



# The Retirement Home for Horses, Inc.

## MILL CREEK FARM GAZETTE




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In July we received 3 retirees from the South Florida SPCA that we want you to meet, kept working on clearing the pastures of vines and under brush, spent time admiring our beautiful deer, celebrated an artist's birthday and got a wonderful donation of perennial peanut hay.

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


### WELCOME HOME: Rainy, Derby & Homer



**Rainy**

Mare/Grey QH/  
DOB: 1996\* /  
Retired @ RHH: 7/2016/  
20+ Years Old (2016)

It was a miracle that an observant passerby saw a horse that had been abandoned in a field that was overgrown with grass and weeds. The horse was emaciated and had no water. The good Samaritan brought the horse water and the mare drank the entire bucket. Then, the Police were called.



**DERBY**

Gelding/Saddlebred/DOB: 1996\*/Retired @ RHH: 7/2016/ 20+ Years Old (2016)

Derby was seized by the Miami Dade Police for cruelty; he was locked in a stall with 2 other horses. The criminal case is on-going.



**Homer**

Gelding/QH/  
DOB: 1994/  
Retired @ RHH 7/2016/  
22 Years Old (2016)

The South Florida SPCA rescued Homer. He and two other horses were found in an abandoned nursery that was full of trash. There was no water to drink and the horses were starved.

The South Florida SPCA rescued the horse in the pouring rain that same day and named her Rainy.

Rescued by the South Florida SPCA in April/2016, Derby has gained weight slowly. Due to his condition upon rescue, it will take time for him to reach his optimal weight.

Upon his rescue, it was learned he was blind in one eye, was lame in one front leg and was very fearful of humans.

Welcome to RHH, Rainy!  
You will never again need to forage for water or food.  
You are finally and forever *loved*.

Free from confinement, Free from abandonment, Free from hunger.

During his year-long rehabilitation with the caring people @ the South Florida SPCA, Homer gained the weight he needed and he became less fearful of humans. He has learned to trust.

**Welcome home.**



See what LOVE can do!

Mrs. Mary Gregory Welcomes Rainy to RHH.

May 18, 2016      July 4, 2016

\* Approximate

**WELCOME TO RHH, DERBY!**

Never again will you be locked in a stall. You will live the remainder of your life grazing in an open field of green, luscious grass with the wind blowing in your face.

**WELCOME HOME.**

\*Approximate

**Happy Retirement Homer!**

RHH is dedicated to making all its retirees know what it is to be loved, respected and admired. Homer will now become accustomed to being groomed weekly and all of his needs will be met.

*He will never be thirsty or hungry again.*



### Our Wildlife Pictures of the Month:



The white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), also known as the whitetail, is a medium-sized deer native to the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, and South America. There are many deer that call Mill Creek Farm home. They enjoy spending time in the pastures picking up bits of grain the horses might have dropped.

### Tree Trimming Continues in the Horses' Pastures

A HUGE thanks to the Stephen C. O'Connell Center and Kacie Hawkins at the University of Florida staff and student staff who came out to volunteer and cleared brush and vines from under the Live Oak trees in the new High Meadows pasture. The horses have a lovely place now to enjoy the shade this summer.

The English Language Institute at the University of Florida once again came out to volunteer. They did a fantastic job of clearing out the Smilax vine ("Florida Barbwire") and other undergrowth shrubs under the oak trees in the horses' pastures. This allows the horses to have easy access to the shady spots. We thank Gregory Tryecisk, their Volunteer Coordinator, for arranging this workday and for everyone's hard and helpful work on behalf of the horses.

Volunteers from PAW (People for Animal Wellness) from the University of Florida came out and cleared brush away from the new pastures along with Steven, our Volunteer Group Coordinator.

### Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Thomas Weinkle at [Vortex Communications](#) who designed our map and website and made a special trip to the farm to paint some portraits of the horses.

### Perennial Peanut Hay

**A Fantastic Gift for the Horses.**  
Jennifer and Mike Munsell, wonderful supporters, have donated their farm's first hay cut of perennial peanut hay to the farm. This is beautiful high quality hay that will be kept stored and dry until Fall when we begin to put out hay for the horses. Thank you Jennifer and Mike for this generous donation!



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