

# Storybook Farm Equine Rescue

## "Good Places Make Good Horses"

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### Another Horse Saved

Rusty, an older Thoroughbred, was in danger of being put down soon by his owner. He is a beautiful, healthy and friendly horse. But he requires treatment for stomach ulcers. His owner decided to put him down if he couldn't find a different situation. Within days, thanks to the awesome network of people that heard about Rusty, he found a sponsor. Rusty will live at the rescue for the rest of his life and receive treatment for his ulcers thanks to Christine Carroll! Thank you to everyone who passed the word along to help this deserving boy. And of course I can't thank Christine enough! Christine will sponsor Rusty each month and provide his ulcer medication.



*Rusty saying hi to his friend Laurie Filsinger (Laurie plays favorites at the rescue and adores Rusty.) :)*

### Updates and Needs

The Storybook Farm website has had a long overdue makeover. Please take a look and read about all of our residents! [www.storybook-farm.com](http://www.storybook-farm.com) Also, please check out the Donations page on the website to see our current needs list. **Two needs take priority:**

As always this time of year, we have a need for winter turnout blankets. Just about any size can be used. They don't have to be pretty as long as they do their job! Each year we have more and more elderly horses and of course they need extra warmth during the winter.

Our second greatest need are heated buckets. We have some older horses who will not drink cold water and of course this leads to issues like colic in the winter weather. Again, used is just fine as long as they work. We are also willing to purchase these items if you have some for sale at a good price!



## Volunteers Needed Sat. Oct. 17th 5-7pm!

Saturday, I will be doing pony rides and representing the rescue at the Westside School Fall Festival here in Tunnel Hill. It is only a 2 hour event but it is hard to juggle getting kids on/off, answering questions about the rescue, and keeping things orderly! A volunteer, or even two, would be very welcome! If you'd like to pitch in and help out, please email me and let me know.



Noah, giving pony rides at an event for J-103

## Update on Coben—An animal control seizure



Photo by Cindy Ward

In the last newsletter, I wrote about Coben needing a new home after his foster home put him through some basic training. I happy to announce that Coben was adopted by Dream Power Therapy in Atlanta! He will be a therapy horse for handicapped children. Please check out their website to get more information on this worthy cause and to see the wonderful new place that Coben is calling home!

[www.dreampowertherapy.org](http://www.dreampowertherapy.org). Thanks to Darrith and Gina for giving this awesome horse a second chance at a good life. And a million thanks to the Wards for giving Coben a fabulous foster home!

## Work day and Volunteering at the Rescue

The next work day at the rescue will be Saturday, November 11th. We will be doing repairs and clean-up at the rescue. After the recent flooding, the pastures are a mess with downed trees, washed out fencing, and garbage that the creek carried in when it flooded. I'll provide some pizza and drinks. If you'd like to take part, please let me know. We always accomplish so much at these volunteer days and I'm always thankful for some help. It will be all day but you don't have to stay all day! Even a half hour participation would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, it would be great to find people willing to volunteer to pitch in with daily tasks at the rescue. Every day isn't necessary, but periodic volunteers would be a huge help. Contact me if you might be interested!



## Update on a Former Rescue

This beautiful Haflinger mare is Lola (formerly known as Sofia) who was adopted a couple of years ago by France and Eddy Paul or Texas. Lola was going to be put to sleep because no one could handle her. She was very fearful of people and could barely be handled. Thankfully she ended up at the rescue and was quickly adopted by the Pauls. Eddy drove all the way from Texas to pick her up. She lives quite a spoiled lifestyle now and France and Eddy have done an amazing job earning her trust and turning her into a treasured member of the family. As you can see, she has a great life now.



## Newest Addition to the Farm



Meet Desert, who arrived at the rescue in September. I have actually known Desert for several years. When I worked as a trail guide, she was one of the horses I rode every day. The other was Red, who I was able to take with me when I left and of course still have. However, Desert was not for sale and I had to leave without her. I called on a regular basis for 6 years hoping they'd want to re-home her, but no luck.

The riding program is now being shut down and I was contacted about taking Desert. I had to pick her up right away or she would face the auction. With the help of Kathy Boggs, I was able to pick her up immediately and finally bring her home!

Desert knew Red right away and they were once again instant buddies. And of course Red (who is well into his 30s) was thrilled to have a new girlfriend. It was so nice to be reunited with an old friend who I spent so many long rides with during those years. She'll never leave now that she's here and will be used for riding lessons and pony rides.