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## The Retirement Home for Horses, Inc. MILL CREEK FARM GAZETTE

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*April has brought our beautiful pastures back to a lush green so that our equine retirees can enjoy their retirement grazing with their pasture mates. This month we celebrated a 43rd birthday for our oldest retiree, made sure that each horse is up to date on their vaccines, created a new pasture and gave our biography boards that are located outside each horse's pasture a fresh coat of paint and new inserts.*

*— Mary and Paul Gregory, Shane, Justin and The Volunteers and all the Horses  
Retirement Home for Horses, Inc. at Mill Creek Farm*

### Happy 43rd Birthday



*Dakota*

Dakota was originally rescued by the South Florida SPCA in 1996 and relocated to Georgia where she was rescued again in 1998 due to abuse and malnourishment. During her life she had been rented hourly for riding (even while 10 months pregnant) and then tied at night with a rope around her hind leg; she still has the scar. Dakota arrived at Mill Creek Farm in October of 1998 to begin her much deserved retirement. She is now blind but will come to the fence for a carrot if you call her name.



### Meet Our Vet

**Dr. Eric Hiers  
of Kanapaha  
Veterinarian Services**

Dr. Hiers of Kanapaha Veterinarian Services has made himself available day and night to help the horses at Mill Creek Farm. His practice treats backyard to performance horses, cattle, goats, sheep, alpacas, llamas, pigs and occasionally large-breed exotic species. Services include preventative care, vaccinations, dentistry, emergency care, surgery, lameness evaluation, shock wave therapy, acupuncture, in-house Coggins testing, digital radiography, ultrasound and endoscopy. He and his team have trucks equipped to provide full service care in a field setting. His wife, Dr. Allison Hiers, is also a veterinarian and has her own practice called Trenton Animal Hospital.

### IT'S SPRING VACCINATION TIME FOR THE HORSES!

Every April, the horses at RHH receive their EWT (Eastern & Western Encephalitis & Tetanus) and West Nile virus vaccines. For the past two years, we received 100 complimentary vaccines through the UNWANTED HORSE VETERINARY RELIEF CAMPAIGN. This campaign is a non-profit joint effort between MERCK ANIMAL HEALTH and the AAEP (American Association of Equine Practitioners.) Qualifying rescue or retirement facilities can receive complimentary equine vaccines for horses in their care. We are very grateful to DANA KIRKLAND, Sponsorship Coordinator at AAEP, for helping us in our application process and to MERCK ANIMAL HEALTH and the UNWANTED HORSE VETERINARY RELIEF CAMPAIGN for this very generous donation of these extremely important vaccines for our horses.

### The Bio Boards get a Facelift



The farm is not only a wonderful place to visit and meet all the horses during our open house each Saturday from 11-3 but it is also a great learning experience.

Each pasture has a biography board outside so that everyone can learn

about each horse's story, age, type and sex. In addition there is information to learn about the different breeds of horses, the type of care that each horse requires, fun facts about horses, different wildlife that is found on the farm and also the trees of Mill Creek Farm.

All the Horses of Mill Creek Farm would like to thank Brian and Fred from Alachua Printing for providing all the horses biographies as a donation to the farm and to our volunteer, Lynne Brennan, for spending countless hours researching facts and creating all these beautiful biographies and then laminating them so that we can share them with everyone.



*Archie makes sure  
we got his bio right.*



*Shane and Justin finishing  
up the Bio Board on our  
newest field,  
Patrick's Pasture.*

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