



Horses at Mill Creek Farm

Retirement Home for Horses, Inc. PO Box 2100, Alachua FL 32616

Established 1984

A nonprofit organization dedicated to providing lifetime care for old, abused and abandoned horses.

FIVE YEAR DROUGHT REDUCED BY RECENT RAINS

May, 2009 produced rain totals second only to May 1959. Our fields were dry and the pastures welcomed the excess precipitation. Despite the rain, Mill Creek is still dry. So now, our pastures are growing fast and we must mow them down to a reasonable height. If you have experience with tractors, bushhogs, mowers and weed eaters, we need your experience. Volunteer for a few hours each week. You're never too old. Call Peter at 386-853-0880.

HORSE SLAUGHTERERS SNEAKING BACK IN

In May of this year, the state government of Montana enacted a law which would permit horse slaughter plants to operate in that state. Not only that, the law prohibited courts from issuing injunctions to stop or delay construction of equine slaughterhouses.

A similar law was passing through the Tennessee state government until some horse advocates heard about it and started to question their representatives. The bill was withdrawn, but could be re-introduced later this summer or next year. One legislator told a constituent that he understood the slaughter would only apply to very old and very sick horses.

In North Dakota, the legislature and the governor have approved the spending of \$50,000 of taxpayers' money to study the feasibility of opening an equine slaughter facility.

These changes are not happening by accident. There is a lot of money to be made in slaughtering horses. And where there is a lot of money, there is usually corruption and bribery. It is up to all good citizens to be vigilant. Support the PREVENTION OF EQUINE CRUELTY ACT, a Federal bill which criminalizes the sale, delivery, purchase, delivery or export of horses intended for human consumption. Tell your senator and congressmen how you feel about this matter and that you expect him or her to sponsor this bill.

GOODBYE LUCY

Valid Dancer was deemed by the authorities in south Florida to be starved by his owner. Finally, the owner gave in and said "You can take my horse, but his friend Lucy the cow has to go with him". We agreed to take both in 1999. Shortly after they arrived at Mill Creek Farm, it was discovered that Valid Dancer, while in Miami, had eaten Night Blooming Jasmine which had almost completely destroyed his liver. He will last a few months only we were told. Well, he lasted almost two years until he died in 2001 at the age of 23. Lucy lived on and was a fixture on the farm for another eight years until she died of cancer in Spring of this year at the approximate age of 25. We miss you Lucy.



PLEASE HELP US WITH A CONTRIBUTION

Our financial statement for the year 2008, show that our expenses exceed our income by \$11,435. This followed a similar shortfall of \$12,292 in 2007. Our reserves cannot last forever. Please help by making a contribution payable to Retirement Home for Horses, Inc and mailing it to PO Box 2100, Alachua FL 32616-2100. The horses thank you for it.