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Holy Spirit Farm Horse Sanctuary Newsletter

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**Patti acts silly
on a sunny,
December
day.**

In Memoriam...



"The Mighty" Hawk was a grand, old girl, who lived life with a passion not seen by us in other horses. Every day to this mare a good one, despite the obstacles she fought so bravely to overcome.

Hawk passed away in March 2019 at the age of 28 years. She lived her life with scoliosis, malformed sesamoids, and the best attitude anyone could ever have. Hawk was a total love, and it was an honor to have her at our farm.

Consider helping horses like Hawk by contributing to "The Mighty Hawk Memorial Fund."

Dahlia was a sweet girl who after a life of work and constant pregnancies, was lucky enough to live out her final years at our farm, and then, at a beautiful home in Florida (every retiree's dream!).

Dahlia passed away in April 2019 of a virus that she contracted. It was also learned during this time that her new owner learned that Dahlia had melanomas which may have contributed to her weak immunity.

Dahlia tried her hardest every day, was loved by many, many people. She will be continually missed by everyone who knew her.



Wakiza was everyone's "Buddy." We fell in love with this gentle soul the day we met him, and will love him forever.

Buddy was one of 3 sentient horses rescued from a farm in Maryland back in April of 2019. The retired trail horse [and his friends] were being severely neglected. Once at our farm though, he received top quality care, and repaid it every day by being a big lap dog.

Buddy passed away in June 2019 of a tooth infection. It sadly went septic too fast for us to help him heal, and he went peacefully on his own. We will never forget this kind soul.



Fancey was a gorgeous girl who like Dahlia, only knew work and pregnancy throughout her years. She was one of 3 sentient horses that were rescued from a Maryland Farm in April 2019, and knew nothing but love from that moment on.

Fancey was initially timid, but soon came to realize that we only meant to love and care for her. Suffering from a squamous cell carcinoma and progressive blindness, it would have been easy for her to give up. But she didn't. Fancey gave life her all, used her friends (horses, humans, and dogs, alike) as her seeing eye-guides, and came to love everyone at the farm.

Fancey passed naturally at the age of 30 in November 2019. We will forever miss this astounding mare.



Join us at the...



Feb. 27- Mar. 1, 2020

Harrisburg Farm Show Complex

PA HORSE WORLD EXPO

Meet our Riders



Hannah Wright on Missouri's Dandy Diego

Hannah is HSF's Junior Trainer and adopter of our first, official rescue, "Durango!"



Kassidy Zimmerman on Filly de la Fleur

Kassidy is a longtime student and is currently leasing one of our most chronicled rescues, "Patti."



Ella Witman on KC Kool Beans

Ella is a longtime student, and will be riding "Fozzi", her gelding. Ella will be showing all that with the right care, navicular doesn't have to stop you and your horse.



Aubrey Baker on Funny Fox

Aubrey is a longtime student who will be riding our trainer's horse (the one that started it all), "Fox."



Corrine Mayer on Apple Jack

Corrine is a longtime student and is currently preparing for a future in the dressage ring.



Angela Wright with Rivers Little Mystic

Angela is mother to the two trainers and longtime supporter of the barn. She is handling her love, "Cree."



Lilly Szcapanek with Maddie

Lilly is a new student who is prepping for the show ring. She is handling her pony, Maddie.

Stop by our booth in Breed Row to meet them all!



Milo is believed to be a thoroughbred gelding. His poor condition has been determined to be not only neglect, but in part due to abandonment.

On October 30, 2019 we had our first encounter with Milo thanks to a woman named Julie Rish. Milo was found abandoned near Penn National Racetrack, and at first, everyone had hoped that he was just a misplaced OTTB. Regretfully, he lacked a tattoo or any markings that would indicate any history.

A man living near the track awoke one morning only to see a random horse in his yard. The horse was clearly neglected and in a terrible state. Not knowing what to do, the man began to feed the horse and seek out a potential owner. He spoke with people at the track, rescues, and the police, but had no luck. The man continued to feed the gelding but was at a loss.

Hi,
Milo!

That was when Julie came into the picture. She stopped by the man's house one morning to tell him he had a loose horse, only to learn the horse wasn't his. After countless calls to rescues, the Humane Society, and police, we were the only ones that helped her. We picked Milo up shortly after our visit, and now, he is receiving top quality care, attention, and all the treats he could want.

To learn more about Milo, go online at www.holyspiritfarmhorsesanctuary.com

HSF Fun Fact

Did you know that racing thoroughbreds all "age" at the same time? All racehorses share a universal birthdate of the January 1st in the year they are born closest to. Horses born in the first 6 months of the year are considered born on January 1st of that year, and all horses born in the second 6 months are considered born on January 1st of the next year.

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It was amazing. Magical. Full of love and kind people!

We had over 55 vehicles parked on our property at any one time. Almost all the Christmas ornaments and cookies were used, and the horses had more treats in one day than they have in a year. To say it was a blast doesn't even begin to cover it.

Because of this fantastic turnout, and just the pure fun that ensued, we are looking forward to hosting another Jingle Fest next year!

Stay in touch to learn more about our upcoming activities and events!





C U P I D



Cupid was rescued in early April of 2019 thanks to Dr. Haley Kostinas, a vet based in Maryland. Cupid was on death's door, and to be honest, we weren't sure if he would survive the trip to our farm.

Luckily, he did!

Several months later, Cupid is looking like what we believe was once him normal self. Though he is still on the rebound, he is full of energy and the life of the barn.

Cupid is available to an approved home as a companion. If interested in adopting this sweet dude, feel free to call or email us!



HELP OUR FRIENDS!

A&S Horse and Animal Sanctuary, located in Lancaster Co., is a rescue with a cause near and dear to our own hearts. In fact, their mission and goals are almost identical to ours.



The women who started this non-profit had only one thing in mind; saving animals.

Now, they have several resident horses and dogs, and are struggling to adopt out more than 20 cats!

Any donations or adoption requests would help them more than you know.

More information about A&S can be found on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ashorseandanimalsanctuary24/>

Thank you, Paige!

Kathy's older brother, Paige Davidheiser, was kind enough to design and create our new sign!

Paige did an absolutely wonderful job. We are in love with it, and can't wait for everyone to see it as they enter the farm.



FUN FACTS

- Horses have a “piston style” breathing mechanism when at a gallop? The shifting of their internal organs helps them exhale and inhale fully, maximizing the use of their lungs.



- Steers and bulls, when pulling a cart or are under yoke, rely on their horns to help catch the yoke and bear the weight of the cart or wagon.

- Barn cats, while they will catch and eat mice, should be fed if they are to stay healthy. Keeping them healthy helps all cat populations in your area.



- Dalmatians are now considered “fire dogs” because of their origins as farm dogs! Bred for working with horses, dalmatians would often remain with horses at fire stables and accompany them when the horses were hitched to put out a fire.

Image is from Quora.com

HSF NEEDS YOU!

We are in need of sponsors.

Do you know a company willing to help us? Perks include free advertising online and at all events, merchandise, reduced-cost services, and entry to barn events!



We could use:

- Double-sided clips
- Carabiners
- 75 gallon water trough
- Hay Stretcher
- Purina Senior Horse Feed
- Beet Pulp w/o molasses

We have a new intern coming soon! Get ready to meet Chloe Costello in the upcoming newsletter.

Read all about it! In our upcoming newsletter, you'll get to meet Maggie, a horse is currently undergoing treatment for a fractured cannon bone.



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