



Spring is here! (So of course it's 95 degrees.)

I know I always say "it's been busy"... but it has been insane. I'm sorry I haven't sent the newsletter in a bit. But I'm ready to get you all caught up now!

Fun news first - we have new residents: Samson and Delilah. They are a bonded pair. Samson is a very skinny Belgian who the vet aged as "over 20". He's on a feed plan to help him gain weight and is getting 3 meals a day. He is very sweet and a little shy. Delilah is a black Percheron, with the wavy main and tale typical to that breed. She is solid and almost as tall as Samson at around 17-1 or 17-2 hands. She is blind in her right eye and has a pretty significant heart murmur.

We are learning a lot about draft horses and have made connections with a couple of rescues who focus on drafts to help us out. Plus I'm on the hunt for fly masks big enough for Samson's BIG HEAD. We have a farrier who's helping us out with them - Samson's feet were in very poor shape but are improving quickly.

They are going to be expensive - we definitely need sponsors for both. Please help us spread the word! You know we do fun things for sponsors, like having them come out to meet the horses, take pictures with "their horse", and more.



Delilah and Samson

What's happening

All the changes in weather have kept us on our toes! From winter blankets to hosing down hot horses to "shedding out" all the heavy winter coats.

The only new building project we've had is to finally repair the shelter over the truck and trailer that was damaged by a tree several years ago. The support beams were giving way - much cheaper to fix the roof of the shelter than to replace the big trailer! While we were at it, we added on a new section to cover the tractor and 4-wheeler to hopefully extend the life of both.



Dallas, after brushing off buckets of hair and getting a bath, is loving the green grass

We're planning to re-seed all the pastures with bermuda in the next few weeks. We have lots of green grass right now from the rains. We should have lots of wildflowers soon!

The sad part. In the past 3 months, we lost Buster, Cherokee, Maggie, and Poco. We've never lost so many so quickly. It's been a hard year. We will honor them each with a new tree and marker. They will never be forgotten.



Buster



Cherokee



Maggie Mae



Poco



Princess is amazing at 32!

BIRTHDAYS!

We are having fun celebrating birthdays (in case you didn't know, foals are generally born from Feb-May). 21 of our equines came to us without papers, so anything we know about their ages and birthdays is only anecdotal. From what we know, 9 of the equines are over 30 this year - with Flicka at a whopping 40.

We have papers on 13 of the horses, and we've already celebrated Noah (4), Romeo (24), and Princess' (32) birthdays this month. Don't feel bad for the 21! We celebrate their homecoming days and, really, everyone gets spoiled on a regular basis here anyway.



Celebrating Romeo's 24th!



Happy 4th Bday, Noah!



YoYo getting some love from our volunteers!

What's next?

I know, I know, we need to plan an event. We'll get right on it!

I'm starting a new blog series for the website, giving you more background on the horses - and especially the horses who need sponsors: Samson, Dellilah, Flicka, Noah, Jessie, Max, Peso, Raie, and Rexi. We've never had this many horses without sponsors, and we could certainly use some help! I'll send another newsletter when I have a good number of the new stories on the website.

We have had quite a few new volunteers, so we are going to start an official volunteer training program in April. If you're interested in volunteering, be sure to fill out the **volunteer form on our website!** We can always use more adult volunteers, so please tell your friends. They don't need to have horse experience.

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We need your help!

Volunteer or help us find more great adult volunteers – we could use more help with morning chores Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, and with afternoon feeding on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. New volunteers can learn more and apply **here**: <https://goldenrewardsanctuary.com/volunteer>

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.

Support our daily operations with donations. An example of our current expenses: our farrier costs have almost doubled with a number of special needs, including Max, Hammy, Samson, and Delilah. As well, in the first quarter of 2026, we've had the highest vet bills ever.

Sponsor. We are very blessed to have many of our equines sponsored. If you (or one of your friends) is interested in helping with sponsorship, have them look at our website. Samson, Delilah, Flicka, Noah, Jessie, Max, Peso, Raie, and Rexi all need some help.

How to Donate: you can donate **via Paypal on the website**, Zelle to 512-658-9004 which will display as Golden Reward, or by mailing a check to GRS at 1201 Friendship Rd, Weatherford, TX 76085.



Samson says: ME, ME, PICK ME! I need a sponsor!



What's Next?

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

[Donate to our seniors](#)

