



NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

I think it is finally Fall and it has been absolutely beautiful at the barn! No excuse now to avoid getting work done around the farm. This is your official invitation to come help! There is plenty of work, plenty of variety for groups or individuals! Landscaping! Raking those pesky dangerous acorns from the gelding pasture! Clearing (sounds better than mucking I think) the colts' paddock! The never ending trail clearing (down to the smaller stuff!!)!! Repairing fences! Staining said fences! And much, much more!

And the change in season has brought several changes to our program! Our head instructor, Maria Coley, has stepped away from teaching for now (I added the "for now" part because I know she already misses it) so she can focus on fundraising and marketing for BEATS. She will still be around volunteering though! But we welcome not one, but two new instructors to take over Maria's riders and help the program grow! Chelsea Hunsberger brings in a diverse riding and training background. She has an Associates degree in Equine Management with a focus in horse training. While training horses for Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center, a NARHA Premier Center in Michigan, she became certified as an instructor and developed a joy for working with persons with disabilities which then led her back to school for a degree in Special Education. She and her husband David moved to Canton, Georgia where Chelsea is now a middle school Special Education teacher. Chelsea has her horse, Java, at Mariposa Farms. Michelle Roth comes on board as an instructor-in-training and will work with our instructors to complete her certification next Spring! Michelle has been volunteering with BEATS for almost a year and has a great rapport with the kids she works with. She comes from a "horsey" family and has a variety of riding experience including dressage, hunter/jumpers and reining! Michelle was also a member of the Milton Eagles IEA team. Welcome Chelsea and Michelle!



And our other addition....introducing our new mini! Munchkin is a 5-month-old Miniature Horse colt. He is currently about 25" tall and will mature to around 30". Munchkin is a bit shy but very sweet and tolerant. He will be a good size for some of our younger kids to brush (the OT's are so excited!) and an unintimidating welcomer for some of our new clients who get nervous meeting the bigger guys! Munchkin's main role will be as an ambassador for BEATS! Please let us know of any events that Munchkin might come visit and let potential clients, volunteers or donors know about BEATS!

We are working on the pictures for our 2011 calendar! We have a couple of volunteers generously helping take pictures of the kids and also welcome parents to share some of your pictures or your child at the barn! Pictures not used for the calendar may be used on the web site or other materials!

As always we need sponsors to help offset the costs of developing the calendar so that all sales are profit to our program needs. Please let me know if you know a company or even an individual who would possibly sponsor a month! Sponsorship is both tax-deductible and a great marketing tool!

Please welcome Debra Nelson, a Doctorate of Physical Therapy student from Cleveland State University. Debra will be with us from October 25th through December 10th! She has a horse background having owned her own mare as well as doing volunteer work at a therapeutic riding center.

THANK YOU to every person who helped us with our booth at the Verizon Amphitheater! We had a great season and raised some very important funds for BEATS!

As the holidays are approaching please remember to sign up with iGive.com and make BEATS your charity of choice. Whenever you shop on line at an iGive affiliated store, a percentage will be donated to BEATS. Every bit helps!!

RIDER OF THE MONTH

Marylynn started in hippotherapy with me years ago as a cute little freckle-faced 7-year-old girl with a huge smile! Though discharged a few years ago, I thought of her when we formed our Special Olympics team last year! Her family fully

supported her Olympic pursuit and decided to continue in our lesson program after the 2009 games.

Marylynn has come so far in just a year. She rides her pal Reinbeau and posts a trot by herself! She again joined us as part of our 2010 SO team earning as Silver and a Bronze!



Marylynn is now 18 and also participates in SO gymnastics. She loves to read, sing, dance, travel and shop! Her best friend is her brother, Bubby. She also loves to spend time with her Grandparents Mia and Mio (Luis, who was our June rider of the month!) Her mother Lucia brings her to riding and is her biggest cheerleader!!! We are so proud of you Marylynn!!!

Please nominate a rider who has worked extra hard or met a new goal!! Riders of the Month receive their name on our plaque, certificate and gift from BEATS



PHANTOM'S CORNER

So what IS a miniature horse, other than the obvious?! There are a couple of recognized national organizations for breeders of miniature horses. To be eligible for registration with the AMHA, the horse cannot exceed 34" while other registries allow up to 38".

This breed was originated in Europe though the exact development of the breed has many variations. Given evidence of pre-historic small "equids", it is likely Miniature horses were selectively bred for over 400 years to be used for pets, novelty, research, monetary gain, mining work, exhibition, and royal gifts. The first mention of a small horse being imported to the United States was in 1888; and it appears, there was little public awareness of true Miniatures during the year preceding 1960. It is believed that the American Miniature horse utilized the blood of the English and Dutch mine horses brought to this country in the 19th century and used in some Appalachian coal mines as late as 1950. The American Miniature horse, as documented in the pedigrees of

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Occupational Therapist Windy, nominated Teresa Bentley for this honor and speaks highly of Teresa's dependability and friendship. However in seeking information to share, Teresa asked that we share her sentiments below:

I have been a volunteer for the past 7 months. I would like to let Windy, Bethany and all the employees and volunteers of BEATS and Mariposa Farms know how a volunteer feels. The one thing that gets me through very long, stressful days in the Financial Industry, is looking forward to Sunday. Spending time with such wonderful children and horses is the one time I can forget everything else and just live in the moment. The day that James looked me in the eyes and said "Hi Miss Teresa", I thought I would cry. And no one has experienced more fun than having Ava smear shaving cream all over your hair and face! I have never been around horses, but always wanted to and it has been so great to be around such beautiful animals. Windy and the other Sunday "horse people" have patiently taught me so many things. And just when I started thinking "I've got this" after cleaning Phantom's hooves one Sunday, he promptly reminded me just who was in charge by stepping on my foot – lesson learned. Each Sunday, Windy, the children and the parents thank me but it is really I who would like to say Thank You for allowing me to be a part of your group. I am having a blast!



Thank you Teresa!! You are a wonderful representative of the fantastic group of volunteers that make BEATS what it is!!!

some Miniatures today, also drew upon the blood of the Shetland pony. Despite this, the Miniature horse maintains characteristics of a horse in structure and are considered a breed of horse and not a pony. Miniature horses are now used as assistance pets as they can be trained for some similar tasks that assistance dogs are used for and they have a longer life expectancy, 25-35 years, compared to dogs!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
GUESS WHO?!?!?!?



Bethany's Equine & Aquatic
Therapy Services, Inc.

To make a donation, inquire about volunteering, or learn more about BEATS, Inc., Please contact us at 678-494-6616 or check out our website at www.beats-inc.org.