

CIRCLE A ROUNDUP

OUR MISSION: *We are dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk children and rescued equines through paired bonding, learning, and fellowship.*



Give Local 757 a success!

Circle A Home for Horses participated for the first time ever in Give Local 757- 24-hours of online giving - April 25 & 26th, competing with 223 other non-profits in our community.

We finished in 33rd place with 62 donors raising \$7,898 for our organization during the campaign. And we raised another \$990 and gained another nine donors after the competition ended!

We truly appreciate all of the generosity of

our supporters and friends, old and new. And we are grateful for the Peninsula Community Foundation (PCF), which puts on Give Local 757, the largest local philanthropy day in Hampton Roads.

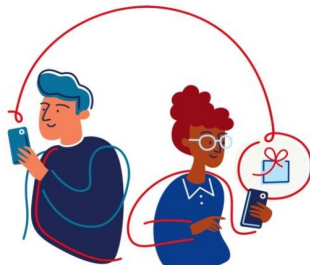
PCF Virginia brings people together to do extraordinary things. This was the 10th year for GL757 and they facilitated the donation of \$1,866,548 to non-profits in Hampton Roads in a single 24-hour period.

Circle A joins Walgreens donation program

As of June 1st Circle A Home for Horses has entered into a new community rewards program called **myWalgreens!**

You can now donate your **myWalgreens** cash rewards to Circle A thru 8/01/23.

At Walgreens, you'll earn unlimited 1% Walgreens Cash rewards when you shop and you can choose how much to donate. It's that easy. Whether you'd like to contribute \$1, \$5, or more of your Walgreens Cash rewards



you'll be making a big difference in the lives of our equine friends. It really adds up! And **myWalgreens** is free to join!

You can join **myWalgreens**

by signing up at myWalgreens.com, in the [Walgreens App](#), or in our stores at checkout. It's free, fast and easy!

All that is needed is your first name, last name, ZIP code, and phone number to join myWalgreens. Providing this basic information allows you to unlock sale prices in store and start earning Walgreens cash rewards that are easy to redeem at checkout. And you'll be helping us at the same time!

RECENTLY ADOPTED



Darkness Trembles

May 5



Classy and Rich

April 14

True Matchmaking!

We love our Circle A family of adopters! A horse adopted from us comes with an honest assessment. We don't hide anything from you. Our goal is to find a horse that fits into your lifestyle, your home and your heart. We love to hear how our Circle A Alumni are doing in their new homes.

Send photos and stories to alicia.mahar@yahoo.com.

Become a Circle-A-on-the-Road Team Member

Circle A has a busy summer ahead working with Norfolk Festevents Charity Fundraising Program!

This program offers us an opportunity to raise funds through the sale of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages at their summer and fall events. Festevents donates 20% of the net proceeds from beverage sales to the organizations that participate.

We will be pouring frosty beverages all day long on **Saturday, June 10th for Harborfest**, and again on **Saturday, July 22nd for the Latino Music Festival** in Town Point Park, Downtown Norfolk Waterfront!

You can support us by attending or consider becoming a Circle-A-on-the-Road Team Member and join us for a beverage-serving shift. No previous bartending skills are neces-



sary, just a love of horses and fun. This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for us. With your help, we anticipate raising over \$5000 for Circle A, and all you have to do is come out and help us pour at one of the beverage tents. Circle A Home For Horses will receive a portion of the beverage sales profits, AND all the tips are ours to keep!

If you wish to help out, contact our Fundraising Coordinator April Partida at april@remaxyb.com.



ADOPTABLE EQUINES



Penny

Penny is an adorable 5-year-old paint pony. She is 12hh, currently in training under saddle and doing very well.

She has more training ahead, however, is advancing nicely. She is UTD on vaccines and deworming.

Adoption fee is \$1,600.



Dreaming of Carats

Dreaming of Carats (Doc) is a 6-year-old thoroughbred. He's handsome to look at, quiet and kind, and a beautiful mover to boot.

He is W/T/C, Barefoot, and UTD on all vaccines and worming.

His adoption fee is \$2,750.



Casper

Casper is a 6-year-old Mustang gelding. He is gorgeous, flea-bitten gray, currently in training.

Casper is UTD on vaccines and worming. Barefoot. He is scheduled for a float in June.

His adoption fee is \$1,600.



Tipyourhattothat

Tipyourhattothat (Tip) is a 5-year-old chestnut gelding standing 17h. He is very quiet, and is beginner friendly.

He is UTD on vaccines, recently floated., W/T/C, front shoes.

His adoption fee is \$3,000.

Fill out an adoption application at circleahome4horses.org

'If you love horses, that is all the skill you need'

Each month we pick a volunteer whose dedication and hard work merit recognition.

Meet Stella, the youngest volunteer at Circle A and volunteer of the Month for April. Stella hails from Chesapeake, VA. Her hobbies are horseback riding and spending time with her family. She started volunteering at Circle A with her Mom. They have fun working with the horses together. Her favorite horse is Blaze.

She says her favorite memory is the first time she and her mom got to feed all the Circle A horses on their own. She treasures every minute she gets to spend with Blaze.

"Circle A is such a great place for volunteers of all skill levels. If you love horses, that is all the skill you need."

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers are the heart & soul of Circle A! We welcome anyone who has an interest in working with horses, no matter their experience level, to join our dedicated family.

Our volunteers perform every facet of care for our rescue horses (feeding, mucking, dropping hay, grooming, etc.), and they can participate in our Angel Program, fundraising events, farm maintenance, and more. We have a role for everyone!

You must be at least 16 years old or 13 with a parent accompanying you.



Six summer horse camps with the NPD!

Circle A has partnered with the Norfolk Police Department (NPD) since 2021 to create youth programs focused on at-risk youth in the community. Utilizing the healing and empathetic nature of our magnificent horses to impact the lives of children positively is a passion we share with the NPD.

Since we combined our efforts, Circle A has been a part of Hispanic Heritage Month, NPD's Police Athletic League summer camps, and most recently 'Cops & Curls,' a nationally recognized community engagement program for young girls. Through education, hands-on interaction, and some FUN, we witnessed young people truly engaging and adoring our amazing horses.

This summer, we are partnering again. We are excited to announce our plans for six summer camps with NPD and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Virginia. Each event will be 90-120 minutes in total. We will take horses to the identified community center, and the children will ride in a roped-off area. Shout out to our volunteers - we will need you to sign up as side walkers!



Here are the camp dates:

June 27 - 8 AM—11 AM
June 28 - 9 AM—12 PM

July 11 - 9 AM—12 PM
July 19 - 8 AM—11 AM

August 9 - 8 AM—11 AM
August 16 - 9 AM—12 PM

Follow this link to sign up to help out: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eadae2aa2f8c52-summer#>.

Off-the-track thoroughbred Tip O' Your Hat brought smiles and laughter to kids and officers alike at the Cops and Curls event on April 25th.

CALL TO ACTION: Insist on support for SAFE Act

For years, Circle A Home for Horses, along with other horse rescuers across the country, have worked diligently to rescue horses from the slaughter pipeline. Once a kill buyer purchases a horse, it enters a pipeline ending in a barbaric death in Mexico or Canada.

Although the number of horses transported outside the country for slaughter has decreased in recent years, the reduced number is simply indicative of increased profits for the kill buyer. Kill buyers have created a boutique market for horses advertised for slaughter, increasing prices while instilling fear the horse 'will ship' to slaughter. In the last four years, kill buyers have increased bail (the fee charged to save a horse from a kill pen), sometimes by 250%. In many cases, kill pen horses cost the



same or higher than horses available to purchase from individuals. There is a difference, however, kill pen horses are often neglected, starved, or injured; horses purchased from individuals are typically well cared for. Kill pen horses are subjected to infectious, transmittable diseases like strangles, a common

disease rampant in kill pens.

On May 18th of this year, U.S. Reps Vern Buchanan and Jan Schakowsky introduced the SAFE Act in Congress. [Buchanan, Schakowsky Introduce Bill to Ban Horse Slaughter | Press Releases | Congressman Vern Buchanan \(house.gov\)](#)

You can help save our horses by calling your representatives, insisting they support the SAFE Act found within the Farm Bill, up for renewal later this year. Brutal disregard for our compassionate equines must end!

<https://www.house.gov/representatives>

If you would like more tips on how to advocate, check out [safe-act.org](https://www.safe-act.org).

Five great podcasts for horse lovers

These podcasts are great for staying in the loop in our equine community. Listen on a road trip or a commute to the barn! All are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify. Follow the links!

1. [The Willing Equine](#) podcast is often a deep dive on science based and ethically minded horse training.
2. [From the Saddle](#) tells stories of triumph and tenacity; heartache and loss from rodeo riders, outback ringers, cattle traders, and more.
3. [Whoa!](#) This podcast is great for newbies who just got a horse. Now what? The one thing for certain is you need to learn more!
4. [Equestrian Adventuresses](#) is an inspiring podcast filled with stories about horses, travel and adventure.
5. [Horses in the Morning](#) is a daily morning podcast for the horse world with listeners in over 90 countries.



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