

# The Retirement Home for Horses, Inc.

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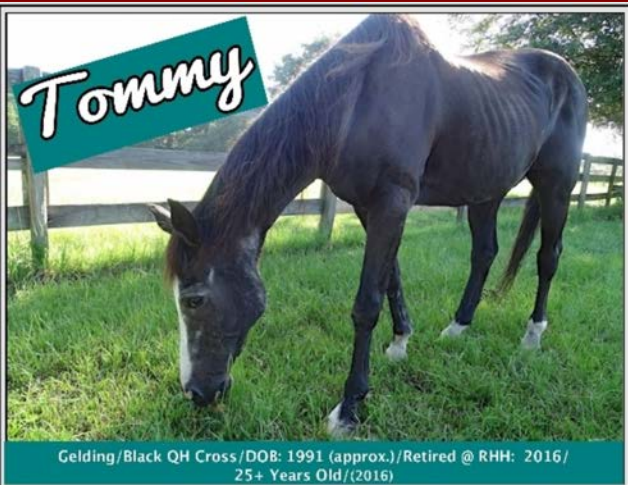
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In August we welcomed our newest resident, Tommy, to begin his forever home here at Mill Creek Farm. Thanks to Deputy Brandon Jones, the Volunteers, our Vet and our Farrier for helping make his arrival a special day.

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

### Our Newest Retiree Tommy



Gelding/Black QH Cross/DOB: 1991 (approx.)/Retired @ RHH: 2016/  
25+ Years Old/(2016)

Tommy was found in a pasture and acquired by the Sheriff's Office; no other information is known about him. His age and breed are approximate and determined by the initial veterinary examination.

An obvious lack of nutrition, hoof maintenance and human kindness is what Tommy has been made to endure. Due to his age, it will take multiple grain feedings per day and time for him to recover.

*Welcome to RHH, Tommy.*

From the moment your hooves touched the ground here, your life as you knew it to be, was changed forever. Kindness, personal attention, respect, admiration and love is your destiny.

And of course all the carrots you choose to eat, too!

*You are Home.*

### It Takes a Village

When a horse arrives at Mill Creek Farm it takes a group of our incredible volunteers, our Vet and our Farrier to settle a new retiree into their forever home. Every horse has a thorough examination, their hooves trimmed and examined, a EWT+West Nile Virus Vaccine, a de-worming medication and then is groomed.



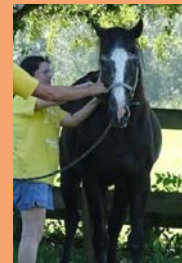
*Deputy Brandon Jones arrives with Tommy and introduces him to Paul.*



*Our Vet Eric Hiers comes out for an examination.*



*Our Farrier Cheryl Rhoden and Volunteers Sue and Tina.*



*EWT+West Nile Virus Vaccine administered by Bridgette.*



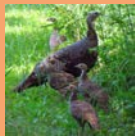
*Sherry and Tina give Tommy his deworming medication.*



*Tommy after his grooming.*

### Our Wildlife Pictures of the Month

#### Eastern Wild Turkeys



Throughout the woods and in the horses' pastures Mill Creek Farm is home to many flocks of the Eastern Wild Turkey (Meleagris Gallopavo). They are an upland ground bird native to North America and are the same species as the domestic turkey. Despite their weight, wild turkeys, unlike their domesticated relatives, are agile fliers and usually fly close to the ground for no more than a quarter of a mile.

### Tree Trimming Continues in the Horses' Pastures

A fantastic group of volunteers! The First Year Law Students at the University of Florida's Levin College of Law once again came out to the farm to volunteer. This is the UF's Law School's annual new student volunteer day. And a real treat was the new Dean of the Levin College of Law, LAURA ANN ROSENBURY, who came out for a visit and a tour of the farm.

The volunteers cleared brush and limbs out from under trees in "Don Alonso's Pasture" ....a monumental job and effort.

Thank you everyone.....The horses and all of us think you all are terrific!  
If your group would like to set up a volunteer day please send us an [email](mailto:email) as we can always use your help!

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Thank you [Cannelle Callard](#) for your wonderful photographic portraits of the horses and Steve Solomon, owner of [Leonardos 706](#) in Gainesville, for hosting a benefit for the Horses of Mill Creek Farm on August 20th.