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Students run a pony ride event, June 2021

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It's been a crazy year for all of us...

We fell behind with keeping you in the loop, but our newsletter is back and better than ever before.

From this point forward, you can expect bimonthly newsletters, keeping you in the know with all that's happening down on the farm.

It's gonna be great.



As per normal, the best way to keep up with our daily happenings is via Facebook or Instagram. Both social media platforms are run in such a way to keep you up to date, easily, and with the best imagery possible.

Of course, all updates can always be found on our website as well. Check it frequently for all info.



My Happy Place

Tracy and Ailibaba, 2021

I am a volunteer at Holy Spirit Farm and Horse Sanctuary in Wernersville, PA and it is my happy place! Volunteers of all generations and walks of life hang out here. We work hard and laugh lots. We clean stalls and paddocks, feed, water, groom, and mostly love all the amazing animals that reside here. The love they give back makes not just my heart, but my entire being happy!

Spending time here, with the animals and other volunteers, is better than therapy. Prior to my start at Holy Spirit, due to changes in my life, I had been experiencing depression for several months. When I started volunteering, I literally had to force myself to get out of bed with the roosters (early!!) to report for duty on the mornings I was scheduled. However, the other volunteers made me feel welcome and appreciated my showing up and working hard.

Thanks to my amazing mom, I grew up with horses in our backyard in the '70's and '80's. The knowledge and experience I brought to the barn were helpful but I found there was still a lot to learn.

And oh my, all those new names to remember – both animals and humans alike.

But I kept coming back and each time I felt a little better both mentally and physically – double bonus!

Even if people don't have experience with horses, Kathy and Robin are happy to share their vast knowledge and expertise. Next to Robin, Beth is our most senior volunteer. Beth came to the barn six years ago knowing nothing about horses, which I find hard to believe watching her doing chores and the conscientious and loving way she interacts with all the animals.

Deana and Kathy Reedy have created a beautiful haven for the horses and other animals and an extra special community within Berks County. In addition to the volunteers of all ages and people whose job it is to work here, there are 21 horses, 1 cow, 3 pigs (one of which is very sassy), 2 goats and several barn cats, at the time of this writing. We all take care of each other.

Holy Spirit Farm and Horse Sanctuary is a little slice of Heaven on earth. Broken to healing is commonplace for so many of our animals (and even some of our humans). Go to holyspiritfarmhorsesanctuary.com to learn more about our extraordinary farm.

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Your Story

March 2020 - PA Horse World Expo



The pandemic strikes days after and we go into lockdown.



Kathy gets a new racehorse - Two Swords, Milo begins his farrier care journey, and we keep the farm open as we can. We also get some new rescues.



By May, the world has started to open up again. We host volunteers again, have fun shows, and Maggie gets adopted.



By September, we were gearing up for Fall Fest to be held in all its glory. Masks made it different, but we were thrilled to be able to have it.

The end of the summer would bring about a tragedy; the passing of our little friend, Sully.

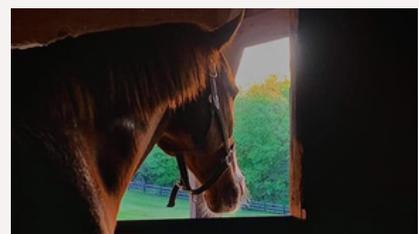


Jingle Fest was regrettably cancelled due to a new series of state-wide shutdowns.

The New Year was quiet and uneventful.



And then Jan. 4 hit. Two Swords took a run to Ganly's, Milo began a bout with cellulitis, we started doing lessons again, and life began to return to normal.



In May of 2021, Milo lost his fight with cellulitis and left us. We soon were able to take in new rescues, and are now operating as normal.

Upcoming Events

October 30, 2021

1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

3rd Annual

FALL FEST

Holy Spirit Farm Horse Sanctuary
131 Justa Rd. Wernersville, PA 19565



www.holyspiritfarmhorsesanctuary.com

Chief



Jefe Grande, a.k.a. Chief, is a 4 yr old OTTB crypt. Straight off the track, he came to us with a severely bowed tendon. Additionally, Chief is covered in sores, mainly from how frequently he lies down to relieve the pain of his leg.

We are already doing everything we can for pain management, and tendon recovery. It's going to be a long road for this sweet boy, but one we are happy to traverse.



Big Beast Rosie, a.k.a. Rosie, is a 4 yr. old OTTB filly coming off of rehabilitation for a sesamoid surgery. Having luckily been well cared for, Rosie was given to us with the intent of finishing her rehab process and to begin training.

Never having actually raced, it's hard to call Rosie an OTTB despite her Jockey Club status. We're hopeful that she'll return to her normal life, fully sound, and ready for whatever career we find suits her.



Rosie

Lesson Updates

Prices

\$40 for a Half Hour

\$60 for an Hour

\$50 ea. Family Rate



A Note

Becca and Hannah are here and ready to meet your instruction needs!

While the lesson program is currently growing, we are making strides to increase our availability. With both the indoor and outdoor rings being prepared for reconstruction, we hope that once the work is complete, we will be available to host dual lessons.

Theory lessons are also now being implemented on days that are less than ideal for riding. As of October 1, 2021, a new Student Handbook will be in circulation, detailing all of our program changes, farm rules, and updated emergency forms.

We hope to enjoy your company soon!