



Horses at Mill Creek Farm

Retirement Home for Horses Inc.
Established 1984

A nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing and caring for old, abused and unwanted horses

WE COME OF AGE

HUNDREDS OF HORSES GIVEN CHANCE TO RETIRE WITH DIGNITY OVER PAST TWENTY ONE YEARS

In 1984, we created a haven for old, abused and neglected horses. Located at Mill Creek Farm just north of the City of Alachua, the sanctuary allows horses to roam freely in large tree-studded pastures. When horses arrive at the farm, we make two promises to them. The first is that they'll never be worked or ridden again. And the second is that they will be here forever. And they are here forever because they are interred in our "Field of Dreams" when they die. Many of the present residents are retired from mounted police work. Others worked at handicap riding programs, state parks or the circus. Several were seized by law enforcement, found abandoned or rescued by such organizations as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Nine are blind and bond together in a field of their own. The Retirement Home for horses is protected by a conservation easement. It can never be developed for any other purpose. It will be here forever.

DEPARTURES OF NOTE

In the 1980s, Dr. Bobby Anderson operated several veterinary clinics throughout Alachua County. He was mentor to many students who went on to successful careers. When he died in early 1991 of throat cancer, we were asked to care for his Thoroughbred mare, Mighty Vixon, who was then 20 years old. We were happy to do so and she had a long retirement before dying at age 34 on August 10, 2005.

Dragon One, a 1,000 plus pound hog, was raised by students at Hillcrest School in Ocala. He was purchased at auction and was destined to be barbecued. But actor James Cromwell who starred in the movie "Babe", paid \$1,700 to spare him from such a fate. The story was told on the front page of U.S.A. Today. Dragon One spent many happy years at Mill Creek Farm -wallowing in the mud. He died August 9, 2005.

Redford was a Doberman, approximately 2 years old, when he appeared at the farm in September 1992. He was emaciated and had heartworm. We took him in and he had a great life with us and our other dogs. He died on May 4, 2005 close to 15 years old. Born a dog, he died a gentleman.

HELP A LITTLE

Our charitable organization exists solely on donations from the public. If you can send a check, our horses would greatly appreciate it. If not possible at this time, why not send a book of 37 cent stamps. That would help a lot. Thank you.