



Horses *for* Hope

PONY TALES!

Quarterly Newsletter
Winter 2020/2021

WE NEED YOU! Horses for Hope is seeking business professionals, parents of our riders, or professionals in the equine industry to serve on our board of directors. Email BOD@horsesforhope.org or [click here for more information.](#)



Welcome to Horses*for*Hope's winter edition of PONY TALES!

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A DIFFERENCE

Make a difference this year when you shop at Amazon. Shop for gifts, supplies, etc. at smile.amazon.com/ch/43-2013689 to generate donations for HORSES FOR HOPE! It won't cost you anything extra just go to that link and shop away!!



Horses*for*Hope is in search of a few more suitable lesson horses – if you see any for sale that are beginner ready horses between the ages of 7 and 18 please send the sale link and/or contact info to gwen@horsesforhope.org.

Jingle



Cello



Chili



Bill



HORSE HIGHLIGHT

4 New horses!

“Jingle” as in Jingle Bell. A 12 year old palomino mare who joined the HfH herd in September 2020. She was a partial donation by the sellers and we received a \$2500 grant from Capital City Clauses to help with her purchase.

“Cello” is an 11 year old registered sorrel leopard appaloosa gelding. He joined our herd in October 2020. He was a former therapeutic and lesson horse.

“Chili” is an aged sorrel grade quarter horse gelding. He joined the herd in December 2020. He was a trail horse but may have had more extensive training in his earlier years.

“Bill” is a 15 yr old bay and white grade paint gelding. He was used as a kids trail ride horse. He joined the herd in December 2020.

HORSE TRIVIA

What is a ‘hand’ when referring to measuring a horse?

What color is our pony Oreo?

Where is the ergot located on a horse?

What is the name of our pony that is a Welsh Pony (look on our web site under Meet Our Horses)?

How many hoof beats is the walk and how many beats is the trot?

Email your answers to gwen@horsesforhope.org – those with all 5 questions answered correctly by 1/31/21 will be placed in a drawing for 1 FREE riding lesson in January!

THERAPEUTIC RIDING

We will resume our Seasonal Therapeutic Riding in March 2021. If you are interested in volunteering one or more days a week (for an hour or 2) for 10 weeks for this program PLEASE contact volunteer@horsesforhope.org. We may have a few year-round openings in our current schedule, if interested in enrolling your rider in our year-round classes please contact lessons@horsesforhope.org.



THANK YOU

Julie started volunteering at Horses for Hope in 2015. Julie first came to HfH for therapeutic riding for her special needs daughter. She now volunteers behind the scenes as our lesson coordinator.

In addition to her family obligations and her other job, Julie has always strived to be available for HfH's weekly scheduling needs. She is dedicated and reliable!

Julie has been an invaluable asset to Horses for Hope and we appreciate all the time she has spent volunteering for us.

THANK YOU for all you do and for your time and effort you give to Horses for Hope - WE LOVE YOU Julie!!



VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Horses for Hope is in need of a **Volunteer Coordinator** and dedicated morning and evening feeder volunteers. For feeding you **MUST** have horse experience, be 18 or older and have a confident personality with great respect for the horse and its power. We will consider age 13 or older **WITH** a parent to help with the mini horse feeding only but you must be able to follow specific directions and follow the proper feeding routine. Contact gwen@horsesforhope.org for more information if you are interested and will be available to commit to coming **EVERY** week of your chosen day(s) and time(s).

DID YOU KNOW that if you are a participant in our programs that you can also be a volunteer? We are in need of horse-leaders (must be at least 15), lesson prep helpers, poop scoopers, groomers, grounds maintenance (like raking the leaves and picking up sticks and limbs) and more. Anyone 12 and under can volunteer with a parent. Please contact volunteer@horsesforhope.org if you would like to volunteer. We primarily operate with the help of our dedicated volunteers. Won't you help us too??

RIDING LESSONS

Because riding lessons are one of the few sports that can operate with social distancing our lesson program has expanded and classes are pretty full. We do have a few openings in the schedule so if you are thinking about enrolling in riding lessons, don't procrastinate because you might miss your opportunity! Contact lesson@horsesforhope.org for more information and to get enrolled.

DONATIONS NEEDED

After 24 years of serving the public will the nonprofit organization, Horses for Hope, have to shut its doors for good? Horses for Hope has less than 7 years left on its current farm lease (the owners will not renew our lease). We would like to own our next farm so we are looking for anyone owning a farm with 35 or more acres who would be willing to donate it to our cause **OR** sell to us with a generously reduced price with or without owner financing. If we do not secure a new property in the next couple of years we may be forced to shut down at the end of our lease in July 2027. If you want to give to help save Horses for Hope and don't have a farm please give through our Facebook page or our web site by using the **DONATE** button.

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