



THOROUGHBRED ATHLETES

**Honoring their past...
While preparing for
their future.**



Photo courtesy of Katherine Cohen-Platt

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Our Mission

Thoroughbred Athletes, Inc. is a 501c3 organization located in Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are the first and only all Thoroughbred retraining program in the state. Our mission began in an effort to help retired racehorses find new careers and prevent them from situations that may lead to neglect, starvation or slaughter.

It is our goal to rehabilitate, retrain and re-home off-track Thoroughbreds. By teaching our horses a new skill set, we are able to provide them with a future after their work on the track is complete. Whether you are looking for a show horse or a just a loyal riding companion, we are certain that you can find what you are looking for here at Thoroughbred Athletes, Inc.



Learn more about Thoroughbred Athletes...

Stay up to date about new horses, current adoptions and upcoming events by visiting our website at www.thoroughbred-athletes.com or find us on Facebook.



Lynn's Corner



LYNN SULLIVAN:

Founder of Thoroughbred Athletes, Inc.

With warmer temperatures and a little greenery finally sprouting, I am getting anxious to hit the trails with some of the awesome horses in our program! Trail riding can do so much for a horse as it exposes them to many things they don't get to experience on a daily basis....not to mention the effect as a stress reliever for me! If anyone else is interested in getting together on a weekday for this activity, let me know as trail riding is best when shared in a group! We have had a really good show season this year so far, with Zee Oh Six and Lucy making HUGE improvements together and Miss Zanjero and Wendy Thompson winning the Battle of the X's trainer's challenge (as well as overall highpoint for the entire show). We plan to try and show some of the other horses we have in training here as well....that is if they don't get adopted before we have this opportunity!

Our quarantine barn is almost finished and we plan to have a building dedication on "Help a Horse" day on Sunday April 26, 2015. Harold-Sullivan has almost singlehandedly put up all the metal and completed the frame repair himself. We are so thankful to have his knowledge and skills available to us! This barn will help us so much in our efforts to help the horses that are acquired from kill pens and auction lots. (such as our champion Miss Zanjero!!) We will also continue to educate owners and trainers on the options for retirement to try and help keep these racehorses from ending up in at risk situations. We wish to thank everyone that supports our efforts.

Looking to the future, the Sport of Kings Challenge will be held at Remington Park on June 19-21, 2015, and is shaping up to be a much bigger event than last year! With the addition of an eventing Derby, a clinic with Lainey Ashker, an America's Most Wanted Thoroughbred competition, a short preview of the Thoroughbred Makeover (to be held at Kentucky Horse park in October), and some Father's Day festivities, we expect this to be a weekend to remember for all who plan to attend. Once again, thank you will never be enough for the support that has been shown to our organization. It takes teamwork to provide the services we offer, and the bigger the team, the more horses we can help! If you are interested in being a part of our team in any way, please email me at lynn@thoroughbred-athletes.com.

Rehabilitate - Retrain - Rehome

Recent Adoptions



WAVE ACIDE

TANGLEWOOD DRIVE

STRATEGIC LEADER

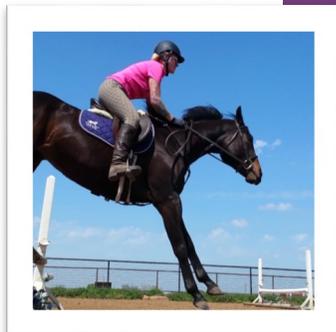
BRASSY'S DELIGHT

BIG CAMERON

PUNY HE AIN'T

Volunteer Spotlight: MIRANDA NOYES

As many horse people understand, the horse bug normally hits at a young age, and rarely dissipates. The story is the same for volunteer, Miranda Noyes. Originally an avid saddle seat rider, Miranda made a switch to hunt seat in 1996 aboard a thoroughbred named Bobby McGee. Four years later, she added western to her resume when she purchased her first horse. She attended Meredith Manor International Equestrian College from 2002 to 2003, emphasizing in the training and teaching all disciplines of English riding. She has also trained in eventing, dressage, jumpers, and rides trails and has even done games in her 24 years of riding! With her current horses, she has been focusing on dressage and jumpers.



Miranda discovered Thoroughbred Athletes after seeing a Facebook post about a Terri Lindley clinic hosted at TBA. She signed up, and she became more involved from there. When she first started volunteering, Miranda did loads of barn work and some riding. However, when Lynn discovered her paperwork and organizational skills, she was banished to the office knee deep in paperwork.

Miranda not only volunteers, but has adopted 2 horses from the program as well— Louise's Deal, now "Lulu" and Solo Love, now "Han Solo". Lulu recently went to the Cadence show on April 4th, and earned reserve champion with a first, a second, two thirds, a fifth and a sixth! Thank you for all the help you contribute!

From Track To Ring

Recent Show Results from TBA Grads!

Leo Grande
Owned by Lisa Hunt
Ridden by Emelie Leshner of Teal Ridge Eventing
Battle of the X's Thoroughbred Horse show
3rd place in Eventing Dressage Suitability



Zee Oh Six
Ridden by Lucy Greenawalt
Battle of the X's Thoroughbred Horse show
4th in Hunter Under Saddle
5th in English Pleasure w/t
5th in Hunter over fences 2'-2'3"
6th in Dressage
6th place in 2' hunter 1, 2, and equitation



Easy Okie "Otis"
Owned by Andrea Thomas
Battle of the X's Thoroughbred Horse show
2nd place in Leadline (Rider 3 y/o) Morgan Izell
5th place in Western in hand (Tracy Izell)
6th place in English Pleasure w/t (Rider Andrea Thomas)



Moonlight Charade "Merlyn"
Owned/trained by Lexi Schroeder
Feather Creek Schooling Horse Trials
3rd place in the Novice trials



Meet Our Horse of the Month: Oopsville Slew

Daisy is a 2008 bay mare. She is a great granddaughter to Seattle Slew. She came to Thoroughbred Athletes after being responsibly retired from racing after winning \$52k in 23 starts, 3 in stakes races. Daisy is a sweet-natured, calm mare with lots of try. She has been working on going in a frame and has been tried over fences. She is in search of her forever home that would give her an opportunity at a show career.



WORK TO RIDE PROGRAM

Are you an avid horse lover but don't have a horse?

Do you wish you could ride more often?

Are you an experienced horse person?

If you answered yes to any of these questions and aren't afraid of getting your hands dirty, then our Work to Ride program may be just for you. In exchange for helping with daily tasks and all of the less glamorous parts of horse ownership, we offer qualified equestrians an opportunity to spend more time in the saddle. Want more details??? We are in need of volunteers now more than EVER. Even if you have a few hours, give us a

Contact us today at lynn@thoroughbred-athletes.com

Volunteer Spotlight: CASEY SENDEK

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Casey caught a glimpse of show jumping from the 1984 Olympics on tv and instantly knew her heart laid with riding. She started lessons at 5 and gradually worked up the ranks, eventually becoming a working student at her Ohio barn in middle school doing chores in exchange for lessons and board. Once in college, she landed a job at her local track, Thistledown, as a groom—claiming it as the best job ever! She then relocated to Sarasota, Florida, where she taught lessons to beginner and intermediate riders. When she came to Oklahoma, she eventually realized she needed to keep riding and knew she wanted to be involved with a horse rescue organization. A quick google search later, a short read through of our website, and she knew TBA and the work to ride program was perfect for her.

Now an Oklahoma City resident, she currently juggles a job for the Department of Homeland Security, riding and taking lessons at High Hopes Training center in Norman, and volunteering at TBA. Casey has been a volunteer for about a year and a half now, doing anything from barn chores to riding, and is also on the Advisory Board. She plans on being pretty involved with the 2015 Sport Of Kings Challenge.

Casey rides primarily hunter/jumpers and competed with her OTTB Rude Awakening "Rudy". She has been very helpful to the training of our program horses and we couldn't be happier to have this rider on board. Thank you Casey!



National Help-A-Horse Day! Thoroughbred Athletes is happy to announce that we will be hosting a day of events for ASPCA's National Help-A-Horse day! ASPCA is awarding a \$10,000 grant to the non-profit that holds the best event, along with the more media awareness and networking! The day will full of fun for everyone, with chances to meet each available horse, the horses still in training or under evaluation, as well as an equine celebrity appearance and riding demos from our volunteers! We'd love to have everyone come out and check out Thoroughbred Athletes, Inc. and the volunteers that put in so much time and effort on a daily basis to make this happen. Due to the recent funding cut, we can really benefit from this grant money. Hope to see you there!

For more information regarding Help-A-Horse day, please visit us on Facebook, our website, the ASPCA website, or search the hashtag #HelpAHorse on social media. If you post anything about this event, please include the tag! Thank you!

HORSES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

GOODTIMES BILL

2011, chestnut gelding

MAMPO

2010 bay gelding

OOPSVILLE SLEW

2008 bay mare

OUR ROSIE

2010 bay mare

UNOSHILOH

2010 bay gelding

JIGGER BOSS

2011 chestnut gelding

MY SIS KRIS

2009 chestnut mare

ON THE MARQ

2006 chestnut mare

SHARP DOT

2010 dark bay gelding

OUR DARK KNIGHT

2007 bay gelding

RIO

Bay gelding

HERE COMES BUCKY

2009 Grey gelding

BRASSY CASH

2010 bay gelding

WILLINGLY

2010 bay gelding

For more information on available horses, please visit www.thoroughbred

Quarantine Barn Update!

Harold has been hard at work to finish the Quarantine Barn by April 26th for **National Help-A-Horse Day!** The outside of the barn is finished, the walk-in side door is installed, and all 3 front sliding doors are welded, covered, and installed. The front of the barn consists of two entry-ways— one with two 6-foot sliding doors, and another single 6-foot sliding doors. Here is the brief list of what we have left!

1. Clean out interior of barn— debris cleanup and sweeping
2. Install the 4 stalls
3. Insulate walls.
4. Complete lighting fixtures
5. Plumb wash room



Thoroughbred Athletes Benefit show!

Thoroughbred Athletes would like to give a major thank you to Lexi and Lisa Schroeder and all of the volunteers that made the horse show happen; Wendy Thompson, Casey Sendek, Angela Seimer, and all other teens that hang out with us. It was an incredibly fun weekend and turned out to be a massive help to the program! Our mascot Zee Oh Six did really well with Lucy Greenawalt, and TBA grads showed up and strutted their stuff to show everyone what they have been working on! David and Laura Harris brought Bob Fudge and Vee One Rotate and Miranda Noyes brought Louise's Deal "Lulu". We would also like to thank the team from Cadence Equestrian Center for being by our side since our first show in 2011. With all this help, we are able to address some obligations that have come up since our recent funding cut. Again thank you to everyone who helped make this show such a success!

ADOPTION UPDATE

Grace Slaff Skookum Okie



Skookum Okie has been entering into the show ring recently with new mom Grace Slaff! Skookum, now "Tailored Man" or Manny (named after Grace's favorite brand of riding apparel), has been hard at work to become Grace's perfect show horse. He has been doing really well over fences, and Grace has the photos to prove it! The team recently competed at the February GO Show at the OKC Fairground and earned an honorable 2nd place ribbon in Thoroughbred under saddle! They also just did really well in the two foot hunters at the Cadence Schooling show. Grace rides at Valentine Ranch under trainer Christina Hendricks, and alongside a few other TBA grads. Grace says Manny has been doing exceptionally well- "He really won me over with his temperament, but he is well built and I loved his movement from the start. He loves attention and will do whatever he can to make you happy." Manny is continuing working toward bigger and better goals.



We seek forever homes for ALL of the horses in our

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Join us in our pledge to rehabilitate, retrain and rehome off-track thoroughbreds.

All retired racehorses deserve a second chance!

Show Season Has Begun!

The morning of March 20th, some of the Thoroughbred Athletes crew packed up and headed to Fort Worth, Texas with two horses in tow to compete in Remember Me Rescue’s Battle of the X’s Challenge and horse show. Wendy Thompson did phenomenally well with Miss Zanjero, taking home several blues, earning the 2-day show’s overall highpoint title! However the excitement didn’t stop there. On Sunday afternoon, 9 horses and trainers each had 10 minutes to display everything they had accomplished in 120 days of training. Every horse showed absolutely incredible talent and progress that all 5 judges had to consider during the routines.

One of show’s 2 main judges, Steuart Pittman (of the Retired Racehorse Project, and judge of the 2014 Sport Of Kings Challenge), was almost brought to tears by none other than Miss Zanjero’s performance. Wendy shocked the crowd when she surprised everyone by walking into the arena with Ms. Z.. Why? She was pulling a cart! This beautiful mare was completely relaxed the entire performance, from driving and untacking, to cantering calmly through a course of jumps, leaving her fan base in tears ring-side.

After 8 other wonderful performances, the results came in– and Wendy WON! Yet, that still wasn’t the end. After the placings were announced for the other trainers, the auction began and a small bidding war started for the TBA mare. Congratulations to Lisa Hunt and her new horse, Miss Zanjero! Everyone is so happy the this show-stopping mare is staying “in the family”.

If you’d like to see what Steuart Pittman had to say about the show, check out his blog post! www.retiredracehorseproject.org/rrp-news-articles/1034-battle-of-the-x-s-and-remember-me-rescue

Photos from the event by Terri Cage at www.terricage-photography.com

Lucy also took some photos from the event and they can be seen at www.facebook.com/LucyGreenawaltPhotography

Special Note for Our Supporters:

As most of you know, we work hard to keep retired thoroughbreds out of at risk situations by trying to acquire them directly from the track when their careers are over. We also try to promote responsible retirement to help keep these horses out o livestock auctions and feed lots, where they prepare to ship to slaughter. Unfortunately, there are many we can't save but thanks to the help out our supporters, between August of 2014 and January of 2015, we were able to rescue 33 horses that ended up in this very situation. The best news is that all but 20 are happily in good homes where they are loved and cared for. The remaining 10 are still here at our facility. Although we try hard to earn grants and seek support from racing organizations, we have recently learned that our funding has been cut in half This leaves these ten horses with no support. We are asking for help with sponsorships for these 10 horses so we can continue with their training and care so they may easily find homes of their own. It costs us about \$250 per horse, per month just for basic care.

Theses horses are:

On The Marq

Henry Sunshine

Here Comes Bucky

3 yr old grey gelding– no tattoo

6yr old gelding– tattoo is illegible (We gave him the name Harold)

Our Rosie

Good Times Bill

3 yr old bay gelding– no tattoo
(We gave him the name Rio)

Henry Sunshine



We depend on the generosity of our donors and supporters to help us keep these horses safe. We are pleading for assistance to help these 10 horses until a safe home can be found for them. Any contributions are appreciated, and are tax deductible. Contributions can be made directly to our feed stores or vets (contacts can be provided), or to Thoroughbred Athletes directly at 2851 South Mid-west Boulevard. Guthrie, OK 73044, or on Paypal - lynn@thoroughbred-athletes.com.

Thank you for supporting our mission and if you have any questions or comments, please email or call 405-802-1312.

THOROUGHBRED ATHLETE'S NATIONAL HELP-A-HORSE DAY EVENT!



FROM CHAMPIONS...



TO CHAMPIONS

OPEN HOUSE AND MEET & GREET THE HORSES

10 AM— 4PM

APRIL 26, 2015

THOROUGHBRED ATHLETES, INC.

2851 SOUTH MIDWEST BOULEVARD

GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA 73044



RIDING DEMOS

DEDICATION OF THE "CECI LEONARD QUARANTINE FACILITY"

Thoroughbred Athletes is participating in ASPCA's annual "Help A Horse Day", competing for the chance to win up to \$10,000 in grant prizes to assist with efforts to protect, care for, and rehome horses. Please attend, meet our horses, see what we do, and learn how you can help! Unable to attend? Not a problem! You can still help! Make a post about our event on any and all social media with the hashtag #HelpAHorse. Points are earned toward the grant prize for having the hashtag widely used!