

The Retirement Home for Horses, Inc.

MILL CREEK FARM G A Z E T T E

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In October we would like to re-introduce Mo-Mo and his 4 mares to you, show you our wildlife pictures of the month, meet some wonderful volunteers that helped us continue on with our tree trimming and pasture clearing project, and show you our new bench. Also, some volunteers came a long distance to help out, all the pastures are stocked with hay, and all the horses had their EWT vaccines.

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

Meet Mo-Mo and his Mares Hannah, Lady Snow, Ready and Bubbles



Mo-Mo (a.k.a. Merranus) was formerly a dressage show horse before working with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for 11 years. He is 22 years old and enjoying his retirement with his 4 mares.



Hannah (l) was rescued by the South Florida SPCA and is now 23 years of age and Lady Snow (r) was seized by the Miami Dade Police Department in a cruelty case and was rehabilitated at the South Florida SPCA and is now 22 years old.



Ready was used on the track as a pony horse and then worked with special needs children before retiring to Mill Creek Farm. She is now 30 years of age.



Bubbles is 21 years old and was rescued from an abandoned and foreclosed home in Miami by the South Florida SPCA.

Our Wildlife Pictures of the Month The Armadillo



The nine-banded armadillo (*Dasypus novemcinctus*) is about the size of a cat and can weigh up to 17 pounds and measure up to 17 inches.. Their name comes from the 9 breaks in their armor which allows it to flex its stiff hide. They have poor eyesight and are most active at night. They eat insects, plants and other invertebrates. They prefer semi-open and forested habitats with loose textured soil that allows them to dig easily.

Long Distance Volunteers



Denise and Neil Schroeder from Long Beach, California came and spent a day of their vacation volunteering to help the horses.



Chris, Amelia and Theresa Bergeron talking with Mary. They drive down from Atlanta and spend a weekend helping around the farm almost every month.

Thank You P.A.W.

(People for Animal Wellness) from the University of Florida that came out to help the horses.



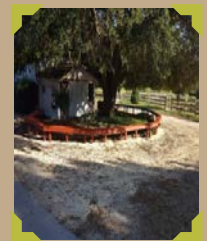
Tree Trimming Continues

MINORITY PRE-VETERINARY STUDENTS from the University of Florida volunteered to come work at the farm. They cleared vines and dead branches out from under the trees in "Madonna's Pasture" ...which allows for some nice shady spots for the horses. We are very grateful for all their hard work.

THANK YOU to ASTRA (Ability, Service, Training, Responsibility, Achievement) a service club at the University of Florida that gives back to the Gainesville community with service projects. They came out and worked with Steven our Volunteer Group Coordinator on clearing out the dead tree branches and vines underneath an oak stand in "Snow's Pasture".

A New Red Bench!

Great thanks to the super volunteers from University of Florida Rotaract Club, a Rotary sponsored service club, for coming out on Sunday to volunteer and paint the new bench. And thanks also to Steven for heading this project up. We love this new bench!! A place to lay your grooming kit, or taking a break, or for the Saturday visitors who have difficulty in walking and can sit and watch the horses in their pastures.



HAY TIME!

The mornings have started to cool down and the grass has stopped growing. Even though the fields are still green we start putting out the hay so the retirees can get used to it before we get our first frost.



Justin starts filling the hay huts.



Sunshine, Beau and Herman enjoying their afternoon snack.



Sampson, Levi, Mashantie and Harriet enjoying the new hay.

Eastern and Western Encephalitis and Tetanus Vaccines were administered to the horses in October.



Jamie, Bridgette (a vet and volunteer) and Elayne get the shots ready.

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