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Therapeutic Horse Riding In Lindsay

Spring Newsletter – March 2022

Welcome Back

Hope this newsletter finds you all well. After a long cold winter, our thoughts turn to fresh air, warm breezes and RIDING! As you recall, the last two spring sessions were delayed till summer, as COVID 19 made close contact interactions a high-risk. Riding stables, like other businesses across the province were shut down with all other “non-essential” businesses in efforts to combat COVID 19 spread. We are proceeding with Spring Registration, with continued sanitization and mask protocols in place to protect all of us and are more certain that we will truly be able to start in April! Check your in-box and message Kelly at info@thrill.ca E transfers also go to info@thrill.ca .



Retired Horses and New Horses

As some of you know we officially retired Bella, who has been with us pretty much from the start of THRIL. She remains here on the property and will still graciously accept carrots and apples. Indy has also moved to a new home and is making one child very happy. She has moved nearby where we also retired Nevada (some of you may well remember him) a few years ago. They are both doing well in their new roles!



We would like to introduce two NEW horses. Espresso, who arrived in January to become a new barn school horse, is a 17 hand bay retired jumper with a heart of gold. For our taller, more experienced riders, he will be a lovely partner. Molly, purchased by THRIL, who arrived in November, is the other addition to our line-up, and with her flowing black locks and broad back she will win you all over! She also drives!

So that gives us our lineup (according to size) Amigo, Ruby, Luna, Molly, Freya, Raymond, and Espresso!



Fundraising

We continue to seek for supporters to ensure we keep our costs as low and affordable as possible. We have been promoting our Adopt A Therapy Pony program with some success! For \$100 **BRONZE** donation you can cover vet and farrier fees for one horse/pony for a month! For \$300 **SILVER** donation covers their food and accommodation for a month. For \$500, our **GOLD** sponsor, you cover all their needs that month and we offer a photoshoot with your pony! Please share our newsletter with your friends and family and ask for their support. As a registered charity, we can provide a charitable donation receipt for tax purposes. Funds can be e transferred directly to info@thrill.ca or through our website www.thrill.ca which offers pay-pal and credit card payments.

We also have our Business Sign program. Know a business that would like to advertise and support THRIL? Have them contact Janice McDonald by email at piggottlake@hotmail.com.

Volunteers Needed



For us to bring you this program, we require VOLUNTEERS! All sorts of roles available, from grounds keeping (paddock maintenance and barn sweeping) to fundraising (lots of options) to help with side-walking (so very rewarding) and leading (incredible partnership)! **PASS THE WORD ALONG!** Reminder to riders and volunteers, that we have T-shirts available for you! We often put in an order for hoodies and jackets (these cost extra) so let Kelly or your instructor know if you want to order one!

Volunteer Orientation just started – so message Anne Marie NOW! amfinn@sympatico.ca Also please follow us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/therapyonfourlegs> and join our group!

Your 2022 Board/ Executive and Instructors

Kelly Russell continues as President and Program Director, assisted by Bernie Mitchell as Vice President. Thankfully Joan Mercer has also accepted to continue as Treasurer and Fundraising Chair and Corinne Fell remains in the position of Secretary/Office Support. Anne Marie Finn continues as Volunteer Co-ordinator and to teach the majority of our program lessons along with Kelly as Head Instructor. Samantha will be taking some time away from teaching as she is expecting a new little one! We wish her all the best!

We are pleased to announce some new faces to our organizing committee. Janice McDonald, who has been assisting hugely with fundraising along with Daphne Scriabin, has agreed to be our Volunteer Representative and be a voice to the executive for the volunteers. She can be reached at piggotlake@hotmail.com. In the role of Rider Representative we introduce Kathleen Vliek, whose son rides in our program! Kathleen can be reached at ThrilriderRep.vliek@gmail.com. Huge thanks to Maxine Jenkins and Matt Kuiken who assisted in past volunteer roles.

Future Developments

We continue to work towards creating our therapy driving program with our ponies Luna and Molly and the used accessible 2 wheeled cart we purchased in 2021. Our plan is that our instructors and volunteers spend time weekly, with our driving coach so that we can offer this amazing experience to our therapy program participants. Our long term goal is to have a 4 wheel cart that provides more stability



Stay safe so that we can see you all at the barn!