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# Circle A Home for Horses

*Equine Rescue, Therapy and Rehabilitation Center  
Non-Profit Organization in Virginia Beach, Virginia*

## Newsletter

November 2020



### The Next Chapter in the Book of Rosa Has Begun.

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in jail). But her spirit is strong and she made a remarkable recovery! On October 7 she found her forever family. Rosa will be living her best life with the Ely family. Circle A will miss her so much, but we couldn't be happier.

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## Hey, Gabby, Where Did Madison Go?

That's Circle A volunteer, Madison Fevrier, clowning around with lovable mare, Gabby. Madison will tell you that Gabby is the coolest mare ever. "She's just so chill and loving!" Gabby is an older girl but you can put a beginner on her, and she's also great fun for experienced riders. She ground ties and stands well. Gabby stands square all by herself and has the best temperament. Adoption fee is \$800.

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## Saved!

After an intense campaign to raise funds, Roman, a thoroughbred gelding stuck in the Bastrop Louisiana Feedlot with a date to ship November 2, was saved by Circle A friend, Roxy Kallatsa. We are thrilled Roman is going to a wonderful home.

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## Top-Rated Nonprofit for 2020

Circle A is pleased to Announce Our Selection as a Top-Rated Nonprofit for 2020. The GreatNonprofits Top-Rated Awards is the only people's choice award where volunteers, donors, and users are asked to share stories of inspiration, express their appreciation, and help nonprofits earn a spot on the prestigious GreatNonprofits Top-Rated Nonprofits List.

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## Super Volunteers!

This mother and daughter team amaze us daily. Thank you Sandy (left) Clarie (right) and your family members for all your hard work and dedication to the rescued horses. They love you and we do, too!

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## Welcome, New Board Member, Kate Flowers

Please help us welcome Kate Flowers to Circle A Home for Horses Board of Directors. Kate is a Family Nurse Practitioner with Sentara Health Systems, and a long-time equestrian. Kate and her family began volunteering at Circle A in January 2020, and soon adopted Song Sung Sweet (Song), a lovely dark bay off-the-track Thoroughbred mare. Kate, her husband, Dan, and their two adorable children call Virginia Beach home. Kate joins our current board members: Valerie Amster, Co-President; Alison Price Becker, Co-President; Ann-Louise Hittle, Treasurer; and Gay Robbins, Secretary.



## The New Red Heads

Struth, an off-the-track Thoroughbred gelding, and Candy Ride arrived at Circle A on October 7. Our Horse Angels were out in force to welcome the

being evaluated for adoption.

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## Goodbye, Eli

On October 12, with very heavy hearts, we had to release Eli. He crossed the rainbow bridge knowing he was genuinely loved. He passed in a warm, dry stall with a full belly and people that truly loved him. The neglect caused by his previous situation was too much for his body to overcome. After eating he laid down, like horses sometimes do. He had little if any muscle mass left. Our vet explained that in his previous situation his body was turning muscle into calories to survive. Further, when he laid down it caused damage to his nerves. It was as though his legs would go to sleep under him. Eli had a fighting spirit and would nicker when he heard us. Everything happens for a reason. Eli came to us for a short time to know love, pampering, and all the alfalfa he wanted. He brought us together as a team to work unselfishly to help as best we could. Alicia says she is beyond proud of the team of volunteers and employees at Circle A. Thank you Tracy, Jacob, David, Clarie, Sandy, Brittany, Sanae, Lynne, Megan, Nancy, and Carol for the outpouring of love for Eli. Thank you [Coastal Equine Veterinary Service](#) for helping him know good care and trying everything to give him the best quality of life. Run free Eli, with strength and vigor in the big green pastures of heaven.

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## Part 1: The Slaughter Pipeline

One aspect of our mission at Circle A Home for Horses is to raise awareness on how to stop thousands and thousands of horses from shipping to slaughter every year. The ‘slaughter pipeline’ begins with kill pen owners who attend auctions, peruse Craigslist or find other means of buying a horse inexpensively. Kill buyers then keep their purchased horses, including sick, injured, pregnant, blind, stallions, and babies in a cramped ‘pen’ in unhealthy conditions, as they wait for the next empty trailer to arrive at the lot. Horses are then jammed onto a trailer without food or water to make a very long journey to the Mexican border where they are slaughtered for meat sold outside the United States.

Upon arrival at the slaughterhouse, the horse’s last moments are filled with terror and excruciating pain. Many people believe the unfortunate equines shipped to slaughter are ‘crazy’ horses, or the old and broken-down horses. That is not the case. A beautiful pony that served children for years at the local fair, is now in line to be slaughtered. A three-year-old Thoroughbred that wasn’t fast enough on the track is sent to slaughter.

What can we do to change this? How can you help?

- Adopt your next horse from a rescue or auction.
- Donate.
- Volunteer.
- Raise Awareness.
- Sponsor a rescued horse.
- Get to know your local rescue.
- Contact your lawmakers now. Legislation is needed to protect our loyal horses from inhumane death.

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## Part 2: Coming in December

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### Circle A Home for Horses Key Staff and Volunteers

Alicia Mahar	Executive Director
Clarie Yost	Operation Coordinator
Sanae Kenner	Volunteer Coordinator
Megan Latchaw	Assistant Volunteer Coordinator
April Partida	Fundraising Coordinator
Eryn McCabe	Training Coordinator
Vickie Pickwood	Adoption & Aftercare Coordinator

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