



Circle A Roundup

DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF AT-RISK CHILDREN AND RESCUED EQUINES THROUGH PAIRED BONDING, LEARNING, AND FELLOWSHIP.



TAA RENEWS CIRCLE A ACCREDITATION

Circle A is thrilled to again receive accreditation from the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. The TAA remains the only accrediting body in Thoroughbred aftercare, and their rigorous accreditation process—including standards which must be met and maintained by organizations seeking accreditation—is approved by both the American Humane Association and the American Association of Equine Practitioners. The five key areas encompassed by the Code of Standards are operations, education, horse health care management, facility standards and services, and adoption policies and protocol.

As one of only 86 TAA accredited facilities nationwide, Circle A is honored to be recognized as an organization committed to the wellbeing of horses.

FUNDRAISING MADE EASY

Did you know you could support Circle A just by grocery shopping or eating at a local restaurant? It's simple! Kroger Community Rewards donates to local organizations including Circle A. Once you set up a digital account and link your shopper's card, select Circle A in the Community Rewards section of your account. That's all there is to it! You'll be supporting Circle A every time you use your shopper's card.

You can also support Circle A by purchasing a gift card to Bubba's 33. Purchase your gift card between now and Dec. 12 by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code below. Ten percent of your purchase will be donated to Circle A. Gift cards can be used at Bubba's 33 or Texas Roadhouse nationwide.

Celebrating 10 Years of Circle A

December 5th marked a special day for Circle A Home for Horses; we celebrated ten years of rescuing horses and providing therapeutic outreach services. We are proud of the services we have provided, and the love we have given, to horses surrendered, donated, or rescued from kill pens across the United States. Those same rescued horses have touched the lives of thousands of children and adolescents in our community.

Our success would not be possible without the continued support of our volunteers and financial supporters. Along with all the horses saved, WE THANK YOU.

Cheers to past achievements and future successes.



Giving Tuesday

End of year fundraising kicked off with Giving Tuesday. Established in 2012, Giving Tuesday began as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. This day has become the most charitable day of the year, encouraging giving to non-profits around the world. In 2022, \$3.1 billion was donated in the US, impacting the lives of millions by enabling non-profit organizations to continue their work. To continue our work at Circle A, we need your help. Charitable giving is down nationwide and Circle A is no exception. Last year Americans donated the lowest percentage of their disposable income since 1995. The total of charitable giving, adjusted for inflation, fell by 10.5% from the previous year. If you are able to help support our mission, there are many ways to contribute-- donations to our website, sponsoring a horse (so many wonderful choices), enrollment in a partnership program, sponsoring a hooficure (a horse mani-pedi!), or purchasing an item from one of our wish lists. Check out our wish lists with Amazon and Tractor Supply!

Want to be involved in our fundraising efforts? We are always looking for people to join our committees.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Help support Circle A Home for Horses by purchasing a gift card this holiday season! 10% of your purchase will be donated back to the organization.

Must purchase from the link below or scan the QR code: 11/24 through 12/12

<https://txr.giftcards.com/collections/bubbas-33-gift-cards?ref=619CircleAHomeforHorses2023>



*Gift cards can be used at all Bubba's 33 and Texas Roadhouse Nationwide!



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TRACTOR SUPPLY



2023
-IN REVIEW-

89 HORSES
HELPED THIS
YEAR

51 HORSES
ADOPTED

CINDERELLA
SNOW WHITE
DANDY
STAR
GIA
STORM
MANNY
CHANCE



SPONSORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Gia

Gia was pregnant when she was pulled from a slaughter truck transiting to Canada. Gia gave birth to Quinn just 2 months after arriving at Circle A. She is aged and had limited sight when she arrived, which continues to decline. Gia is a very sweet and special pony, hoping for a sponsor to help care for her.



Sponsorship Opportunities

VISIT
WWW.CIRCLEAHOME4HORSES.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION

10 YEARS OF CIRCLE A

Reflections

GAY ROBBINS, FRIEND OF CIRCLE A SINCE 2014

I have watched the rescue grow from a one-woman operation to having a robust Board of Directors with dozens of volunteers. What is most heartwarming to me is the remarkable transformation of some of our rescues. Some come to us in really bad shape – very underweight, afraid of people and utterly defeated. It takes a lot of time, but after proper nutrition, vet and farrier care, as well as love and attention from staff and volunteers, those same horses become healthy, sweet souls that have a zest for life again. Then, when they move on to their forever homes, it is always bittersweet, but that is the real success story and the reason we do what we do.



LEE KWIATKOWSKI, FRIEND OF CIRCLE A SINCE 2015

Reflecting on the growth of Circle A, I would have to say the wonderful work done with its children's equine therapy program has been the most impressive of anything they do. The growth in Circle A, especially in its equine therapy has been phenomenal, with children and even adults! The number of children whose lives have been touched is amazing. These children who have been through very rough times may not talk to a counselor, but when they come into Circle A equine therapy program, they will talk to a horse. Our rescue director Alicia has the wonderful ability to match up the children with Horses. I don't know of any program that has grown in this manner of any high-risk children's program I have ever been a part of.



MARTI JONES, FRIEND OF CIRCLE A SINCE 2014

I remember sitting alongside the barn talking about Alicia's hopes and dreams for the rescue. Never did we think it would grow into the organization it is now. What started with just a few horses quickly grew into hundreds of horses as more and more were rescued.

It didn't take long before Circle A's mission expanded from healing horses to healing at risk-children. Children's homes and shelters would bring young people to the rescue as outings. Alicia saw the healing bond between horse and child (something she always knew existed) and formed a plan that has developed into regular therapy programs for at-risk children. The program moved into the community partnering with the Norfolk Police Department's Community Program. I really enjoy working with horses and love working with the children.

The growth and development of Circle A Home for Horses has been amazing. Thanks to the blood, sweat, and tears of Alicia, the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, this wonderful rescue has become what it is today.



AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



HAMPTON ROADS

Louisiana bred, foaled 2016. Stunning gelding, he is currently W/T/C, although his training does continue.



FIREY WIND

Wind is a coming 4-year-old unraced gelding. He has a good brain and is currently W/T/C, although his training continues.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We're making some exciting changes to our volunteer program! Circle A has many opportunities for qualified volunteers who are available for two or more shifts per month. Be on the lookout for scheduling announcements for monthly training sessions and quarterly specialty sessions where we'll offer more in-depth training on specific topics. Applications for volunteers are available on our website.

Recent Adoptions

Candy • DECEMBER 6

NOVEMBER 30 • Temple

Conductance & Write This Down • NOVEMBER 24

NOVEMBER 22 • Penny

Lucina • NOVEMBER 20

NOVEMBER 14 • Casper

Big Tall Dawg • NOVEMBER 12

OCTOBER 31 • Late

Apple • OCTOBER 27

OCTOBER 20 • Queen

Star • OCTOBER 2

SEPTEMBER 6 • Shane

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Inspiring Young People

Young people, when informed and empowered, when they realize that what they do truly makes a difference, can indeed change the world.

-Jane Goodall

Olivia

Olivia is a sophomore at Kellam High School in Virginia Beach. With a genuine love for animals, Olivia began volunteering at Circle A Home for Horses on October 1st of this year. Since that time, Olivia has logged 48 volunteer hours helping care for the rescue horses at Circle A. Olivia has a strong work ethic, coupled with her kind heart, she has become a favorite of everyone at the barn. Olivia has become a loved member of the Circle A family.

Olivia's future is bright, we are excited to watch her do great things.



Sophie

Sophie came to Circle A to fulfill an internship in Environmental Studies at the Brock Center through Virginia Beach Public Schools. Sophie has been enthusiastic about all things related to horse rescue, with a specific interest in veterinary medicine. Sophie has a desire to learn, and her energy is contagious. Sophie has become part of the Circle A family also. Sophie is poised to achieve greatness.

