

# SDTRHR

# UPDATE

## SDTRHR Has Moved

SDTRHR moved to Kershaw Acres in Milton over Thanksgiving weekend. The indoor arena is huge and the horses have settled in nicely. Karen Kershaw provides excellent care to our horses.

## Two New Horses

SDTRHR has two new horses. **Rip Van Winkle "Rippy"** is a handsome, classy twenty-three year old Saddlebred. We adopted Rippy from Summerwinds horse rescue in Hartly. Rippy is the consummate gentleman-mannerly and respectful. He was owned by a teenage girl whose father passed away suddenly and made it impossible for her family to afford caring for Rippy. He was kept in a beautiful show barn in New Jersey prior to going to Summerwinds. It is the perfect situation for both Rippy and SDTRHR. If Rippy needs to retire, he can return to Summerwinds' 200-acre retirement farm. Rippy makes the cutest noise when his rider dismounts-it's a soft squeal. Very cute!



**George** is a big, stocky blue-eyed Paint gelding. He is a youngster compared to Champ and Rippy---he's only 11. SDTRHR is leasing George while deciding if he is happy as a therapy horse. George has very smooth gaits and we hope to use him for our larger riders to provide some reprieve for Champ.

## Doggy Bag Sales

*The Rockin' Ritters' Doggy Bag sales raised more than \$5,000 for SDTRHR!*

Karen, Bob, Noah and Sarah worked diligently throughout the summer to get donations for the contents of the doggy bags and then started selling!

*Thanks to these folks for volunteering their time to sell doggy bags:*

Karen, Sarah, Bob, Noah, Nicole and Joe Ritter; Hugh, Hillary and Kathy; Cecily and Aly Fisher; Dorothy Dayton; Pam Pierce; Arthur Buchholz; Donnel Bailey and Sasha Hudson.

*Thanks to the following businesses for allowing SDTRHR to sell bags at their establishments:*

Food Lion at Five Points, Rehoboth WalMart, Browseabout Books, Surfside Chicken, Donut Connection, SuperFresh, Atlantic Liquors, and Books and Coffee.

Based on this year's success, we've decided to make doggy bags one of our yearly fund raisers.

*We will need lots of help assembling and selling doggy bags in 2008.*

## SDTRHR Receives Grant

SDTRHR received a generous grant from DFRC in December to be applied towards scholarships for SDTRHR participants with cognitive disabilities. These funds will be a huge help to us, and we are very grateful to DFRC! Thanks to Gail Shaffer for the tip!

## Holiday Giving...

Thanks to the Townsley's and Gail Cole for their generous holiday donations on behalf of friends and family members!

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Beach Ride & Walk

SDTRHR will be holding our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Beach Ride & Walk at Cape Henlopen State Park on Saturday, March 29, 2008. Please join us for a fun day of great company, food, lots of prizes and raffle items!

*We need help obtaining sponsors to offset costs of food, insurance and tee shirts. Please let Georgia or Kelly know if you have any contacts for sponsorships.*

For more information, please call  
302 644-1920.

## NARHA Conferences

NARHA's Region 2 conference is scheduled for March 7-9 at the Hunt Valley Marriot in Baltimore. We are very excited to have Temple Grandin, Ph.D., as one of our guest speakers. Dr. Grandin is the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world. In addition to being a prominent presenter and author on both animal behavior and autism, Dr. Grandin designs livestock facilities and she is a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. If you are interested in attending Dr. Grandin's presentation, the cost is \$50 and you can registration through NARHA.org

In November, Georgia and Kelly attended the National NARHA conference in Anaheim, California along with 500 other NARHA members. It was a very informative, inspirational and enjoyable conference.

## Delaware Community Foundation Grants

We have applied for two grants to the Delaware Community Foundation. One is for scholarship monies for middle-school aged children and the other is for funds for three new saddles. So, keep your fingers crossed!

## Welcome New Riders...

We are excited to welcome July, McKenzie and Rafael to our Saturday line-up!

## Horse Show at Kershaw Acres

On Saturday, February 9 there will be a horse show at Kershaw Acres. There are several different classes available to SDTRHR participants. They include: leadline both on-lead and off-lead, walk-trot, trail and games. The cost will be \$2.00 per class for SDTRHR classes. The fee to be in other classes is \$10 per class. SDTRHR classes will start around noon. There will be a sign-up sheet at the barn. It will be lots of fun for our riders! Casual dress is fine. Don't forget to sign up! Questions-ask us!

## Land Update

Unfortunately, things don't seem to be moving forward with the acquisition of land and funds from Caldera.

We are still hopeful about the possibility of receiving the acreage from Caldera; however, we have started exploring other options. We are working with our accountant and attorney to outline the positive aspects of donating land to a non profit so we can share with local land owners.

There are grants monies available for building a facility once we own land. We feel confident we will have our own facility in the next few years.

## Thanks for Coming to Celsius...

Cecily, Aly, Emily, Sharon, Mike, Pam, Carl, The Boyer's, Karen Kershaw, The Ritters, Hugh, Kathy and Hilary! It was a fun night.