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HORSE TALES

FROM RYERSS FARM FOR AGED EQUINES

FROM THE PRESIDENT

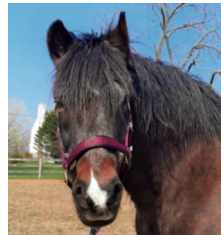
For a volunteer charitable organization to not only survive but grow and prosper over 133 years is quite a remarkable feat!

For a Century and a third Ryerss Farm for Aged Equines has upheld its mission of taking in elderly horses when their working days were over and letting them live out their golden years in comfort and safety.

We are deeply indebted to you, our dear friends, for your unwavering support of our farm and its humanitarian mission. You have been there through the good times and the bad, through pandemic and economic uncertainty. You are our rock.

Thank you from everyone at Ryerss Farm.
We wish you the Happiest of Holidays.

Samuel W. M. Griffin, President



NEW ARRIVALS

IKE retired to Ryerss Farm in March 11. He is a very handsome bay Percheron-Hackney cross gelding who stands 15.1 hands high. He was rescued from a livestock auction, so very little is known about his history but it is believed he was a driving horse. Ike is sweet, sociable and making friends quickly.

HAPPY'S age is unknown, but it is believed he was born in 1991. He came to Ryerss Farm in April. He is a handsome 15.2 hands high bay Draft cross gelding (check out his giant Draft horse size feet). He came from Watching Stables in New Jersey where he worked as a lesson horse for 12 years in their troop program. He is a sweet and calm natured horse, who loves to eat.

FARLEY retired to Ryerss Farm in October. He stands 15.2 hands high. Farley was purchased from a farm in Maryland in 2015. He is reported to be an Andalusian/Belgian draft cross. He had been working in dressage but was afraid of the judge's stand in his one and only show. He is a friendly gelding who loves attention!



GUS (Registered Just Be Gus) retired to Ryerss in May. He is a gorgeous chestnut Quarter Horse gelding, who stands at 15.1 hands high. Gus was born in 2001 and he came to us from High Hopes Therapeutic Riding in Connecticut where he helped many people through their various programs. Gus is a dominate figure in the pastures and is enjoying his retirement.

DUKE (registered Majestic Seeker) was born in 1996 in Missouri. His former owner purchased him in 2007 in New Hampshire for their daughter. Together they made it up through her C rating in Pony Club and competed in many shows. Next Duke began a career as a lesson horse for younger students. They retired him to Ryerss in May. Duke is a handsome chestnut Quarter Horse who stands 15.1 hands high.

DOC (registered Rebel Doc) retired to Ryerss in September. He is a red chocolate palomino Rocky Mountain gaited gelding, who stands at 16 hands high. Doc was born on May 3, 2001. His former owner purchased him at two years old. They spent a lot of time working together and developed a close bond. Doc would follow him at liberty in the field often picking up sticks like a dog. He now joins his "brother" Memphis at Ryerss Farm for a happy retirement.

CRISS (registered Criss Cross) retired to Ryerss in July. He is a flea-bitten gray Thoroughbred gelding who stands at 15.3 hands high. Criss was born on May 6, 2000. He started as a racehorse but went on to become a favorite lesson horse with the children because he was quiet and smooth gaited. His previous owner purchased him in 2010 and discovered he loved to jump. He is a gentle, sweet horse.

MURPHY (registered Murphy Platinum Edition) was born in 1987 and retired to Ryerss Farm in October. He is a dark bay Tennessee Walking Horse standing 15.3 hands high. Murphy and his former owner spent a few years doing Civil War reenactments. Now he is spending his time relaxing and enjoying his life. We are pleased to have this quiet unassuming gentleman.



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RUN FOR THE HORSES

After a one year hiatus due to the Covid 19 pandemic, Ryerss again hosted its annual **RUN FOR THE HORSES** on April 17, 2021. The weather was beautiful. It was sunny and warm and the event was a rousing success. More than 300 runners and walkers competed.

In addition, several hundred spectators thoroughly enjoyed the day at the farm. All in all, we were very pleased to host such a great event. Plans are already in the works for the 2022 RUN which is scheduled for April 9th. We hope to see you there. Be sure to watch our web site for details.

As the horses watched our 2021 runners and walkers, they were happy to know that so many were there to benefit them.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

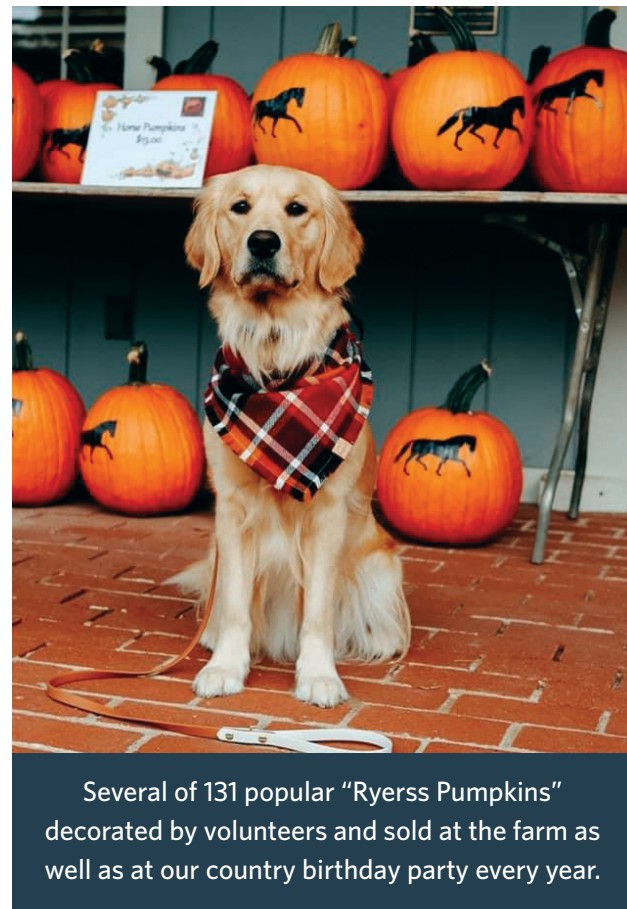
Sunday, October 3, brought the **Blessing of the Animals** to the farm. The Rev. Stacey Jones-Anderson, pastor of the Coventryville United Methodist Church, along with Ryerss' President, Samuel Griffin, conducted the lovely heart-felt service. She blessed all of the two and four-legged beings who attended, including each horse watching from its stall.

Following the blessings, everyone enjoyed touring the farm, munching on goodies and finding treasures in the gift shop. This is an annual event in the fall so watch our web site for next year's date and plan to bring your pets, including snakes, frogs, bugs, all creatures great and small, to this charming event.



COUNTRY WESTERN BIRTHDAY PARTY

On the beautiful fall evening of September 25th, Ryerss Farm celebrated its 133rd year with a big **Country-Western Birthday Party**. The sold out event featured country music under a tent with a dance floor, line dancing, a caller, raffle items, a barbecue feast and four enormous birthday cakes. A very popular part of the celebration were the continuous hayrides all around our spectacular 383 acres. Be sure to watch for this event next year and plan to be here.



Several of 131 popular "Ryerss Pumpkins" decorated by volunteers and sold at the farm as well as at our country birthday party every year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

With next year in mind, don't forget to bring the kids to our **Family Fun Day on June 18th**. We have tons of games, prizes, Pony Rides, Hay Rides, a bouncy tent, crafts and lots of food.

See our website for a complete list of 2022 events!

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BE A RYERSS SANTA AND SPREAD SOME LOVE!



To all the "Santas" out there who are looking to gift someone special, there are several four-footed residents at Ryerss Farm who won't receive any Christmas gifts this year! Would you be willing to be a sponsor of any of these horses listed (who currently have no sponsors) and make them feel Christmas Love? This would put a smile on some very "long faces" as they would now become members of the exclusive "Ryerss Farm Sponsored Horses" club.

Bianca
Criss
Diesel
Colten
Pounce
Wellington
Farley (new arrival)
Doc (new arrival)
Murphy (new arrival)

Please call Louise Dewees at 610-469-0533 or visit Ryerssfarm.org for information about becoming an official "Ryerss Santa" soon to bring Christmas cheer to one more elderly resident.

These fellows would be so grateful.