



## Horses at Mill Creek Farm

Retirement Home for Horses Inc.  
**Established 1984**

A nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing and caring for old, abused and unwanted horses

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Florida Horse and Country Festival will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the beautiful Canterbury Equestrian Showplace in Newberry, a few miles west of Gainesville, Florida. Manager Wendy Low, a long time friend of RHH, is allowing us to host two events at the festival: The "Florida Masters of Equine Art Exhibition" and our fundraiser, "Road Apple Roulette." We need a few hands to make this possible.

As a volunteer for the Art Exhibition, you will sit in air-conditioned comfort for the duration of a single two-hour shift, while enjoying art and greeting visitors! As a volunteer for the "Road Apple Roulette" event, you will promote tickets sales to visitors. Each ticket corresponds to a grid on the roulette area. At an appointed time, miniature horses will be let into the fenced-in grid area. Wherever the first road apple lands, marks the winning grid. We need at least four people to work two-hour shifts selling tickets. You may choose to volunteer at the Art Exhibit, enjoy the Festival for a while, and then work two hours at the Roulette booth. Please contact Rusty Hammer in Fort White at (386) 497-3362 or by email [rusty@innertuber.com](mailto:rusty@innertuber.com) if you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions.

### **FROM METROPOLITAN OPERA TO RETIRE WITH PAVAROTTI**

After appearing in numerous performances in the Met's production of *CARMEN* at the Lincoln Center, a fused vertebra led to Milky Way's retirement to Mill Creek Farm. From now on, all this aged Appaloosa has to do is graze the lush grasses and reminisce with Pavarotti, a 27-year-old Quarterhorse, who retired here in 2000. In New York City, both horses lived at the Claremont Riding Academy at 175 W. 89th Street, where they gave lessons in the ring, hacked in Central Park and lived in basement stalls.

### **AN AMERICAN DISGRACE**

Award winning author, Bill Heller, has written 17 books on the racing industry – telling fascinating stories of fearless jockeys, Thoroughbred legends, the Saratoga racecourse, harness tracks, handicapping, drugs like Lasix. His 18<sup>th</sup> book is titled, *AFTER THE FINISH LINE, THE RACE TO END HORSE SLAUGHTER IN AMERICA*. Heller points out that horses have been an integral part of American life for more than two centuries, from the famous night of Paul Revere's ride to Secretariat's simultaneous appearance on the covers of Time, Newsweek and Sports Illustrated; from helping farmers plow their fields to delivering the mail. When horses finish their service, should they be brutally slaughtered for human consumption overseas? Most Americans are shocked to learn that 3 foreign owned companies in the U.S. continue to slaughter tens of thousands of horses annually. These horses are frequently transported to the slaughterhouses in deplorable conditions. Heller contends there is no need for these horses to be slaughtered. In 1997, voters in California overwhelmingly passed a referendum outlawing horse slaughter in that state. A bill before Congress, the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act, has been bottled up in the House of Representatives Agricultural Committee since its introduction in February 2003, despite having 220 co-sponsors, more than the 218 needed to pass the 435-member house. Heller plans to send a copy of his book, which will hit bookstores at the beginning of April, to every Representative and Senator in the Congress.

### **DON'T TREAT WITH KID GLOVES!**

Do you know that "Kid Gloves" are made from baby goats boiled alive?