



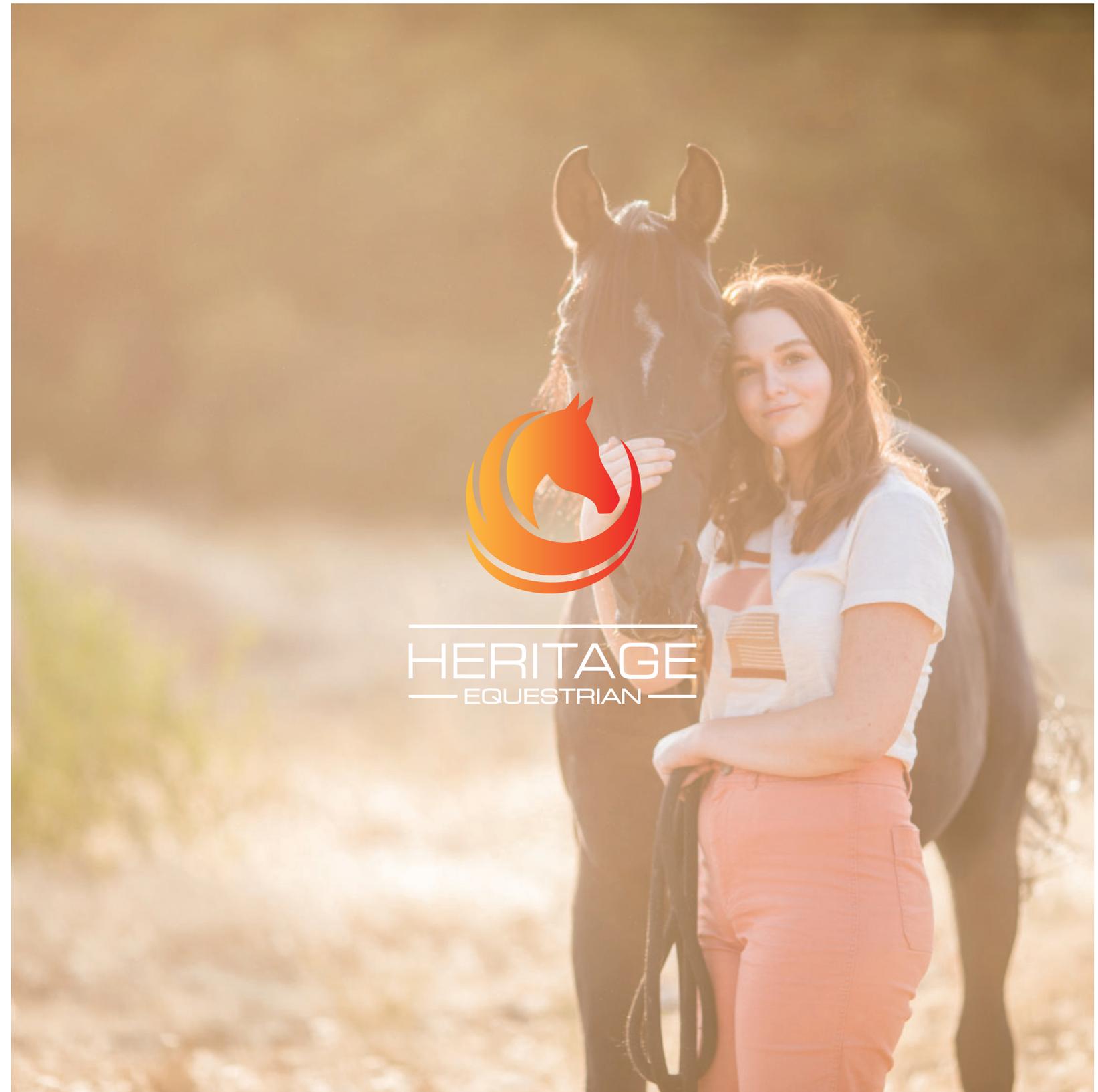
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HORSE ADOPTION PROGRAM

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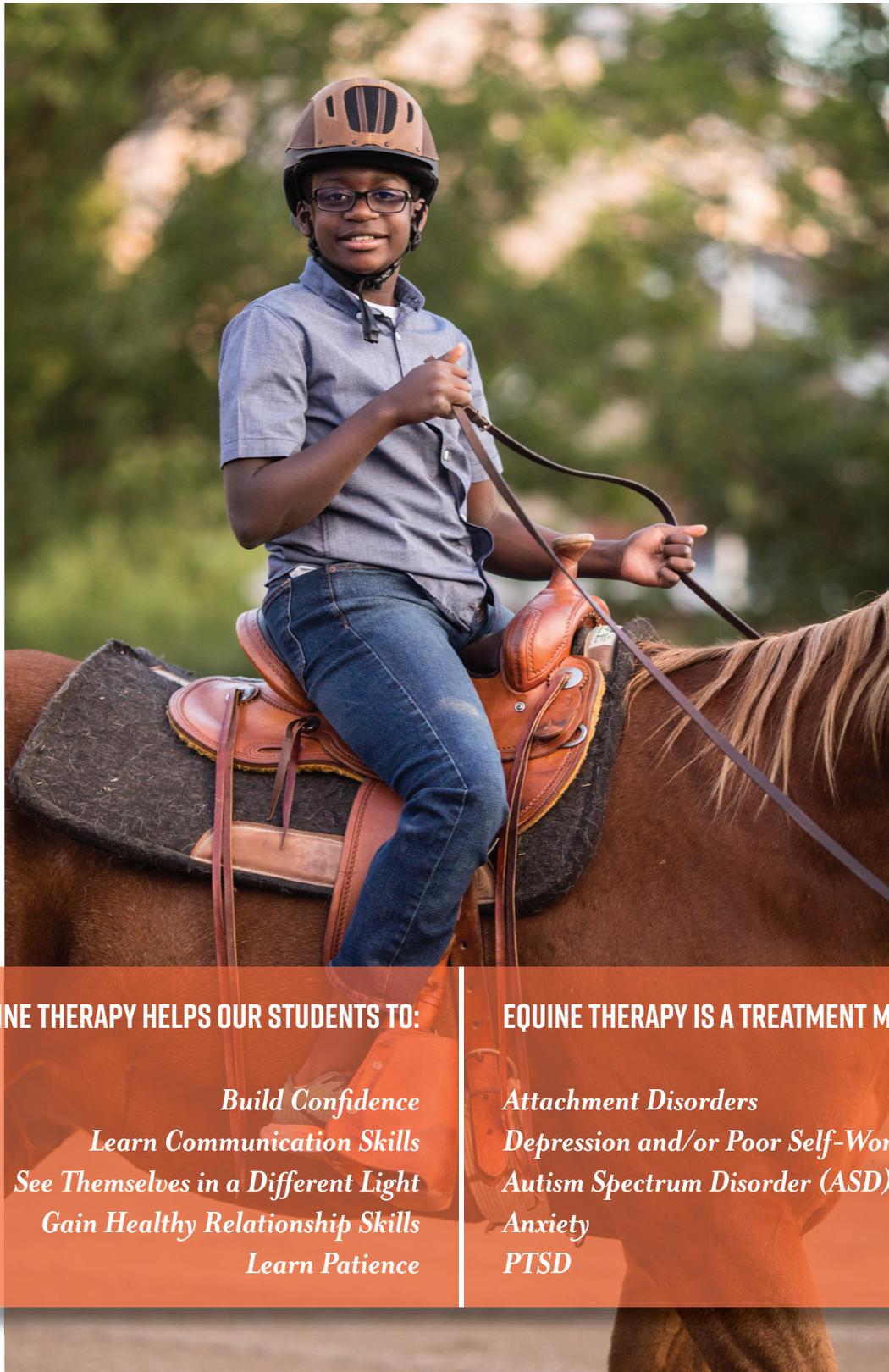
Hello there! I'm Melissa Nickle, Foundation Director at The Heritage Community in Provo, Utah. Being at Heritage means everything to all who work here, and more importantly to the students and families we serve. Through our clinically sophisticated programs, we provide treatment to male and female adolescents recovering from various forms of trauma, as well as to those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Working with these populations is not always easy, yet the work is ripe with purpose.

Lives are changed at Heritage. Our students often arrive with an obliterated sense of self-worth, then watch as it comes back with gusto throughout their stay. Through meaningful and challenging therapeutic efforts, fractured family relationships are slowly but surely made whole once again.

Heritage horses are an integral part of this life-changing effort. Since 1984, countless youth have found healing by working with our horses through our Equine Therapy services. We love and rely upon these animals, and are so grateful for support from community friends like you who make this program possible. We truly could not do it without you!

I want you to know, straight from the horse's mouth, that your support in this effort will be invaluable to our nonprofit mission at Heritage to save lives. Any help you can provide will not only elicit the sincere gratitude of many students and families, but will also directly bless and improve the lives of our dear horses who provide such an important service. ***Your impact matters.***

From the bottom of our hearts, ***Thank You!***



EQUINE THERAPY HELPS OUR STUDENTS TO:

- Build Confidence*
- Learn Communication Skills*
- See Themselves in a Different Light*
- Gain Healthy Relationship Skills*
- Learn Patience*

EQUINE THERAPY IS A TREATMENT METHOD FOR:

- Attachment Disorders*
- Depression and/or Poor Self-Worth*
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)*
- Anxiety*
- PTSD*

EQUINE THERAPY AT HERITAGE



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Located in Provo, Utah, near the base of the state’s iconic Mount Timpanogos, The Heritage Community is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving male and female adolescents from Utah and all around the nation. At any given time, we have ~125 students living in the therapeutic environment provided on our campus.

Heritage is also home to 17 beautiful horses that we absolutely adore! The wonderful teens at Heritage have the unique opportunity to participate in our equestrian initiatives, including Equine Therapy services. The difference our equine program makes in the lives of our students is both astounding and lasting!

IT IS A GIFT

to watch a young woman with severe anxiety or PTSD connect with a horse, and have a mutual understanding with that animal as she recovers from trauma.

IT IS A MIRACLE

to observe the clinical progress of a young man with autism as he learns from and connects with these horses and develops life-skills that will help him throughout his entire life.

IT IS A BLESSING

for many of our students to have on-campus jobs working in our stables, where they learn the values of hard work and dedication as they care for their assigned horses.

DEREK'S STORY

Derek is a former Heritage student who had a lot of trouble opening up in therapy before finding a connection with our horses. Stuart Gustafson, Derek's clinical therapist at Heritage, had this to say about it:

“When I first began to work with Derek, there was a lot of resistance toward change. Any type of focus or emphasis to try to get him to open up and talk about his feelings made him even more closed-off. We tried a lot of traditional means of therapy which seemed to be very ineffective, so to try to get him to open up—considering he had an affinity for animals—I decided to enlist our horse specialists and try Equine Therapy.”

URNS OUT, OUR HORSES WERE THE MISSING PIECE.



Together with our talented team of Equine Specialists, Derek began to work with one of our beloved former horses, Scout. With lots of teamwork, Derek and Scout created a strong therapeutic bond.

Derek shares, “I’ve really liked working with Scout. He has a lot of trauma background, just like I have. We can really relate to each other. I mainly work on riding classes with him. I work on his weaknesses instead of strengths, to make them strengths. I really enjoy it and he is a GREAT horse.”

Working with horses at Heritage has helped me. It gives me the opportunity to connect with animals and get my stress and anxiety out.”



“Derek and Scout” © The Heritage Community, 2017.

Derek's therapist adds, “To compare and contrast Derek from then to now, you had this kid that was VERY angry, who's now a kid actively out there trying to help other students to control their own anger. He's actually giving them solid advice and showing concern. He really cares about people now!”

THIS is what our horses do for our students.

THIS is what our “*Heritage Horse Adoption Program*” is really all about.

THIS is why we need and are so grateful for your help!

HERITAGE HORSE ADOPTIONS

Each of our 17 horses at The Heritage Community provide *immense therapeutic benefit* to our students. We are so grateful for their invaluable service, and have eagerly awaited the unveiling of the “**Heritage Horse Adoption Program**,” which we know will greatly assist us in providing the best care to our students and horses alike!

We count ourselves *extremely blessed* that the wonderful equine facilities at Heritage were donated to us by an anonymous community member many years ago. It was an amazing feat of generosity that has impacted many lives! However, even the best facilities need updating over time, and that’s where we find ourselves today.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE KNOW WE CAN DO THIS. BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!

POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS MAY INCLUDE:

Program Enhancement Equipment:

To provide our students with greater access to trail systems located near Heritage and allow for increased high-adventure opportunities.

Increased Pasture Space:

To obtain more space for our horses to freely roam!

Facility Upgrades & Updates:

To more effectively meet the sensory needs of our neurodiverse students in this therapeutic setting, and to enhance the quality-of-life of our dear horses.

Therapeutically-Informed Design:

To install landscaping and beautification elements conducive to the calming therapeutic environment our students require.



ADOPT A HORSE, SAVE A LIFE.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



DIAMOND: "ADOPTION ANGELS"

\$2,500 / Horse Annually

Each "Diamond Sponsor" individual, family or organization will have their name(s) prominently displayed on a high-end custom plaque at their adopted horse's stall. "Diamond Sponsors" will also be permanently featured on our "Wall of Horseshoes" art installation.



SAPPHIRE: "HORSESHOE HELPERS"

\$1,500 One-Time Donation

Each "Sapphire Sponsor" individual, family or organization will have their name(s) permanently displayed on our "Wall of Horseshoes" art installation.



EMERALD: "RESCUE RIDERS"

\$500 One-Time Donation

Each "Emerald Sponsor" individual, family or organization will have their name(s) branded into one of our leather saddles.



TOPAZ: "FRIENDLY FOALS"

\$250 One-Time Donation

Each "Topaz Sponsor" individual, family or organization will have their name(s) permanently displayed on our "Friendly Foals" art piece.



Framed Fine Art Image of Adopted Horse + Letter from Heritage Founder and CEO, Jerry Spanos



Choice of One (1) Mens or Womens Carhartt Jacket with Heritage Equestrian Logo



One (1) Carhartt Legacy 30" Gear Bag with Heritage Equestrian Logo



One (1) Pair Leather Carhartt Driving Gloves with Heritage Equestrian Logo

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ACE

REGISTERED NAME: 'ACE'EM OUT'

BREED & COLOR: Arabian;
Chestnut

PERSONALITY: Ace is a gentle giant who loves grazing on grass and trail riding. As good as he is with our students, he's a real rough-houser with his best friend, Raven. Those two buddies are constantly fighting for male dominance 'round these parts, but they do it with love and have a lot of fun together.

ACE'S HERITAGE STORY: Ace was donated to Heritage by Anita Hill. Before coming to Heritage, Ace was a reining show horse. After successfully competing at such a high level he was given an early retirement to have a less stressful life at Heritage. Ace still shines bright in our eyes!

FUN FACT: Ace is a dude with a claim-to-fame. Before he retired and came to Heritage, Ace won a Canadian National Championship!



LUNA

BREED & COLOR: Arabian Quarter
Horse; Black

PERSONALITY: Luna is a timid gal who's also extremely smart. She's a very fast learner! She possesses great talent when it comes to working with our students.

LUNA'S HERITAGE STORY: Luna was donated to Heritage by Eric and Karen England. She's one of our newest adult horses and came to us with room to grow and gain confidence. This has actually been a

boon to our students with anxiety and trust issues, as they share a true mutual understanding with her. Slowly but surely she's been gaining more confidence, and even recently got her first student rider. This was something we thought might never happen for Luna, and we are so proud of her!

FUN FACT: Luna recently went on her very first trail-ride, and she LOVED it! It is a privilege to watch her as she keeps becoming more and more self-assured, and we are excited for all the great things she will continue to do for our students.



RAVEN

REGISTERED NAME: 'RAVENWOOD QAHTEEF'

BREED & COLOR: Egyptian Arabian;
Black

PERSONALITY: Raven loves grain and being around his other horse friends. He's a feisty guy with a lot of spunk left in him and loves to play. Raven would adore having more room to run around through sponsorship in our *Heritage Horse Adoption Program!*

RAVEN'S HERITAGE STORY: Raven was donated to us by Stephen Beck. He was used as an Arabian show horse all his life before coming to Heritage. He competed in English Pleasure, dressage and jumping.

FUN FACT: Raven's best friend at Heritage is Ace. The two of them often look a little scraped up due to all the 'horseplay' and fun they have together around here. Raven is just a joy and we love him!



BARBIE

STUDENT NICKNAME: *BABS*

BREED & COLOR: Arabian;
Chestnut

PERSONALITY: The way to Barbie's heart is through her stomach, and her favorite treat is apples. Barbie is both sweet and sassy. She may be a smaller horse, but don't let that fool you. This lady loves being the boss and won't let you (or the other horses) forget it!

BARBIE'S HERITAGE STORY: Barbie has been at Heritage most of her life, so she's a bonafide expert in Equine Therapy and in teaching beginner-riders how it's done. She is a wonderful teacher and is simply amazing at her job. She deserves lots of praise and earns every apple she gets!

FUN FACT: At 14.1 hands, Barbie is the smallest horse we have at Heritage and is borderline pony size. She sure packs a lot of 'cute' in such a little package, though, don't you think?



"Louie" © The Heritage Community, 2021.

LOUIE

REGISTERED NAME: 'BALIO'

BREED & COLOR: Lusitano; Gray

PERSONALITY: Louie is our newest horse, and we're still figuring him out! He's very well-trained and has a lot of knowledge to bring to the table. The breed is known to be fiery, and he definitely has fire in his soul, but his personality is calm, cool and collected enough to be a great fit for our program. He's a versatile guy who will do so much good for our students!

LOUIE'S HERITAGE STORY: We are so lucky to have Louie. He was generously provided by the Parra family who wanted his skills to be used to their greatest capacity in a therapy setting. They received a lot of interest but chose Heritage, and we're so grateful!

FUN FACT: Closely related to the Spanish Andalusian horse, Lusitanos are from Portugal and are known for their graceful and beautiful movements. We recently had a clinic at Heritage for equine professionals, and they were all obsessed with Louie's elevated gracefulness!



REBEL

REGISTERED NAME: *'RENEGADE REBEL'*
STUDENT NICKNAME: *REBS*

BREED & COLOR: American Paint Horse; Sorrel

PERSONALITY: As our calmest, sweetest horse, Rebel is the 'starter-horse' for our beginner riders. If you were to judge him by his name alone you might assume he's a real handful, but in reality Rebel is just pure a gem. We could not adore him more!

REBEL'S HERITAGE STORY: Rebel was generously donated to Heritage by Cort Berry, who is the father of one of our wonderful equine employees. He's a tried-and-true roping horse with lots of skills to offer!

FUN FACT: "The paint that ain't!" Even though he's an American Paint Horse, Rebel has just one little white spot under his belly to prove he is who he says he is. We'll take it!





DAZZLE

REGISTERED NAME: 'DAZZLE N' DIAMONDS'

BREED & COLOR: Missouri Fox Trotter; Gray

PERSONALITY: Dazzle is gentle and calm and absolutely loves our students. For as easy-going as she is, though, she sure loves to go as fast as she can! She's a speedy girl who loves the mountains that surround us at Heritage. Dazzle has some specialized health needs and would surely benefit from your sponsorship!

DAZZLE'S HERITAGE STORY: Dazzle was donated to Heritage by Linda Orso. She is a gaited foxtrotter who has done a lot of trail riding. Our beautiful mountain environment at Heritage is the perfect spot for her!

FUN FACT: Believe it or not, before coming to Heritage Dazzle's best friend was a chicken! Now, Dazzle is around a lot more horses and is so attached to them. Her best friend at Heritage is Luna and they are practically inseparable.



MATTEO

REGISTERED NAME: 'H.S. WINTER'
STUDENT NICKNAME: POTATO, MOOSE

BREED & COLOR: Hungarian Warmblood; Brown

PERSONALITY: Matteo is sweet and friendly, but boy-oh-boy does he have a stubborn side. His tendency to be pushy has turned out to be a wonderful thing for our students and he teaches them so much. He is a student-favorite around here!

MATTEO'S HERITAGE STORY: Matteo is a retired show-jumper who was born and raised in California. He was generously donated to Heritage by Jen Reynolds when his arthritis became too severe to continue jumping. He is well-bred, with an estimated value of \$60,000.

FUN FACT: Matteo is our biggest horse at 18 hands. Don't let his size fool you, though, he's still a cutie who loves to chew on everything he can find, especially our tarps. Together with Rebel and Ranger, this trio has torn our tarps to shreds. Luckily for them we love them anyway!



EMILIO

BREED & COLOR: Quarter Horse; Sorrel

PERSONALITY: Emilio is the king of chill. He’s confident and knows who he is, so he fits right into the herd. While he’s a calm boy, he’s eager and willing to learn, and ready to go! His life has always been dedicated to doing therapy in different forms. He and Romeo came to our program right around the same time, and they quickly became best buds. They love hanging out together!

EMILIO’S HERITAGE STORY: Before coming to Heritage, Emilio was a therapy horse in another program, working with adults recovering from addiction. He has lots of experience!

FUN FACT: Emilio is CRAZY about his grain. Carbs are the joy of his life and he can hardly contain himself at meal-time.



ROMEO

BREED & COLOR: Appendix Friesian Cross; Black

PERSONALITY: Romeo is a little shy in the group, but he lives up to his infamous name by being a true gentleman. He’s still young enough to have room to grow, but is a fast learner. He likes companionship and being part of the herd, but he hangs back like a little bit of a wallflower. He is intuitive and very well-trained, and is talented at making people feel safe. Our students absolutely love him!

ROMEO’S HERITAGE STORY: Romeo was generously donated to Heritage by Heidi Henderson in 2021. Heidi called Romeo her “heart horse” as he was her very favorite. She simply wanted him to do something meaningful that would help others because he fits the bill so perfectly with his sweet personality, so she chose Heritage. We are so grateful she did!

FUN FACT: Romeo competed in Level 3 Dressage before coming to Heritage, and his original owner used him as a “babysitter” with any new, young horses because he was so patient and a great teacher and companion for them.



GRIZZLY

STUDENT NICKNAMES: *GRIZZLES, GRIZZ*

BREED & COLOR: National Show Horse Arabian; Dapple Gray

PERSONALITY: Grizzly may be 13 years old, but he still loves nibbling on anything and everything. He's a playful and stubborn horse who has been great at teaching our students how to deal with different personalities. His favorite thing to do is to hang out with his best horse friends.

GRIZZLY'S HERITAGE STORY: Grizzly came to Heritage when he was just two years old. He was born at Utah State University and began his training in their Colt Start Program. He has a Bar-U brand on his hip.

FUN FACT: You'd never know it, but Grizzly was solid black when he was born. He keeps getting lighter and lighter every year, and it's so fun to watch him transform!



AMELIA

REGISTERED NAME: 'CW AMELIA BEY'

BREED & COLOR: Arabian; Bay

PERSONALITY: Amelia is the truest kind of sweetheart. She's truly so special and possesses a lot of patience in working with our students. She loves to graze and eat, and believe us, she takes advantage of every opportunity she gets to snack! She is gentle and sweet, and is an outstanding teacher for our students.

AMELIA'S HERITAGE STORY: Amelia was born at Cedarwood Arabians and was donated to Heritage by Cedarwood Owner, Steve Young. She was a show horse in her younger days, who competed in Western Pleasure before becoming a riding horse for Heritage students.

FUN FACT: Amelia has a couple of nicknames around here, including "Millie" and "Meals." Most kids call her by her full name, but those who know her best call her "Millie."



RANGER

REGISTERED NAME: 'JACYS RANGER JACK'
STUDENT NICKNAME: QUESADILLA

BREED & COLOR: Missouri Fox Trotter; Champagne

PERSONALITY: Ranger has a big set of puppy-dog eyes which really fit his personality. He loves to follow us around and get attention and is snack-obsessed. He's a mellow horse on the ground, but under saddle he loves to go fast!

RANGER'S HERITAGE STORY: Before coming to Heritage, Ranger was mostly a trail horse. He was donated by the Jay Mansanerez family and is a gaited horse who does the foxtrot. He has an extremely smooth, fast gait and is still learning the balance of carrying a rider.

FUN FACT: Ranger LOVES to play tug-of-war, just like you'd expect a dog to. He has even taken it upon himself to teach the game to our other male horses so they'll play with him! He mostly plays the game with our orange cones he likes to pick up. He's a unique and special guy, and we've never seen anything quite like him!



WILLOW

BREED & COLOR: American Quarter Horse; Gray

PERSONALITY: Willow is our most social mare and is always the first to say, “Hi.” She loves people and lives for treats! Willow gets so excited to play. Whenever it’s playtime she rears up and becomes very animated. That said, she is gentle and kind when ridden and is a great fit for both beginner and experienced riders. She’s a real asset to our equine programs!

WILLOW’S HERITAGE STORY: Willow has been with us at Heritage for many years. She came to us with a lot of experience in trail riding, hunting and dressage. She has many skills!

FUN FACT: Willow is our “*Model Horse*,” and she knows it. She is truly a beautiful animal and is very confident! Our students love working with Willow and she is often the first horse with whom they interact and find a connection.





ABBY

REGISTERED NAME: *'TURN N' THIRSTY'*
STUDENT NICKNAME: *CHICKEN NUGGET*

BREED & COLOR: American Quarter Horse; Dun

PERSONALITY: Abby is strong as can be and is our little speed-demon around here. This spirited girl loves to run! She makes up for all those calories she burns by eating, well, like a horse. She sure loves her food!

ABBY'S HERITAGE STORY: Before coming to Heritage, Abby had already gained a lot of experience being used as a lesson horse. She's been used for showing, trail riding and speed events.

FUN FACT: Our Equine Manager first saw Abby at a show where she was competing in hide racing. Abby did a great job and made a big impression! A short time later when looking for a new horse for Heritage, it turned out that Abby was the horse we saw. The rest is history!



KING

REGISTERED NAME: *'HPB KING'S CLASSIC'*

BREED & COLOR: Hungarian Warmblood; Chestnut

PERSONALITY: King is a gentle giant. He's laid back, sweet and calm. He's been around the block and has lots of high-level training, so in the industry he's referred to as a "been there done that" horse. King is a very valuable breed and is a true asset to our equestrian program here at Heritage.

KING'S HERITAGE STORY: King was born in Arizona, so he's still getting used to our cooler Utah climate. He's doing great! He is a retired jumper, and was donated by Taylor Kilgore, who showed him in competitions. We are so grateful that Taylor chose Heritage as King's home. There were many organizations vying for him, but after a thorough vetting process Taylor felt Heritage was the best choice. We're honored to have him!

FUN FACT: We might as well call King "Prince Charming," because he's quite the ladies man. He's enamored by Dazzle and Luna and always tries to hang out with them when he can.



Harley

Cholula

CHOLULA & HARLEY

THE ONLY MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUO AT THE HERITAGE COMMUNITY!

BREED & COLOR: Apaloosa; Sorrel with Blanket / Freesian Apaloosa Cross; Black

PERSONALITY: Until her daughter was born, Cholula was the youngest horse at Heritage. She's an extremely intelligent animal who has been one of our very fastest learners. As for her daughter? Harley is an absolute DOLL! She's just a sweetheart with the longest, prettiest legs. Her sire is Bandito from Young Living Farms. She's growing into a very tall, beautiful horse and we can't wait to watch her grow up!

THEIR HERITAGE STORY: After being at Heritage for several years, Cholula gave birth to baby Harley right here on the Heritage campus on June 1st, 2019. It was a BIG, exciting day around here! Our students were able to submit names for the new foal and we had a contest to see which name would win out. At the end of the day, 'Harley' was the name of the dame!

FUN FACT:

It is our hope to have this sweet mother-daughter duo sponsored together in our *Heritage Horse Adoption Program*. The sponsorship rate for this pair is \$5,000/year. Contact us today to sponsor the cutest little duo you ever did see!



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