



THE BARNYARD BULLETIN

August 2025

Welcome To Our Newsletter!

Thank you for being part of our herd! We're thrilled to welcome you to the very first edition of our monthly newsletter. Each month, you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at Cooper Ridge—filled with heartwarming updates, exciting milestones, and all the ways your continued support helps us grow and thrive.



Thank You Partners!

We're thrilled to be partnering with Your Pie at all 4 locations throughout the CSRA! They're hosting special Community Nights, where a portion of sales will be donated back to Cooper Ridge. A BIG thank-you to Your Pie for this generous and growing partnership! We're excited to see what we can do together!



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What's Happening at Cooper Ridge?



Summer Recap

We're wrapping up our summer program and gearing up for fall on the farm! Our participants teamed up to grow and harvest a beautiful variety of crops from our garden this season. We celebrated our **5 year anniversary** with plenty of fresh treats for our animal partners! To beat the summer heat, we had fun with water balloons and enjoyed shady spots during sessions. We also kept our animal partners cool by filling pig wallows, giving ice to the bunnies, rinsing down buildings to lower the temperature, and setting up fans they could use whenever they needed.

Exciting News

- We're proud to announce that we are now official members of the International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations (IAHAIO) - a prestigious group with only 105 members worldwide! This recognition highlights our commitment to the highest standards and best practices in animal interactions.
- We're also incredibly grateful to have received a generous grant that will fund communication equipment for our participants and help cover staff employment costs. A huge thank you to our amazing donors for making this possible!

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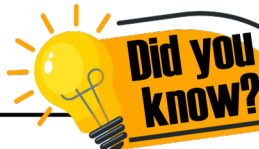
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Schedule Change!

Starting this Fall, we're updating our schedule! Sessions will now be held **Monday-Friday at 9 AM, 2 PM, and 4 PM.**

Please note: Saturday sessions will no longer be offered.



Cows are very social animals. They form bonds within their herd and strengthen this bond through grooming!

Our Mission

To connect, nurture and heal people through the powerful human-animal bond.



Our Vision

Improve the mental, physical and emotional well-being of our participants while setting the highest industry standard for AAT involving farm animals.



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Meet The Team



Participant Spotlight: Richie Martinez

Meet Richie! Richie has been a part of the Cooper Ridge family for over a year, and he brings laughter and joy to every visit. He loves kicking off his sessions with a long hike through the pasture and isn't afraid to get his hands dirty in the garden. If you've met Richie, you've likely been greeted with his contagious smile—and one of his unforgettable hugs!

Animal Partner: Zeus

Meet Zeus! Zeus is one of three goats at Cooper Ridge and proudly leads his herd. As a special needs goat, Zeus has undergone 4 surgeries in his life and requires continual medical care, but that hasn't slowed him down one bit. Despite his tough-leader reputation, Zeus is known for his warm cuddles and absolutely loves snuggling with both participants and staff.



MEET a Local Hero

JOSEPHINE FOUNDER & CEO

Q: WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO DO THE WORK YOU DO?

A: Each day I'm inspired by the powerful bond that forms between our animal partners and the participants. Without a spoken word, a friendship can be formed that is truly transformative.

Q: WHAT'S ONE THING YOU WISH MORE PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION OR MISSION?

A: We serve people of all ages now—not just children.

Q: WHAT KEEPS YOU MOTIVATED ON TOUGH DAYS?

A: Knowing that our work is changing lives is all the motivation I need.



Staff Spotlight: Josephine Fuller

Meet Ms. Jo! Josephine, our CEO, founder and lead session instructor, pours her passion into making sure everyone around her is supported and thriving. Josephine has always had a passion for animals and quickly learned how powerful the bond between humans and animals can be. So, she took a leap of faith and opened the "barn doors" of Cooper Ridge in 2020. She has been appropriately named Your Pie's *Local Hero* and WJBF's *Woman to Watch* for her outstanding work in the community.



Upcoming Events

**August 13 Your Pie
(Grovetown) 5PM-
8PM**

**August 18 Fall Program
Registration
OPENS 7AM**

**August 19
Your Pie (Evans)
5PM-8PM**

**September 2 Fall
Program Begins**



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How Can I Help?



We need you!

When you donate to Cooper Ridge Farm, you're helping to create powerful moments of healing, connection, and growth through the human-animal bond. Your support allows us to care for our beloved animal partners and provide meaningful experiences for individuals of all ages and abilities. Every dollar directly supports programs that foster emotional wellness, build confidence, and create lasting connections between people and animals. At Cooper Ridge Farm, your generosity truly makes a difference—because healing happens here, one bond at a time.

Vote for us!

Cooper Ridge is now registered with MyGivingCircle, where your free vote can help us earn funding! Just scan the QR code to the right or click the "Vote" button on our website to support us. It only takes a second, and you can vote once a week—at no cost to you. Be sure to share with friends and family to help Cooper Ridge climb the ranks and receive even more support!

Item Donations

As we prepare for the changing seasons, we're in need of supplies like tissues, disinfectant wipes or spray, and paper towels. You can drop donations off directly at the farm or shop from our Amazon Wishlist to have them sent straight to us. Every little bit helps keep our space clean, safe, and welcoming for all!

"Adopt" An Animal

There are so many ways to support Cooper Ridge on our website, and one of the most loved is our symbolic animal adoption program! Choose your favorite animal and select an adoption level that works for you. Each tier comes with special rewards—like a personalized adoption certificate, fun fact abouts your animal, and adorable photos. It's a meaningful way to give while celebrating the animals that make Cooper Ridge so special!

Links & QR Codes

Donate Now!



Spread The Word!
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