



Hi from everyone here at GRS!

I have so much fun stuff to tell you this month!

First off - an Exclusive Invite!

Just for our newsletter subscribers: We're having a Christmas open house on Saturday, December 2nd, and you're invited to come early and take pictures with Santa Hank and his Best Elf Lightning! The event starts at 1pm, but our newsletter subscribers are invited to come early at noon for photos. Event details are here: <https://fb.me/e/fPu7O2aQC>

And you might ask "what happened to the Chuck Wagon Open House idea?" I got overwhelmed. LOL Figuring out something new and planning it just seemed a bit much with everything else going on this fall. So we will have our Christmas open house, and then we'll have a "normal" open house in the spring once the weather is nice again.

Other Events

Antebellum Ale in Weatherford sponsors a different pet non-profit every month, and they've asked us to be their non-profit for November! They are hosting their Pet of the Month Cowboys Watch Pawty on Thursday, Nov 30, from 6-9pm, and 10% of the bar tab will be donated back to GRS. Really cool timing for us, because I expect their bar tab is pretty good on football night!

Pets are welcome, and they tell me lots of folks will bring their dogs dressed in Cowboys outfits. Should be fun. Please come watch the game with us – we are bringing the minis. Should be entertaining to see how they react to a bunch of dogs dressed up as Cowboys. Maybe you should all say a prayer that there's no drama. haha

See full event details here: <https://fb.me/e/9TBvUKbXO>

And it's not really an event, but I'm excited to tell you that Teskey's has agreed to have a donation box for us at the store!

We'll list all the supplements and supplies we use, and folks can buy them and drop them in the box for us. Courtney, Mom, and I will be working on the sign

and box to make it super-cute tomorrow, hoping to set it up at Teskey's on Tuesday so that it will be there for Black Friday and all the Christmas shoppers!

Grants and Funding

I'm excited to tell you that we've received 2 grants in the past month.

The Helen D. and R.E. Wallace Foundation Fund at North Texas Community Foundation provided a grant to help us with two things:

- Reconfiguring the medical stocks from Small Barn into a new shelter. While the original design seemed like a good idea, having the stocks in Small Barn didn't work out. It was too tight a space and the horses refused to go in. So we are pulling the stocks, having a new concrete pad poured, and adding a new roof. This will make it much safer to treat our horses in an emergency, when the vet comes out to GRS.
- Funding for our annual shots, Coggins, and dentals for all the equines. It's a very expensive deal each year to get this annual visit done, and they provided more than enough funds to cover it! So the remainder covered outstanding vet bills for Cash, Cowboy, Rexi, Gracie, and Max.

We are so grateful for this help!!

We also received a grant from a family foundation, and I don't have approval to share that family name. But their donation, along with a generous year-end donation from one of our loyal donors (M.R.!) will help us expand Small Barn so that all the horses have stalls, and we'll be able to move Doc and Smoothie back into a larger pasture with Max and Cowboy. We don't have enough yet to cover the entire cost, so we'll be fundraising for the remainder of the project. I believe we'll need between \$7-10k to finish this expansion.

What's happening at the barn

Annual vet visit

I'm so glad to have the annual vet visit behind us! It takes a lot of coordination to get annuals done on 30+ equines! I'm very grateful to Lori, Emma, and Luke for making sure it all ran smoothly --- great teamwork! Everyone got checked. Annual shots were given. Coggins was pulled from the ones who needed it. Eight horses had their teeth floated. The Peak crew helped us give everyone wormer. And we had some minor individual issues checked --- a swollen "ankle" on Romeo, skin issues on three, Waylon's eyes, etc. A very successful day! Plus we had Sage visiting from Purina --- always happy to have her here and

helping.

The new guy Max and an update on sponsors

We do have a new guy! Max needed a home asap, and we thought we had an adopter lined up. That didn't work out, but a sponsor stepped right up. And Max fit right in with Cowboy. So clearly a meant-to-be. Max is a really big guy with a big heart. Super sweet. He's a registered Paint and has gorgeous blue eyes. He has some arthritis and allergies that we're treating, and we're getting his hooves back in shape, as well as getting some weight on him. He's a really fun horse – he loves people and is very curious.

And speaking of Cowboy and sponsors, Cowboy has a new sponsor too! We're super-excited to have Kaylie's former foster family sponsoring Cowboy.

Susan got the sponsorship for Mark as an early Christmas present, and Mark is coming out to spend time with Cowboy every week. They are a great match.

I'm trying really hard to keep the website updated. We have new pages for horses who need sponsors (7 are not fully sponsored today), and for companion horses that need a home. When we are full, I try to help people find a home for their horse, and those are listed on the website as "companion horses" for adoption. Those horses don't come to GRS --- we work to connect folks and get the horse placed directly with a new adopter. You can help us by sharing this info with your friends who have horses and might have room for one more. I get at least 3 new requests each week to take horses, so the list is constantly changing.

- Horses who need sponsors: <https://goldenrewardsanctuary.com/horses-who-need-a-sponsor>
- Companion horses who need to be adopted:
<https://goldenrewardsanctuary.com/adopt-a-companion-horse>

Update on our Canines

Kaylie is doing really well and is fully recovered from ACL surgery. I'm pretty sure I was more excited about getting past 90 days of leash-only than she was! She is enjoying being back outside where she can bark at everyone.

Liberty has had a few vet visits because she started limping. She has bone spurs in one of her back legs, and they are inoperable. We've tried some meds and injections but nothing has been fantastic. We're now waiting on a new injection that has just been approved for dogs and hope to have that scheduled in the next week or so. Liberty is on daily pain meds and those are working relatively well. It doesn't stop her from chasing the ball and running around GRS

all day long. I'll keep you posted.

As always, you can see pictures and learn more about each of our "residents" [here](#).

New projects

I mentioned some projects above, but I want to give you more info on our 3 biggest projects.

1. We are moving the medical stocks out of Small Barn into a more useable space. Stocks are a metal structure that a horse walks into. Kind of boxes them in, with a front and back door. It allows the vet to reach every part of the horse, while keeping the horse still. It keeps the horse and the vet safe while a horse is being treated. The stocks are in Small Barn, but the space is too tight and none of the horses would go in. Not very useful. ☹️ So Angel is pouring a concrete pad and building a roof over it, then moving the stocks out of the barn and bolting them to the concrete. The new stocks won't have walls – keeping them very open, so that the horses will more easily walk into them without feeling like they will be trapped. This project was fully funded as mentioned above, and will be complete this week!

2. I've drawn out a plan to expand Small Barn to have 3 more stalls and a large covered space. This will allow us to move Doc and Smoothie into the pasture with Max and Cowboy, and they will each have their own stall. This allows us to feed the horses separately (no one steals anyone else's food), to bring them all into a stall in bad weather or when someone is sick/injured, to fix a serious drainage problem, and to provide a very large sheltered area where they can choose to be in or out of the shade. The drainage has been a real issue around Small Barn. So much so that I had to build a separate paddock for Doc and Smoothie because the mud was too dangerous for them, but that separate paddock isn't ideal permanently. It doesn't have stalls and it's not very efficient for feeding. Plus they don't have as much space as I would like. So getting this expansion will help with feeding time, getting everyone their own space, and getting Doc and Smoothie back into 'Big Grass'. We have \$15k already set aside for this project. I think we'll need around \$20-25k total --- I'm expecting the final estimate this week.

3. The littles, Onyx and Bravo, currently have a temporary shelter that has served us well. But it's scary for me during high winds and hail --- I stay glued to the window in every storm, worrying that the shelter is not going to hold up. It's been really great so far, but we really need a permanent mini-barn for them before something goes wrong. This is not an expensive project. Probably around \$4k, and we will hopefully be able to start on it in a few weeks.



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Max, the new guy

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Cowboy and his new sponsor, Mark

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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!



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