **Annual Memorial Ride fundraiser** 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 12th Annual Memorial Ride fundraiser 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:

- “**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.
- “**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 ½' banner displayed at this event. Space is also provided at our Sponsor Booth for your business' promotional materials.
- “**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)**
- “**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



**Begin Again Farms, Inc.
13th Annual Memorial Ride Fundraiser**

When: Saturday May 22, 2021 9AM-4PM
(Rain-Out Date: June 5th)

Where: Begin Again Farms Equine Shelter
2035 Harris Road Ellerslie, Ga 31807

Cost: \$40 For Riders

Includes: Lunch, T-Shirt, Obstacle Course, and Trail Rides

Lunch Sponsored By: Country's Barbecue

Lunch For Non-Riders: \$10

Come join us for a day of fun and meet the rescue horses!

All proceeds go to Begin Again Farms, Inc.

**Fun for the Whole Family!!
Pony Rides and Interactive Kids Activities with the Horses
10AM-12PM**

For More Info: Rhonda Jackson (706) 315-6945

Negative Coggins Test Required

Rental Horses Not Available



Sponsored

Grace

Bella

Levi—pictured bottom right

Gypsy—pictured top right



Adopted

Cheech

Tanner—(pending)

(See picture of Cheech and Bella page 10)



Available for sponsorship, adoption, foster:

Arrowlena—chestnut Quarter Horse mare
Ben—Baskir curly gelding
Bingo—chestnut Quarter Horse gelding
Bo—paint gelding (*pictured right*)
Chantilly—bay grade mare (*pictured bottom right*)
Chiquita—chestnut Arabian mare
Dixie—black grade mare
Hank—Quarter Horse gelding
Luke—bay gelding
Malady—chestnut Quarter Horse mare
Princess—roan Arabian mare
Scout—chestnut Paso Fino gelding
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Sponsorship only:

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On the Trail

by Alice Stagg

For this newsletter edition, instead of my opining to the readers on various topics, I wanted to share the words of some others whose wisdom far outshines anything I could compose. As these things cross my path, I save them to share when and if the opportunity presents itself. I am appreciative that Begin Again has given me a forum through which I can pass things along that speak to me. I hope with the fresh New Year upon us, these writings will remind you, as they did me, of what a gift animals give us and what a responsibility we have to do the best for them that we can.

Jane Smiley, posted in The Zen Racehorse:

“Most horses pass from one human to another – some horsemen and women are patient and forgiving, others are rigorous and demanding, others are cruel, others are ignorant. Horses have to learn how to, at the minimum, walk, trot, canter, gallop, go on trails and maybe jump, to be treated by the vet, all with sense and good manners. Talented Thoroughbreds must learn how to win races, and if they can’t do that, they must learn how to negotiate courses and jump over strange obstacles without touching them, or do complicated dance-like movements, or control cattle, or accommodate severely handicapped children and adults in therapy work. Many horses learn all of these things in the course of a single lifetime. Besides this, they learn to understand and fit into the successive social systems of other horses they meet along the way. A horse’s life is rather like twenty years in foster care, or in and out of prison, while at the same time changing schools over and over and discovering that not only do the other students already have their own social groups, but that what you learned at the old school hasn’t much application at the new one. **We do not require as much of any other species, including humans.** That horses frequently excel, that they exceed the expectations of their owners and trainers in such circumstances, is as much a testament to their intelligence and adaptability as to their relationship skills or their natural generosity or their inborn nature. That they sometimes manifest the same symptoms as abandoned orphans – distress, strange behaviors,

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anger, fear – is less surprising than the fact that they usually don't. No one expects a child, or even a dog, to develop its intellectual capacities living in a box or pen 23 hours a day and then doing controlled exercises the remaining one hour. Mammal minds develop through social interaction and stimulation. A horse that seems “stupid”, “slow”, “stubborn”, etc. might just have not gotten the chance to learn. Take care of your horses and treasure them.”

Sarah Kuz:

“Some people want a confident horse yet are nervous in the saddle. An athletic one, yet fail to visit the gym themselves. A well rounded one, yet won't take a lesson. . A “dead broke” one, yet rides only on the weekends. A soft round horse, but yet sits rigid in the saddle. A forgiving, trusting horse, but punishes first, and asks questions later. Imagine if we were all the types of riders our horses wanted us to be. If we were all confident, athletic, well rounded, soft, patient and consistent riders? It's a journey. A dance between two species. Have conversations, not fights. Check in with them, give them credit, give them dignity, give them time, and above all else, give them love. It's not so much about learning to speak their language as it is about quieting down and learning to listen.”

Thomas Ritter:

“The rider has to want to learn, truly and honestly, without making excuses, without blaming the horse, the saddle, the bit, the footing, the boots, the breeches, the farrier, the vet, or whatever. The desire to learn must be greater than anything else....pride, vanity, ego....everything. It comes down to the question of how important it is to the rider to really learn to ride, and how far he or she wants to go in his or her riding.”

And finally, this insightful story from an unknown author:

“A young horseman was working some horses in a round pen. An old cowboy came by, watched for awhile, and then asked: ‘Young man, would you like to know the secret of good horsemanship?’ The young horseman said he'd love to know it, but because he knew all the new methods, he truly doubted the old man had much to offer. The old man made a fist and said, ‘If you can open my fist, you can learn the secret of good horsemanship.’ The young man decided to see where this was going and played along. He pried. He poked. He thumped, pinched, squeezed, pushed and shoved the old man's fist, all to no avail. He finally said ‘Well, I can't get it open. Will you tell me the secret of how to get your fist open so I can learn your horsemanship secret?’ The old cowboy replied quietly, ‘You could have just asked.’”

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Tools and Equipment:

Manure Spreader
Any kind of yard tools
Steel T-Posts—6'
Any Size Gates
Hog or Horse Wire
Treated Lumber any size
Power tools
Wooden fence posts

NEW (or used in good condition):

3/4 to 1 ton diesel truck suitable for hauling horse trailers and other hard work

Tack:

Any new or used saddles & miscellaneous tack
Horse Blankets

Event Needs:

Awnings (Free Standing)
Picnic Tables or Banquet Tables
Table Umbrellas

Help:

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Electrician for minor repairs
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Kris Weaver
Owner

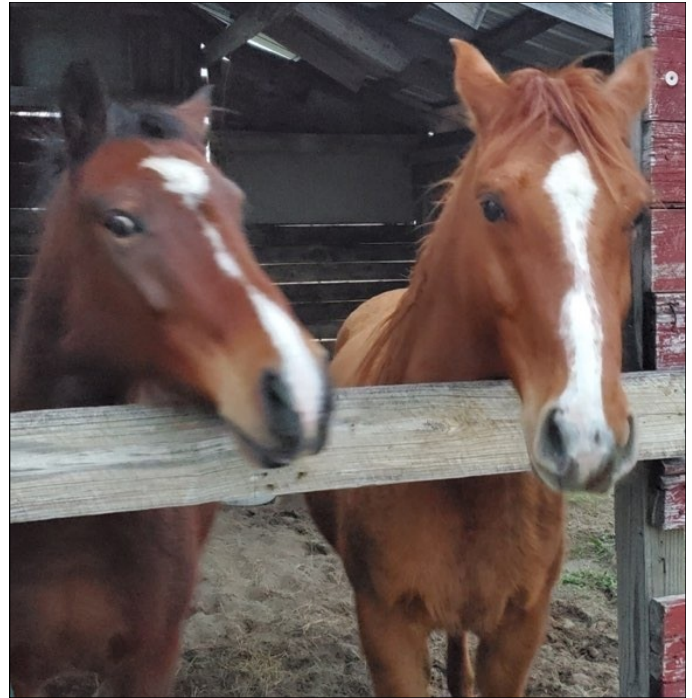
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CHEECH, with his new friend Bella, top right



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Again Farms is a huge help to us!**