

Hoofprints of Love

**BEGIN AGAIN FARMS, INC. EQUINE SHELTER
SEPTEMBER 2024**



**FALL RESCUE RIDE—OCTOBER 6, 2024
SPRING MEMORIAL RIDE—April 17, 2025**

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HORSES ADOPTION PENDING

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HORSES FOSTERED

TAHOE (pending)

SNIPP IN HIS NEW HOME



***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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17th Annual Rescue Ride/Walk: Sunday, 10/6/2024

Come out and enjoy our beautiful trails and test your skills on the obstacle course.

HALLOWEEN EVENT featuring a Horse and Rider Costume Contest with PRIZES!
Costume Categories: Horse and rider Adult and Youth (16 and Under) and individual youth (12 & under).

Where: Begin Again Farms Equine Shelter, 1967 Harris Road, Ellerslie, GA
When: Sunday, October 6, 2024 9am – 4pm

Cost includes T-Shirt, lunch, obstacle course, beautiful trails, prizes & raffles

\$40 for riders
\$30 for walkers

Negative Coggins test required for each horse entering property. Rental horses not available.

FREE for non-participants to come out and enjoy watching the horses do the obstacle course, enjoy the games, face painting, etc

Lunch available for non-riders \$10,
Early registration can be made at www.BeginAgainFarms.com

Proceeds donated to Begin Again Farms, Inc.

For more info: Rhonda Jackson, 706-315-6945



FOCUS ON THE FARM

By Lisa Palmer

Summer is still here in August, and we are waiting for some relief from the heat. Projects that require a lot of physical effort need to start early and be finished by noon, if at all possible. We have a couple of horses that have COPD and by this point in the summer, they are having problems with shortness of breath, since heat and high humidity aggravate their condition. Due to the generosity of Dr. Kim Glass and his wife Elizabeth, who have donated a nebulizer for horses as well as medication, we have a much better treatment for these horses, and this summer they are much better off.



We came close to losing Dude last summer. He was having a very difficult time breathing, lost a drastic amount of weight, and was not at all living his best life. With early interventions now and a better treatment regimen, he still has some bad days, but his weight is holding and even his bad days are not as severe as in the past.

We had a small but dedicated crew last Saturday to load 170 square bales into the hay loft. Everyone knew their jobs and we got the mission accomplished before noon. This filled our hay loft about halfway, and we will get another load done by the end of the month. That will pretty well take care of our square bale needs for the winter. A huge shout out to Jim Fuller "Farms for helping us acquire our hay, and for letting us store round bales on their property. With 70+ horses under our care at our "home base" as well as other properties where they are fostered, this is a huge job and very much appreciated.

DUDE WITH NEBULIZER

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Upcoming events and projects: the Rescue Ride trail ride is on Sunday, October 6. Be sure to mark your calendars. We have selected a T-shirt design and are getting all the details taken care of. There is so much planning involved. By mid-September, the obstacle course will start being assembled, little by little, and we are already pulling out storage containers to organize the materials for each obstacle. A week before the ride is when everything kicks into high gear since most things can't be done very far ahead of time.

We hope to see everyone there, and start thinking now of your costume for the horse and rider costume contest. They get more creative every year, and we are looking forward to seeing them. Cash prizes!



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Maia	Annabelle
Vino	Sirocco
Chantilly	Chiquita
Scout	Blaze
Terramon	Princess
Arrowlena	Paris
Finale	Luna
Biscuit (pony)	Ben
Bella	Rico
Mark	Mocha
Midnight	Neon (miniature)
Lulu	Little Bit (miniature)

All horses available for adoption are also available for sponsorship until they are adopted.

[Tripp Yo Mama](#)

Registered Egyptian Arabian gelding is a loving attentive guy. He's playful and curious. Sweet, loving fellow. He is a typical Arabian who loves people.

Has papers.
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Chestnut Gelding



ON THE TRAIL

By Alice Stagg

Amy Skinner Horsemanship is one of those Facebook pages that is a go-to for me. I watch for new posts daily and love her saging. Here are two recent posts I particularly liked.

Posted on Facebook August 8, 2024:

We live in a tips and tricks world, so much so that dedication to riding as art is dying.

You can piecework together bits and pieces, a cob- bled up game that'll get you down the road. An exercise to teach steering, another loading, a cue for the canter, a target for trimming- a horse becomes a dancing bear, and a rider moves through a robotic routine half asleep.



Few have the patience or great love for riding as an art form- to see and study and know a horse, to learn to really ride - to spend hours learning to handle the whip with refinement, to handle the reins like a paintbrush and paint a picture with your body on a horse canvas. This takes years, thousands of hours, and absolute dedication to a craft. There are no tips, no tricks, just pure practice and commitment, and an open heart and mind.

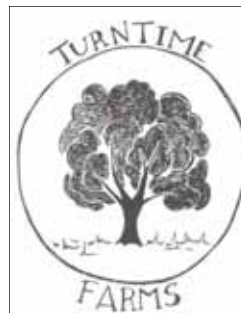
Posted to Facebook July 18, 2024

Good riding requires that we re wire our natural instincts. When we get afraid, we tip forward, or clutch, or pull. We stop breathing, and somewhere deep down we hope the horse will adapt and take care of us. But a good steward takes responsibility: it is our duty to practice honing our reflexes. It is our job to practice controlling our position, our breath, and learning to create a productive mindset.

It is the hardest thing in the world to do to control our natural instincts- but it is the most important. And expecting the horse to adjust to us without the necessary skills is folly. Take the time, put the hours in, get a good coach and an appropriate horse, and master your body and mind.



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SAVANNAH HAD A PROBLEM



When a horse has a problem, in this case digestive issues, it has to be diagnosed and treated.

Kudos to her dedicated sponsor, who came every day to treat and clean Savannah! Not a fun job.

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A few of the newer horses and ponies may be moved to adoption after they have regained weight and/or been evaluated.

Levi
Pickleena
Jenny
King Tutt
Max
Matilda
Izzy
Dude
Okie Dokey
Maia
Finale



Finale is a 15 year old Black purebred Arabian Mare.

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Wormer
Fly Spray

Tools and Equipment:

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

Tack:

Any new or used saddles &
miscellaneous tack
Horse Blankets

Event Needs:

Awnings (Free Standing)
Table Umbrellas

Volunteer Help:

Plumber for minor repairs
Electrician for minor repairs
Mechanic for maintenance & minor repair
Carpenter for repairs
A.m. or p.m. feeding one or more days per week
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Misc. maintenance of property and fences
Knowledgeable horse people who want to get their horse fix brushing horses and giving them attention
Photographer to help horses get adopted

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