

**This issue of The Equine Rescuer is dedicated to all of our adopters, who have made so many lives complete.**



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## **From the President**

I am in awe, I am humbled, and I am inspired by the humanity that surrounds us in this endeavor to rescue and rehabilitate any equine that needs our help. It is because of all of you and your belief in the mission and the cause that we continue to make a difference in the lives of those we love the most.

I remember sitting on the porch at Churchland Farm, being interviewed by the media. It was just after Mom started the ERL. They asked me where I saw myself in 10 years. I was so naïve, I said "Well in 10 years we will have educated people, and taught our children to be responsible for those they love. We will be a much better society, and take better care of our animals and this won't happen anymore". In my naivety, I really thought and hoped, this day would never come. In fact, even after 30 years, the need for our organization is greater than ever.

My naivety turned to knowledge and determination. I applied what I learned over the years to the most powerful thing I could do with my life; to make a difference in the lives of all who come through our shelter gates, and in the lives of those who help us help them. I appreciate every day I spend with the volunteers and staff. As each equine awaits their very own "gotcha day", our amazing team diligently cares for, loves and rehabilitates the grateful souls that have found their way to our farm. We persevere, we trust and we know the next animal that comes through our doors will also find safety, love and compassion.

Delivering the first adoption of our 30th anniversary has been one of the best experiences of my life. It was not only about rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming thousands of animals, or being the first horse adopted of a special year, it was about keeping the promise we made 30 years ago. These animals will never know fear or neglect again. Instead, they will always be prized as the most beautiful horse on earth by their very grateful adopters.



**How can we give up when they do not!  
My genuine gratitude to you all for Helping Us Help Them!**



**Cheryl Rogers**

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## **Help Us Keep ERL Running**

### **ERL Wish List**

- ◆ \$2,800/month for mortgage payment
- ◆ Professional fundraiser
- ◆ Gooseneck, flatbed trailer
- ◆ Ivermectin & Strongid wormers
- ◆ Funds for hay and feed
- ◆ Charcoal Grey or Red paint
- ◆ Black fence paint
- ◆ Postage stamps
- ◆ Free advertising



The Equine Rescue League is an organization that supports the responsible use of working, sport and pleasure horses, ponies, donkeys and mules. Our goals are to prevent the neglect or abuse of any equine, to offer educational programs to the community and to provide rehabilitation and adoption services for those animals in need of our services.

**1989**

"I couldn't do anything. I had no place to take her...That's why there's an ERL--so that could never happen again." Pat Rogers, re: "Betsy" (left) in a New Dominion interview, April 1991.

**1990**

**Haven for Horses Created**

**1991**

April 26, 1991 Stafford County Morgans

**1993**

Bubba (right), was saved from a kill buyer in July '93. Though he was emaciated & crippled, he survived and became our guide and teacher, until April, 2014. Forever in our hearts.

**1995**

**PROMISES KEPT**  
As of 1995,  
Over 380 lives  
saved

Rachel (left), saved from slaughter in April 1995, became Bubba's companion and was later discovered to be pregnant with Princess Zena (2nd from left), born 5 months after rescue.

Needless to say, Bubba became the proud adopted father.

**1996**

July 1996 ERL's "Golden Age" - Enter Goldie

Spare change collected by our volunteers spared the lives of 6 horses destined for slaughter. Sadly only one of the six had the strength to survive horrific starvation and brutal neglect. This is Goldie, a palomino mare approx. 30 years old, with an inspiring will to live. Here are excerpts of her short yet sweet time with us.

**1997**

1997 Goldie, the babysitter, with Reindeer (right).

**1998**

**WE'RE ON THE 'NET'!**  
Equine Rescue League is on the internet! Now you can meet some of the ERL residents driving to Churchland Farm on a cold, rainy day...or check our schedule

ERL joins the World Wide Web... and bids dear Goldie a sad goodbye.

**1999**

August 1999 Arabella, with her new foal & 3 other fillies, arrive at ERL, Churchland Farm

**2000**

**PROMISES KEPT**  
As of 2000,  
Over 575 lives  
saved

**Welcome New Millennium!**

**2005**

Shetland pony, Midnight, abandoned and left to die until a compassionate stranger reported on his condition. His horribly neglected feet (far right) were quickly addressed

## Thirty Years Headlines, Heartbreaks & Happy New Beginnings A Timeline

In this edition of **The Equine Rescuer** we will share some of the heart warmers and heartbreakers as well as the happy new beginnings experienced over the course of thirty years.

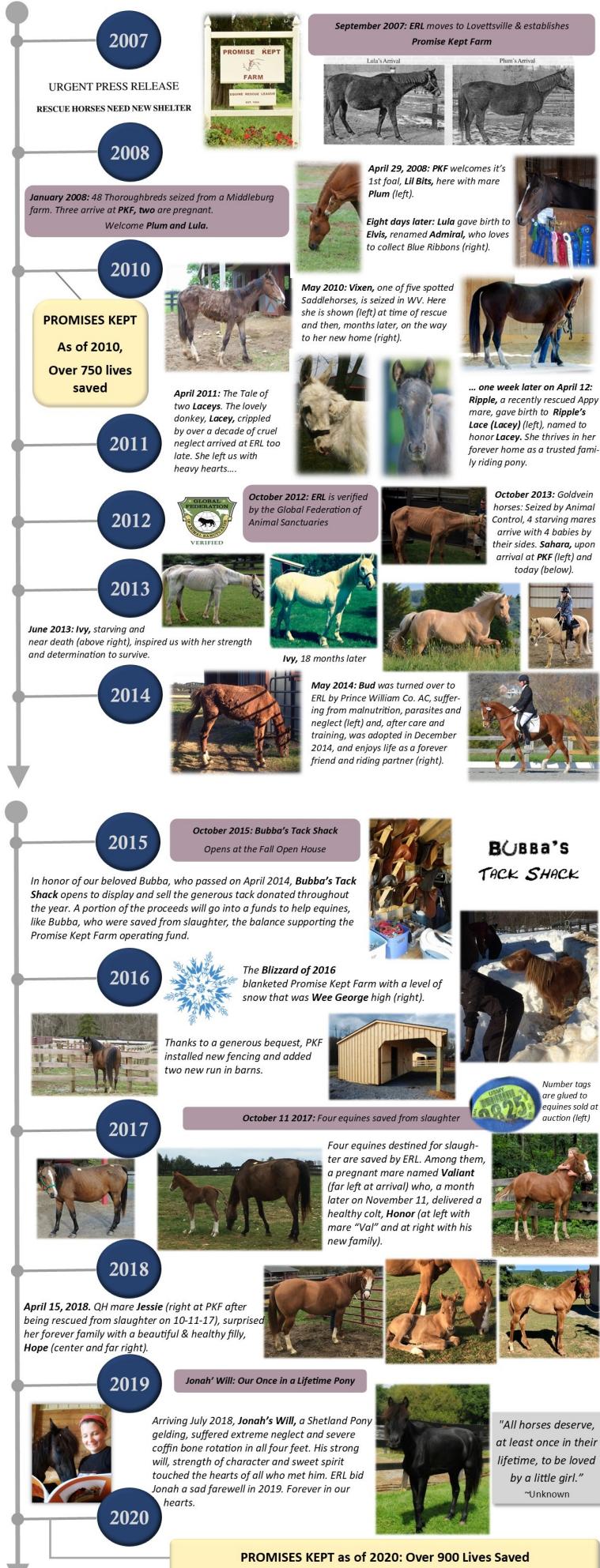


**Petunia:** One of ERL's first rescues.

**From The Founder . . .**

In February 1990, the first article was written telling of the need of a shelter for horses in our area. Response to this article was so encouraging and heart warming, the Equine Rescue League was born. It could not have been done without the dedicated efforts of those that have worked so closely and untriringly on this project. It is now that I would like to express my deepest appreciation and heart felt thanks to Hilleary Bogley, Mark Fowler, Raymond Hyde D.V.M., Donna Manion, and Rose Zugschwert. Without their help and support the League would not be a reality but a dream. And all of you who have contributed your money and efforts on behalf of the Equine Rescue League I want to thank you now for this beautiful 66 acre farm shelter which is already saving horses and educating those unaware. I must also ask for your continued support both financially and emotionally so that we may continue and enlarge our efforts.

*Pat Rogers*



**1990:** "When asked where I saw myself in 10 years, I said:  
... in 10 years we will have educated people, and taught our children to be responsible for those they love.'



**Ivy:** A starvation case, arrived at ERL June 2013.

**As of 2020:** "...the need is greater than ever."



### How You Can Help:

- Join the League.** Our members receive a digital semi-annual newsletter, a membership card, and our sincere gratitude. Membership funds are used to maintain the ERL shelter. You can also give a gift membership to a family or honor someone with a memorial.
- Foster a horse or pony.** You can provide individual attention to a special needs, long-term, or permanent resident of the ERL shelter.
- Adopt an equine friend.** Download the adoption application at [www.equinerescueleague.org/adoptionprograms](http://www.equinerescueleague.org/adoptionprograms)
- Volunteer!** Due to COVID-19, we are not currently accepting new volunteers. Please check our website regularly for updates.
- Buy ERL items,** like T-shirts, sweatshirts, tack and supplies from Bubba's Tack Shack. Contact us at 540-822-4577.
- Donate supplies, funds, or services.** All charitable contributions are tax-deductible. ERL is a 501 (c) 3 organization.

"All horses deserve,  
at least once in their  
lifetime, to be loved  
by a little girl."  
~Unknown

# Featured Horse Available for Adoption



## Charlie



**Charlie** is a 14hh Paint X 2009 mare who was one of 43 neglected horses that were taken from a farm in Virginia in December 2018. She is still learning to trust humans and will need someone who is experienced with green horses. She is willing to please and super sweet, just fearful and uncertain. Former Cavalia trainer Julien Beaugnon worked with Charlie and he sees a bright future for her.

**Are you ready to be a Forever Home?  
Meet other equines available for adoption...**



### Farm Tours

For a **virtual tour** of our farm shelter,  
visit our website at [www.equinerescueleague.org](http://www.equinerescueleague.org).

## ERL Membership and Donation Form

Please accept my membership donation to help abused horses.

- \$10.00 Junior Membership  
 \$20.00 Annual Membership  
 \$40.00 Family Membership  
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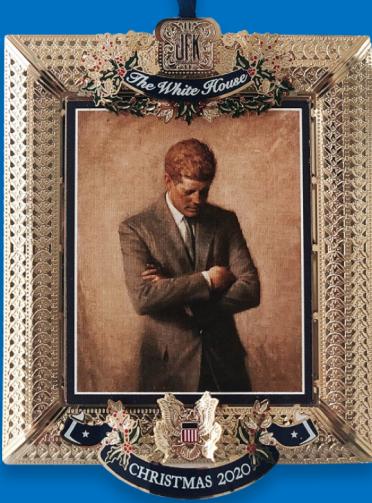
Please include your full name and  
email address in your request.  
Thank You!

*Contributions to ERL are tax-deductible.*

Please return completed form to: Equine Rescue League  
P.O. Box 4366, Leesburg, VA 20177, (540) 822-4577

Online donations via PayPal: [www.equinerescueleague.org](http://www.equinerescueleague.org) or Facebook: [@equinerescueleagueofvirginia](https://www.facebook.com/equinerescueleagueofvirginia)

**Other Ways To Donate:** Set up a **recurring gift** to ERL via PayPal, ask your **company to match your donation**,  
make online purchases via **AmazonSmile**, **arrange a bequest** to ERL in your estate plan.



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therefore,  
**100% of the proceeds go to ERL.**

- ◆ Cash, check, or credit cards accepted
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    - @ 703-824-0184, or
    - ◆ ERL @ 540-822-4577
  - ◆ Or complete order form above.
  - ◆ Ornaments are delivered via US Mail,
    - local delivery, or pick up at farm

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