



## It's Fall! (for now, anyway)

The cooler weather and rain have been great for the animals and for our pastures. We seeded the pastures last week and are seeing sprouts already. The horses are showing some spunk and playing more in the cooler temps.

It's been a tough couple of months, losing **Skip, Gracie, and Lightning**. We grieve for their loss and miss them every day. I am so thankful for everyone who loved them and showed them kindness.

For the most part, everyone else is healthy. As always, we keep an eye on **Doc and Max's** hooves – they will both always need extra attention on their tender feet. But they are doing well in boots, with extra supplements and hoof hardener occasionally. **Roux** has been sore on her front left, and we are trying to figure out her issue. **Maggie** gave us a scare when she had trouble getting up a few weeks ago – her bad back leg has put more stress on her good one – but after adjusting meds and giving her some extra attention, she is improving! **Kaylie** has a hygroma on her front leg that is getting worse, and it's right at the elbow joint, so I've gotten a referral to a specialist to see her next week.



**Lightning**

**Gracie**



## Skip

## Come See Santa Hank

We are going to have an open house on Saturday, December 7th, from 11am – 1pm, for our annual “stocking stuffer” party.

We ask everyone to bring something for the horses’ and dogs’ Christmas stockings ---- treats, grooming tools, gift cards ---- and Santa Hank will be ready to pose for pictures, along with a few of his elves. I hope you’ll join us!

You can get more stocking stuffer ideas on our Amazon wish list **here**.



## Telling Stories

I’d like to ask for your help. One thing I’ve learned is that sharing Facebook posts isn’t enough to draw new folks in to really help us. They may like



posts and watch our page, but the people who volunteer, donate, and sponsor are more often people who have heard about GRS from you personally --- telling them stories about the horses here and the work we do. When you get the chance, will you please share one of our stories with your friends and acquaintances who are animal lovers?

Smoothie's story is a great one to tell. Thrown away by his owners when he couldn't be used anymore and sent to be euthanized by a "rescue" who was supposed to be helping him, Smoothie found his way home to GRS and is loved and cherished here. He is happy in his herd and is best buddies with Doc. He is healthy and strong, despite having stringhalt. He is a foodie who loves people and cookies, and he loves open spaces where he can run.

Smoothie, like all the others here, has a forever home at GRS, where he won't be at risk ever again.

Smoothie does not have a sponsor today. You can read his blog for the full story **here**.

We are very blessed to have 27 of our horses sponsored. The ones who still need a sponsor are Smoothie, Rev, Rexi, Maggie, Peso, and Isabella the mini-cow. You can read more about them on our website **here**.



## A Successful Fundraiser

We have been hosting a fundraiser for shade trees for the pastures that don't have trees (did you see our **science experiment**?).

We have lost 5 really precious horses in the past year or so. I have their ashes in the house and haven't been able to scatter them because I couldn't settle on "where". But now I know.... I asked our followers to consider donating for one of the trees in memory of Annie, Zeke, Skip, Gracie, or Lightning, and I will scatter their ashes under "their" tree when it's planted. So we will always know where they are.

Although we don't have ashes to scatter, folks can also sponsor a tree in memory of Gabby, Slick, Baby, George, Bingo, Gypsy Rose, or Shadow. (Their ashes are in large, decorative wooden boxes in my house.)

To date we have raised more than \$5000 in donations. Our target is \$6050 by Friday, when the trees will be delivered. Trees have been sponsored for Annie, Zeke, Skip, Gracie, and Lightning --- all the ones for whom we have ashes to spread under the trees. If you would like to sponsor a tree for one of the other horses, please email me. The 5 remaining trees are \$205 or \$325 a tree, including delivery and planting.

Email me ([goldenrewardsanctuary@outlook.com](mailto:goldenrewardsanctuary@outlook.com)) if you have questions. Thanks for helping us with this project to provide more shade from the hot Texas summer sun!

## What Else is New?

We are expecting 2 new residents this month. We have been talking to their family since early this year. Angel has just completed a new shelter and paddock for them. I will be very excited to introduce you to Buster and his best friend in the next few weeks on **Facebook**! Stay tuned!



We've scheduled the horses' annuals for Tuesday, November 19th. Everyone will get updated vaccinations, Coggins as needed, and have their teeth checked. I expect at least 10 of them will need to have their teeth floated this time. It will be a busy day, and we'll have extra volunteers here to help hold horses, make notes, and keep everything running smoothly. We'll post pictures and updates on **Facebook**. It's a huge expense for us, so please feel free to donate in support of **GRS Annual Health Day**!

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## We need your help!

Donations keep us going and growing. Many of you donate already. Please share our newsletter and **Facebook** page. We need to reach more people and more donors so that we can help more horses. We need more monthly recurring



donations to feed and care for the animals, but also to ensure we meet IRS guidelines to keep our nonprofit status. And don't forget, you can make an appointment to come visit!



## What's Next?

You have to watch **Facebook** if you really want to know what's going on!

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