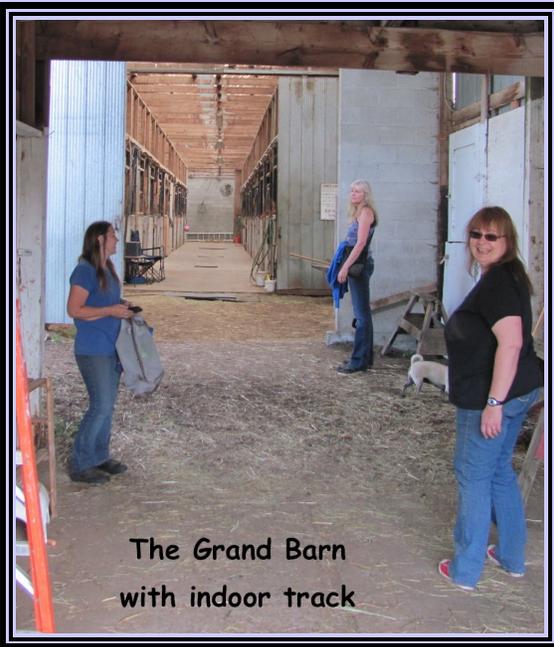


~ Circle F Haven ~

We have been extremely fortunate this year in adopting out 5 of our beautiful horses to long term and dedicated volunteers. Sweetpea, Elvis, Percy, Spunky and Thunder are all together in a spacious and wonderful farm in Langley. Garnet and her daughter Haley, who adopted Sweetpea, live here and care for the animals, alongside their owners. Here are their stories;

Garnet and Haley:

I was lucky enough to get this wonderful horse property in June and though my intention wasn't really to board I just couldn't say no to the volunteers and the horses they have adopted or bought. I am lucky to be able to provide a place where the volunteers can work and bond with their new horses and for the Circle F horses to be around each other and also meet new faces.



My daughter Haley is thrilled with all the adoptees here and also that there are 3 other girls her age who she can ride and play with. Claudia and I both have goats here that the horses have quickly gotten used to. I like to have the place as kid and dog and cat friendly as possible. They are all welcome here! A big thank you to my wonderful boarders, Lisa & Paige, Claudia, Mikayla & Adrian, Delarae, Selena & Milton and Faith & her husband Vincent for all the extra help you do to make this place special! A thank you goes to Andrea Pratt too for coming out and taking such wonderful pictures!



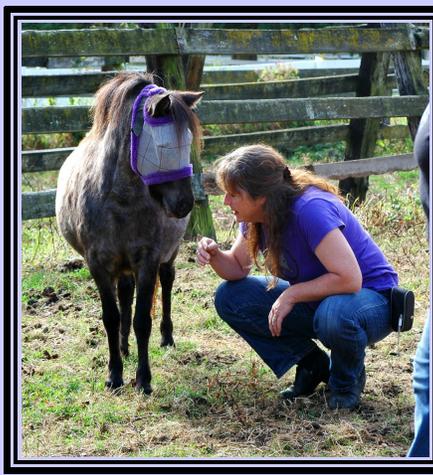
As for my horses , I will start with my Quarter horse paint who started me on the road to meeting Sandy and also to becoming a volunteer. Blue came to me quite lame and after 4 months I was convinced it was laminitis or something worse. Lisa told me to contact Sandy to see if the rescue would take him. Sandy being the intuitive woman she is, heard in my soul that I really did not want to give this horse up and convinced me to keep trying. As it turned out a simple thing as getting him barefoot and getting him some massages (from another of our wonderful volunteers, Shannon Addink) he became sound over time and is now my best buddy and forever horse. Thank you Sandy from the bottom of my heart.



After Haley and I started volunteering we fell in love with Sweetpea who formed a close bond with Haley. We adopted her in April and she is the Queen of the farm. She is now retired and has become quite bonded with Blue who is her protector. She still enjoys Haley having a little ride on her occasionally and loves their liberty work. Even though she is 28 she is still spry and has quite the opinion about what goes on here. We love our Sweetpea!

Our 3rd horse Bailey came to us this summer as her girl had outgrown her and moved onto a new horse. Bailey is an 18 year old appendix mare and is an absolute doll. She is supreme at helping riders be confident with her easy relaxed manner. She is the perfect kids horse, She has also become buddies with Puck and shares a paddock with him.





Last but not least we became owners of a appaloosa mini mare named Winsome's BlackGypsy. She has always been a broodmare and is 12.

She is like a clean slate for us. Besides being halter broke she has had no prior handling. Our goal with her is to teach her to drive and do a bit of showing. She has a companion mini that boards here with a very experienced mini owner who is helping us train Gypsy. Thanks Debbie !



So on the farm we have a little bit of everything from

Claudia's beautiful Drum mare Calla, to two little minis, and all the sizes and varieties in between .

A Saanan goat the size of a large dog and two pygmy goats .

Our pug Peaches (who thinks she is the real barn manager) and a whole variety of barn cats.



We are blessed to be able to be part of the wonderful organization that is Circle F and our doors will always be open to any volunteer who would like to come visit and see the adoptees. Or if we have room, to more Circle F horse coming here!

*Thank you everyone.
Garnet and Haley*



Faith and Puck! (Pull the Goalie)

Last Christmas, my husband and I decided to take carrots and apples to horse rescues in the area. Circle F was one of those rescues. I was really looking forward to the visit, because I had followed online the story of Dallas, a beautiful quarter horse in need of a new home. Secretly, I felt that he might be perfect for me.



Instead, I found myself grinning from ear to ear as an extremely tall gentleman with an off center stripe on his long bay nose, watched me approach the Circle F barn. Within minutes, Elvis, a 16.3 hand high Standardbred had not only caught my eye, but my full attention. As the weeks turned to months, during my volunteer shifts at Circle F, my fascination with Elvis grew. I finally realized that it would break my heart to see someone else adopt him. So, on May first of this year, I adopted my boy!

Along with a new home came a new name, Puck! which is a play on his full registered name, Pull the Goalie, as well as a reflection on his 'puckish' personality. Puck! has a natural curiosity and is cheerfully interested in everything, from kittens to goats. I love that he is such an optimist about life—to Puck! every hand might be offering an apple, every bucket may hold a treat, and every person most likely is, if not a friend, at very least a well-wisher (even when they have a file or syringe in their hands). That is not to say that he is a push-over. Rather, Puck! looks for boundaries and clear communication from people. My boy has already taught me so much about being a trustworthy leader.

Puck! and I so enjoy being at Garnet and Haley's Horse Haven. We've found an inclusive family of curious critters and friendly humans in a lovely natural setting. It is a family oriented place and everyone tries to pitch in and help out when they can, and when they can't, to at least offer encouragement and a friendly ear. Garnet and Haley's Horse Haven feels like home



*Claudia and Mikayla,
Calla, Racecar and Timbit :*

What I love about Calla - that could take too long!!!! She is a gentle soft soul. She has wise eyes.





My goat Timbit loves to give kisses. Racecar has the cutest face and follows M where ever she goes.

*Garnet has opened her heart to all our animals. She loves them almost as much as we do. I know they are safe and happy.
Claudia*



**Delarae,
Thunder and Dakota :**

There is not just one thing I love about my boys:

Thunder definitely keeps me on my toes and we never have a dull adventure. LOL!!



He always comes running when I call him from the pasture and ready to come work when I have his halter in hand. I love what he teaches me every adventure we take and look forward to so many more. Thank you Circle F for giving me my boy!!!! I could not imagine my life without him. :)



Dakota is new to me but just in this short time I can say he is such a cuddle bug. He loves attention and I love the hugs he gives me. He is also right there when I call him or he hears me coming to greet me at the fence. He is so gentle even when the kids, dogs and goats all come to see him.

I had both of them at Garnet's place and let me tell you I have two words to describe it FUNNY FARM!!!! She takes such good care of my boys when I am not there and treats them as if they were hers with the exception of fluffing their hay!! Thunder and I enjoy working in the outdoor arena and really have a lot of fun on the track with his buddy Blue (Garnet's horse) and Garnet. I couldn't ask for a better HOME for my boys to be at. Thank you Garnet for everything you have done to make us feel so comfortable and cared for, you are definitely one of a kind :)

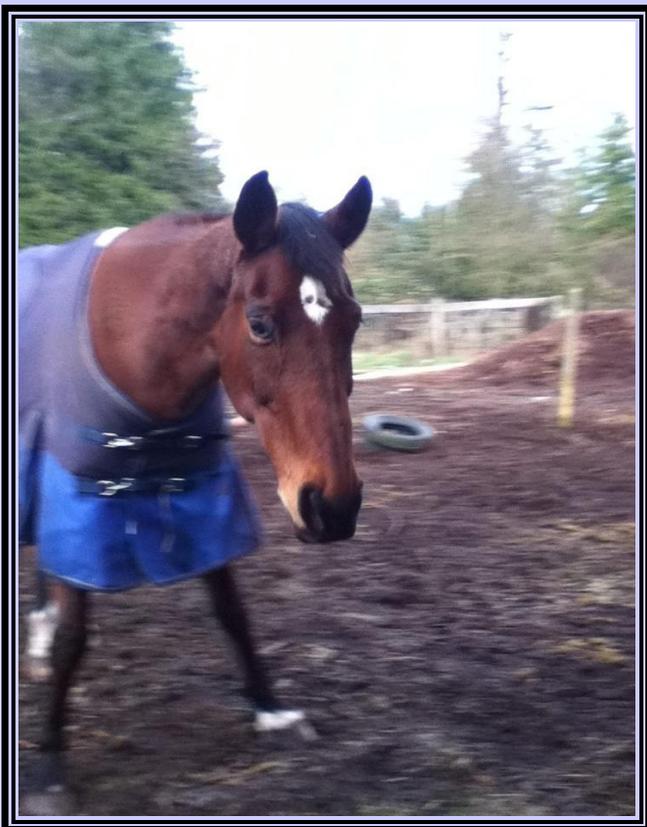


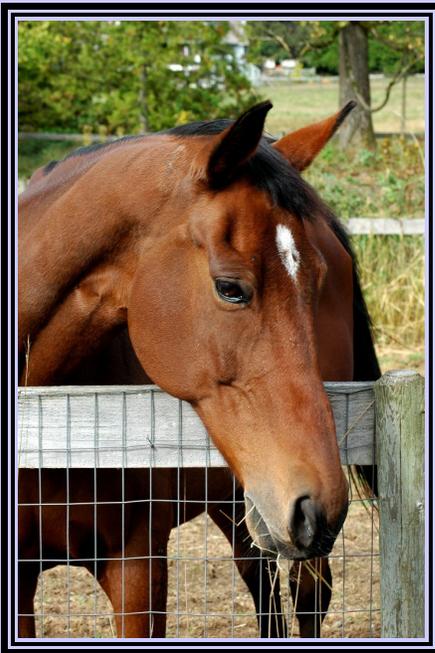
Lisa and Paige, Spunky and Percy



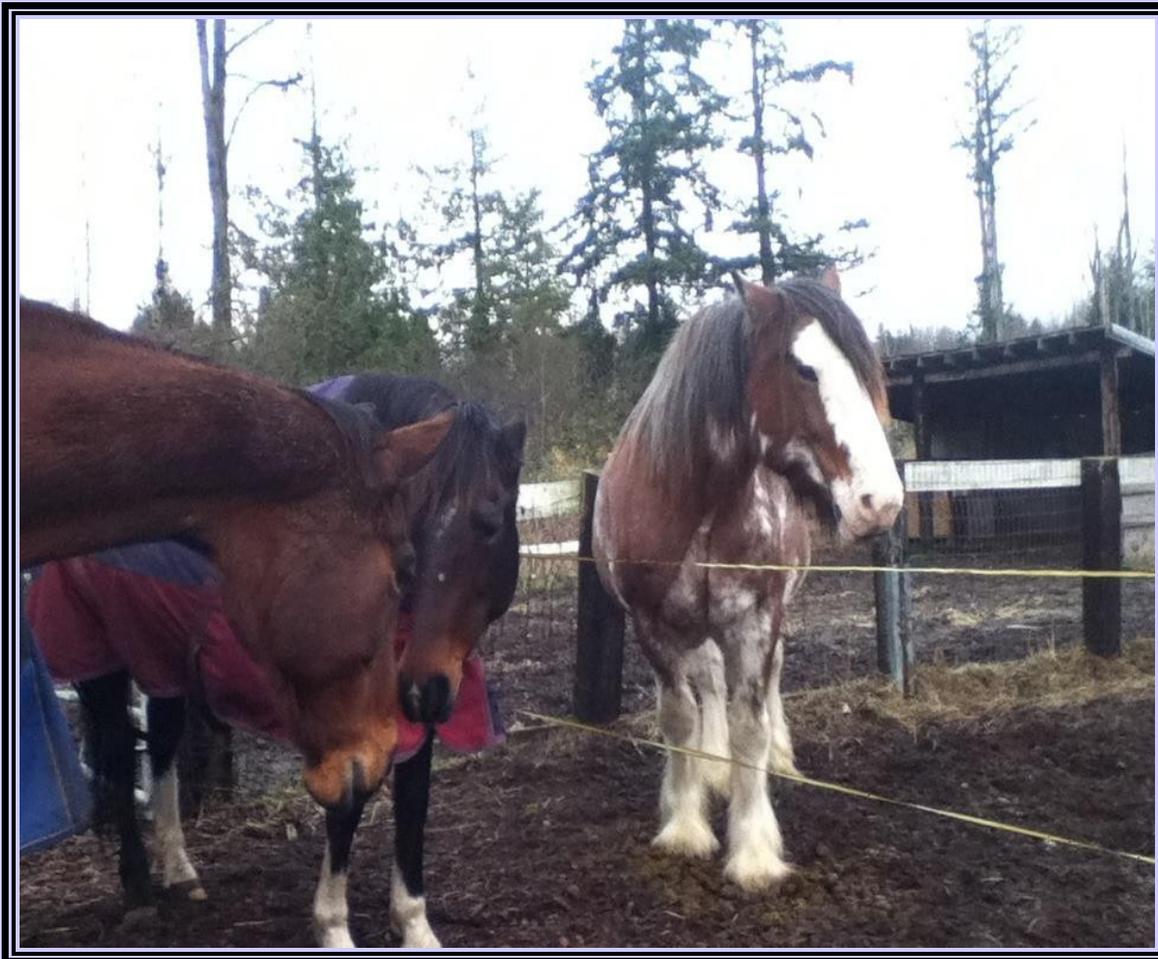
Lisa and Paige adopted Spunky and Percy in June and they were thrilled to move to the beautiful farm where Garnet and Haley had Sweetpea and Blue...

There was pasture to be had, a track to explore and ride along, and lots of fun and cool animal friends starting to call the farm 'home'.





Spunky and Percy really enjoyed the summer grass, and then big beautiful round bales, all they could eat! They played and rode and did liberty stuff in the indoor and outdoor arena, and of course had many a good sprint around the track, kicking up their heels!



Spunky: "Wow, she's a big beauty"

Percy: "Never you mind her....I know what your thinking!"

Calla: "oh enuf, I'm just here for the photo op!"