

MILL CREEK FARM GAZETTE

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Welcome, Welcome, Welcome *Echoing Wind*

We welcomed the lovely Echoing Wind to Mill Creek Farm on February 3rd. Echo is a Sorrel Appaloosa, at least 28 years old, who was seized by the Polk County Sheriff's Office. She was found in a skeletal state without food, hay or proper water, but was friendly and sweet despite her abuse. The only options for the sheriff's office were auction, rescue or euthanasia. Echo was not in any condition to survive an auction and local rescues were full, so they asked us to give her a forever home. Upon her arrival our vet found that she has moon blindness in her left eye, but she does have some sight in it. She also had an ulcer on her right eye that we treated. Since her arrival, her topline has started to fill out and her ribs are not as pronounced. Andy, a Shetland Pony, has fallen in love with Echo. Andy has not been devoted to another horse since his arrival here in 2008, but with Echo, it was love at first sight. Andy is in his early 30s and was rescued by the South Florida SPCA. His right eye, which he was blind in, was removed last year due to cancer; thankfully it was caught before it could travel elsewhere in his body. Andy follows Echo everywhere. If he dozes off and wakes to find Echo grazing in another part of the pasture, he runs to resume his place by her side.



Left: Echo shortly before arriving at RHH.

Right: Andy (in the foreground) with Echo as Bracken looks on.



Thank You Jeffers, Kim and Fortiflex!!

The Retirement Home for Horses would like to recognize the kindness of Jeffers (jefferspet.com) and employee Kim Cahill. Kim was able to work out a discount on 100 orange feed buckets and got Fortiflex (fortexfortiflex.com), the makers of the buckets and a Jeffers supplier, to donate 60 pink buckets. The farm was still going to be responsible for the shipping costs, so Kim, who had visited the farm previously, offered to drive the buckets from Alabama to Mill Creek Farm! Her and her friend, Adam, delivered the 160 buckets that will replace some of our old, wornout ones and will be easy for volunteers to find when they are picking up the empty buckets. We are incredibly thankful to

Jeffers, Kim and Fortiflex for their wonderful contributions. If you are looking to make a non-cash contribution to the horses, we would welcome Jeffers gift cards as we continue to gladly patronize this philanthropic organization.

Left: Some of the orange buckets delivered by Kim (right, with RHH President, Paul Gregory)



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