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Dream Riders News Letter

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Important Dates for Dream Riders in 2017:

Winter Session: 2/7 -16/17; Spring Session: 3/27- 5/11; Sumer Choice: 5/15-6/8

Dream Riders' Open Benefit Horse Show- April 22 **Note Date Change**

Midlands Gives online giving day - Tuesday May 2

Dream Riders' Benefit Dressage Show and Clinic- May 20

More to follow about these fundraisers

Reflecting on 2016

Dream Riders was able to address most of the Riders on our waiting list this fall. These new riders have really worked hard to reach their yearly goals as have returning riders. The in house horse show was a high point of the year for the riders that participated and the spectators who watched.

Dream Riders' staff attended the PATH International Conference held in Williamsburg, VA. We received great information to bring back to Dream Riders and connected with many old friends.

Dream Riders' two big fundraisers, Midlands Gives on line and the benefit open horse show were extremely successful this spring. There are so many of you that believe in Dream Riders and what we do to make a difference in the riders' lives.



I know more than I say
think more than
I speak and notice
more than you realize.”
A quote from the
National PATH, Int.
Conference 2016



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Gone but Never Forgotten
Arlin Jr. "A.J."
July 3, 1994- January 10, 2017

Our oldest Haflinger, A.J., passed away on January 10, 2017. He touched many lives since joining Dream Riders in 2004. We first met him at one of our open horse shows. His brother, Alleluia "Lou", had just been donated to Dream Riders and his owner, Christy, had brought A.J. to the show. He was such a handsome and well-mannered horse that we fell in love with him right there. A couple years later Christy had some medical changes and decided to donate A.J. He was the only horse we have ever taken without a trial. We already knew he was perfect for the job! A.J. rode some of our most intense riders. He never complained or acted up. He was our Mr. Steady Eddy all the way! The past 2 years he did one lesson twice a week with the smallest riders and felt oh so important.

A.J will be missed so much here at Dream riders by all that were involved. I don't think we can ever replace that cute little horse. He will live forever in our hearts.



Something New in 2016

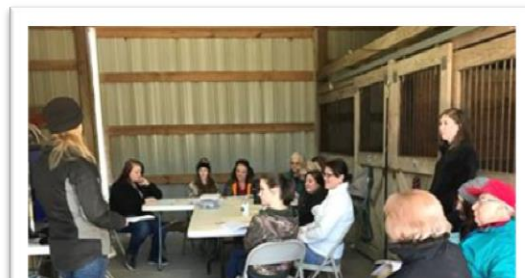
Dream Riders was able to add weekly equine assisted activities for children from a local children's shelter. Four youngsters come every Thursday evening at 5:30 to enjoy the benefits of being around horses. This experience entails leading, riding, brushing, tacking, untacking and just hanging out with the horses and volunteers. This is a permanent addition that is provided free to the children's home. Thanks to the overwhelming support of Dream Riders' fundraisers and donations we are privileged to provide this opportunity for these special children. The shelter has a system for rotating all of the children through, making sure they all get this opportunity. What a joy it is to see them jump out of their van and run to the gate to see what the plan is for the day and get with their special volunteers!

What's New for 2017

Dream Riders has formatted the newsletter on email so it can be read easier on your phone. If you would like to receive it in email form or not receive the newsletter at all, just let us know.

New Volunteers:

Meet our newly trained volunteers. They came out Saturday morning January 28th on a cold and very windy day and they toughed it out. Looking forward to them joining our team! Abigail, Robin, Margret, Lauren, Dawn, Alex, Isabel and Bill



Horse Leader Training:

We were excited to offer our first Horse Leader Training Session on the afternoon of January 28th. 13 volunteers came out to learn this new technique and the horses loved it! We decided to add this to our volunteer training program after auditing “Gaits of Change Taking



the Lead” at the Path, INTL. conference taught by Sandy Webster, a PATH Intl. Certified master instructor. From this we learned the importance of having consistency in leading our horses with one technique. Thanks to the volunteers that attended: Miranda, Sarah, Suzi, Alex, Dawn, Lauren, Beth, Cameron, Alyssa, Madeline, Margret, Amanda, and Melanie

Help Dream Riders Keep On Keeping on



Our biggest fundraiser is on May 2nd, Midlands Gives day of giving online. We are looking for pledges towards our incentive match. Last year was our most successful year and the incentive matches were very helpful in creating excitement. These funds will be used as a dollar for dollar match on the day of Midlands Gives to increase our total amount. The deadline for us to have this fund in place is April 25th. We will be campaigning for support May 2nd the day of Midlands Gives, donations of \$20 or more count!

Our other supporting fundraiser is our Benefit Open Horse Show on April 22nd. We have opportunities to sponsor classes, divisions, riders, advertisements and/ or bring your horse and compete. More information to come on our website <http://www.dreamrider.org> follow Dream Riders on FaceBook :<http://www.facebook.com/dreamridersequineassistedactivities>

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