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Pictured above on our Memorial Ride T-shirt**

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FOCUS ON THE FARM

By Lisa Palmer

The spring trail ride on April 20th was a big success and we had a great turn out. A huge thanks to all who came out to support us and helped set up and take down again. It takes a BIG village to do this.

Once the trail ride is over, the tables and tents near the arena get put away quickly, however it takes two weeks to carefully break all the different obstacles down and pack them up in an organized way. Setting up this spring was SO much easier since we began doing this, so putting the obstacle course together took half as long as previous years. The last item on the agenda is taking down and folding up the huge tarp and the PVC pipes that make up the tunnel, which takes more hands to do.



Back last spring, we put up a shelter for our mini horses and donkeys that live behind the pond, to give them a sheltered place to nosh on their hay bale and to get out of the rain. Unfortunately, the roof on mini pen that we built using PVC pipes and tarp couldn't hold the weight of the rainfall and kept collapsing. After a couple of attempts, we realized that it was beyond our repair abilities and ordered a roof kit, which seems to be working well.

A big shout out to the Army Reserve Unit who came out to do volunteer service on June 8th. About 30 reservists based in Atlanta drove down to help. They burned off old hay piles, cleared long stretches of fence lines of weeds and underbrush, dug up and killed well-entrenched fire ant mounds, trimmed around our front gate and culverts, sprayed herbicide along all the fence lines, and bush-hogged an overgrown pasture. They got more done in 5 hours than we could have gotten done all summer long. Picture right and Front Cover.



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FOCUS ON THE FARM (continued from previous page)

The summer heat is coming on now, making life difficult for our older horses, especially those with COPD. One of our horses, Dude, is a sweet old guy but the heat got to him last week. He walked into the pond to cool off but got stuck in the mud and was too tired and weak to get himself out. Luckily, we had friends nearby who came to the rescue. Ben Reed and Black Iron Equine, both local farriers, came right over and got in a leaky boat, using a snow shovel for a paddle and got Dude out of the pond. Dude was medicated and moved to a more shaded area with a mister for heat relief, without access to the pond. He continues to get breathing treatments on his bad days.

Keeping up with fly bites, especially on donkeys, calls for a good old-fashioned remedy: sulfur and Vaseline. We coat their lower legs which heals up the bites and keeps those awful flies from doing more torment. Humans are trying to beat the heat also: we get big projects done earlier in the day and are not working much past noon on very hot days except for afternoon feedings. Cold bottled water and popsicles are always on hand.



As anyone who runs a farm big or small knows, vehicle repair is a constant issue: with four side-by-sides, three four wheelers and a tractor in almost constant use by several different people, we rarely have all of them running at the same time. Luckily, we always have something in running order while the others are under repair and are able to swap vehicles out. Another big benefit is our great mechanic who lives close by and has fast turnaround time.

As always, a big thank you to our loyal volunteers, and we are always looking for more. If you would like to come out and see what we do and help in any way, big or small, please come any Saturday morning between 9-12. No experience necessary, and for students looking to get volunteer hours, this is the perfect opportunity for you.

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Chantilly	Blaze
Scout	Princess
Terramon (adoption pending)	Paris
Arrowlena	Luna
Bingo	Ben
	Neon (miniature)



Vino is double registered, Paso Fino and Spotted Saddle Horse. Stands for the farrier, loads, broke to ride. Has had surgery for a locking stifle. DOB 05/07/2017.

ON THE TRAIL

By Alice Stagg

[CW Elite Cow Horses](#)—posted to FB on 9/10/23

5 Things Your Horse Will Always Remember!

Horses have an exceptional level of awareness, meaning that they can understand situations much more deeply than other animals. They are so attentive that they can pick on other people's emotions through body language, voice, or just the general vibe you give off. This type of awareness can lead to much more intense experiences for horses. Here are some experiences your horse will remember forever!



1. Places

Horses have quasi photographic memory. meaning that they can remember places very clearly. It can be positive or negative, depending on the experience they had in a particular place. Imagine your horse witnessed a very traumatic event. Most likely he will never forget the place or event and move away from that area. If your horse seems hesitant to go somewhere, listen to him, comfort him and trust him, he knows what he's doing!

2. People

As horses have an almost photographic memory, it's no surprise that they remember people by their faces. Show them the picture of someone they know and they will probably react. Horses can even recognize people after years of being apart! But their memory goes far beyond our general appearance. Horses can read our facial expressions and remember them for later, too. As part of the study, horses were shown pictures of people with happy or sad expressions. After meeting these people in person (with neutral expressions), the horses reacted based on the original expression they had memorized in the photos. if you meet a horse for the first time, then you have to make a very good impression on him.

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3. Emotions

Besides places and people, horses have an innate ability to recognize human emotions. Horses have a tendency to perceive body language, even the most subtle, which helps them determine a person's feelings. If we are feeling stressed, sad or angry, our physical appearance tends to reflect this. Same goes when we feel happy or excited! Horses don't just read emotions, they also remember a person based on the last emotion they felt from their last interaction. This is a useful strategy for horses to avoid any possible aggressive encounters.

4. The other horses

Humans aren't the only ones who can leave an indelible imprint on a horse. Horses can remember and recognize other horses from their social network. Whether it takes a few years or decades, one horse will never forget its relationship with another. This doesn't mean as much they will pair up with each other if they ever get together. One horse will only react to another if the bond they had was particularly strong. If he knows a horse from a previous encounter, he may treat it differently than others. Other important bonds between horses, like the one that unites a mare and her foal, are known to last a lifetime. As horses also remember smells, this can help a mare recognize her baby, even years after separation.

5. The words

Horses are able to understand words much deeper than we thought, but not in the traditional sense we give words. They understand the words by tone, height and length of the voice. Words with fewer syllables tend to stick better to horses. They can tell when someone is insulting them and when someone is complimenting them. Don't underestimate their intelligence, because there's a good chance they're listening very attentively to every word you utter.

Horses are incredibly gifted animals, and should be treated as such! Having an idea of the memories horses hold with them forever will allow you to understand and communicate with them even more deeply. Whatever the experience, good or bad, you can be sure your horse has felt it fully. Do your best to give them a good memory, and they will surely do the same.

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