



Fall Newsletter

Wow! What a busy September, October and early November it has been! We hosted a clinic by Jennie Brannigan who came to Stillpond to focus on flatwork and jumping. We said goodbye to Moonlight, Merlot's nursemaid and welcomed as his new companion, Lacey, a filly on loan to us from Eileen Munyak.

We also welcome a new volunteer, Kim Achilly, a teacher who lives nearby and is proving invaluable. Welcome, Kim!

Please read on for our list of big thank yous to those who have helped keep us going and thriving. And we have a featured horse, a featured volunteer as well as a list of horses that are available for adoption.

Adoptions

Adoptions rolled on throughout this period: Bandolero & Dubai Joy left for North Carolina to join Sara Nelson in the sunny south. Megan Poppler took One Dreamy Cat; Caitlyn Coyle of Wall, NJ adopted Pal Around while Beyond Loaded went to Susan Cavallini of Upper Deerfield, NJ. Legitimate Passion went to Shohela, PA to Tom and Ellen Potgi; Buzz and Lord of Arete were adopted by Deborah Woreck of Mullica Hills, NJ and they are now being fussed over by the 4-H club there; Jess Knecht of Mt. Laurel took Bak and SuperShape and Izemine went to Kim Johnson. Lion Knight was just adopted by Edel Husky of Woodstown NJ. (And if you think you're too old to adopt a horse, Edel is 65 and rides every day! You go, Edel!)

Still Available

Sasha – 15.3 hands gray mare who is sound and ready to go to a good home.

Panama Limited 16.1 hands light bay, sound, eager for new opportunity!

Suances Sweetheart. . .mare 4 yr. old

Johnny King – 5 yr old bay gelding with bow, an appealing dark bay

Common Currency - -GORGEOUS dapple gray 4 yr. old gelding. . event prospect, won't last long, probably gone as you read this!



Sasha ridden by
Jennie
Brannigan
11.7.2011

Giving Thanks

At this special season for giving thanks, SJTRA would especially like to thank:

Tom & Debbie Whitesell for leasing the horse part of Stillpond Farm to us. It is a real heaven for horses coming off the track and a facility that enriches all of us, humans and horses alike. Thank you.

Our volunteers! Special thanks for all the hours spent shoveling, cleaning tack, hauling bedding and hay, grooming and of course, most important, feeding carrots and exuding care and



concern. Thank you for countless hours of selfless labor.

Patty Hogan, one of our veterinarians who is endlessly giving in her pro bono work and her donations of medicines. We can never thank you enough, Patty, for all that you do for these off the track Thoroughbred horses.

Special thanks also to Stacey Harrell who is our website designer and maintenance person extraordinaire. Check us out on www.sjtbadoption.com to see her work. She is a marvel and we are deeply grateful as are all the horses that have been given new lives through her website maintenance.

Kate Papp, DVM, for her willingness to help horses coming off the track using her skills to assist our horses return to being sound and healthy and so available for new lives and careers.

Mathewlovestoparty: Our Horse of the Month

Racing under the name Mathewlovestoparty, Mathew won \$270,000 on the racetrack despite having lost an eye to a childhood infection. He raced exclusively in the mid-Atlantic region which is how he came into the retirement program at South Jersey Thoroughbred Rescue & Adoption.

Mathew was in tough shape when he arrived at SJTRA. Dr. Lorito, one of our vets, told a volunteer who was caring for Mathew, “We have to do everything we can for this horse because he is a very nice animal.” So Mathew proved to be. As he recovered it was clear that Mathew is mellow and has a big heart. He has proven to be a valuable aid to the staff at SJTRA because new horses calm down in his presence, irascible horses behave better with him in the

paddock, and he’s a big favorite with every human who comes in contact with him, including Abby, one of our volunteers.

So much so that Abby, who is on her way to Ocala in January, as a working student with Debbie Adams, is taking Mathew with her. Abby is paying to ship Mathew down to Florida to be “her” horse while she studies to be a better event rider. It works in the animal world too; if you’re kind to others you get to go to Florida in January instead of staying in New Jersey!!! We will miss you, Mathew, and we do envy you!!



Mathew with Jordan – Summer 2011

Leah Cleary: Our Volunteer of the Month

Leah began with SJTRA about four years ago. Back then she didn’t know how to drive a tractor or maneuver one with attached spreader in and out of barns. She loved horses but was sometimes a little intimidated by them. In her total devotion to saving as many as possible, she has mastered the tractor and spreader, completely lost whatever intimidation she might once have felt and in addition, has taken on the task of follow up paperwork. That means pursuing adopters for the six month follow up, the veterinary report, etc. and making sure that each horse is carefully tracked and documented.



Around the barn and paddocks, Leah does it all from cleaning stalls and mucking out run-ins to administering medications, changing bandages, grooming, picking hooves, you name it and she has done it, cheerfully and willingly. She hands out carrots and hugs with abandon and every horse who comes to SJTRA feels the force of her affection and care. SJTRA would be lost without Leah!

Wish List

While we are thankful for all that has been given or donated to us, SJTRA's needs are ongoing. Here is our wish list to keep in mind as we approach the holiday season.

Lead shanks, both the white cotton ones and the leather ones. For some reason, lead shanks at SJTRA are like socks to a clothes dryer, they disappear with alarming regularity.

Rambo mid/heavy turnout blankets – Rambos are waterproof and have proven far and away the best for our facility and needs.

Intervention de-wormers – again an ongoing need.

Those are some of the most pressing needs and they are all ongoing as there is a lineup of horses awaiting entrance into the adoption program. Our thanks in advance if you can help in any way.

Late Breaking News

One of our volunteers, Joe'l Ludovich, who is a teacher in the film department at Stockton College and who has won awards for her work, is producing and directing a documentary about SJTRA. Through interviews with volunteers, veterinarians and people who have adopted horses from SJTRA, Ludovich will show the process by which Thoroughbred horses are

successfully transitioned into new careers and lives. She is also videotaping some of our horses as they work to begin new careers so you can check out our website and see them in action.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

