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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

Feb. 3 Sat. - St. Jude Ride
TB: Augie Saavedra, Debi Catarineau-
Priest & Mayra Vasallo

Feb. 10 Sat. - Autism Ride, Redland Fruit &
Spice Park TB: Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez

Feb. 5 Mon. - General Meeting at Latin
Mix Rest.Spk: Beth Moran - Equine
Trail Sports program

Feb. 17-24 Wed.-Wed. - Cracker Trail Ride.
Not a SFTR ride.

See more inside...

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TRAIL MANNERS

Good manners is the grease that helps people get along with each other, avoiding friction.

- **UNDER 16 MUST WEAR A HELMET.**
- Be aware of the effect **your** actions have on others, their horses and their property.
- Do not upset your co-riders' horses.
- Ride at a quiet, controlled pace.
- **NEVER PASS OTHERS AT A GALLOP.**
- Keep a safe distance... don't crowd others.
- **STAY WITH A DISMOUNTED RIDER**
- Respect the property of others. (ie: lawns, farm fields, crops, groves, livestock, etc.)
- Leave gates as you found them: Open gates should remain open. Closed gates should remain closed.
- **DO NOT PASS THE TRAIL BOSS or drop behind the drag rider.**
- Stay with the trail boss on the same side of the road. Do not split the road.
- Clean up after your horse. Pick up manure or spread it depending on where you are. Do not clean your trailers out when you unload.
- **NO PROFANITY AT ANY SFTR EVENTS.**

REMEMBER! If you mind your manners others won't mind when you and your horse return to ride.



2018

Dates and Places

2018



Call the Hot-line for any cancellations
(305) 4-HORSES 446-7737

Guest Passes are available for local trail rides. Each pass is \$5.00 One pass per person per trailride is required for non-members. This pass is not available for any beach rides, Team Penning or Parades. All area codes are (305) unless otherwise stated. TB=Trail Boss

- Feb 3 **Saturday - St. Jude Ride - Augie Saavedra, Debi Catarineau-Priest, & Mayra Vasallo.** Location north of Robbie's Feed & Supply, 22390 SW 177 Ave., Miami, Fl. Registration begins at 9:00am. Ride out at 10:00am.
- Feb 5 **Monday - General Meeting** at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St. 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. Speaker: Beth Moran will be speaking about the ETS- Equine Trail Sports program. She is a regional & national director for the obstacle activity group, and will have a video to present.
- Feb 10 **Saturday - Autism Ride,** Redland Fruit & Spice Park 18400 SW 248 St, Homestead, Fl. Registration 9:00am, ride out 10:00am, lunch and activities 12:00 noon. Parking will be in an open field area off 248 St, south on the east border dirt road of the park. **TB: Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez** 305-479-6640.
- Feb 12 **Monday - Board Meeting** at 14591 SW 120 St, Miami, Florida at 7:00pm social, 8:00pm meeting. All SFTR members are welcome to attend and present suggestions. RSVP Wayne or Carrie.
- Feb 17-24 **Wednesday-Wednesday - Cracker Trail Ride.** Not a SFTR ride.



**SOUTH FLORIDA
TRAIL RIDERS**
DON'T FENCE US OUT!



SOUTH FLORIDA TRAIL RIDERS

AUTISM RIDE

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Riders register @ 9 AM
Lunch & activities begin @ 12 PM

Redland Fruit & Spice Park

18400 SW 248 St

Homestead, Fl. 33031

Requested Donation of \$35 includes lunch, bandanna & raffle tickets

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For Information: Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez: 305-479-6640

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PARK

IT'S OUR 40TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

1978 ~ 2018

Forty years ago Marsha Schloesser walked into The Cattleman Western Wear and Saddlery, which I owned at the time, and introduced herself and told me about a group she had recently started, The name of the club was the South Florida Trail Riders. and on that day she was planning the grand opening of the first dedicated horse trail ever in Dade County History. The trails, trailer parking lot, and holding corral for the horses, were the fruits of her dedication and commitment to make sure future generations would have a place to ride in the rapidly vanishing green county and the ever emerging concrete and pavement taking over. From that humble start dedicated trails in Dade County grew and now we have over 120 miles of horse trails in Miami-Dade.

Over the years the club grew and expanded into other areas such as community service,

camping trips, parades, and a voice for horse families in the county.

Join us for our 40th Birthday weekend gathering March 2-5 at Dupuis Campground. Whether you bring a horse or not, you will have fun with old friends as you reminisce over the many trails we have traveled. Hope to see you there. You can register and pay online by going to our website.
~Manny Alvares

<http://sftrmiamidade.org/40th-sftr-anniversary/>



SFTR Beach Rides
Beach Rides are Mar 31 & Apr. 28.
Renew your membership now, enjoy all our SFTR activities for free, and have timely info on beach ride details.
Don't miss out!

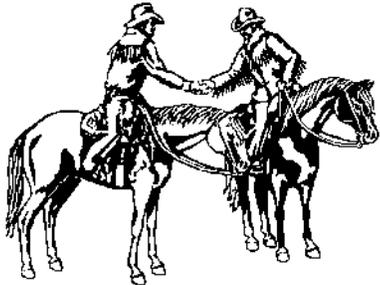
The advertisement features a photograph of four people riding horses in the ocean. From left to right: a woman in a blue shirt on a dark horse, a woman in a blue tank top on a brown horse, a woman in a light blue shirt on a dark horse, and a man in a green shirt on a dark horse. A large, stylized palm tree is on the left side of the image. The entire advertisement is framed by a blue border.

We have 247 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER CARDS TAKE 6-8 WEEKS TO PROCESS.

Artura Monsante and Sandra Reyna
Miami, FL - 33143



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NEWSLETTER

The **DEADLINE** for all articles & ad copy is:



Send to: sftr@watv.net

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- Full page Ad \$80.00 per issue
- 1/2 Page Ad \$40.00 per issue
- 1/4 Page Ad \$30.00 per issue

DISCOUNTS ARE OFFERED TO SFTR MEMBERS BY THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES.

Always ask Proprietor for amount of discount & availability.

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Robbie's Feed and Supply	22390 SW 177th Ave. (Krome) Miami	247-1256
Silver Palm Feed	15585 SW 232 St. Miami, Fl.	245-0048
Sunset Feed & Supply	7650 S.W. 117 Ave. Kendall	271-0341
Sunset Country	16300 S.W. 296 St. Homestead	245-2935
The VetteSmith Inc. Body shop	10750 SW 188 Street. Miami	252-1256



SUNSHINE REPORT



Our hearts go out to Linda Brubaker for the loss of her father, Allen. He passed away from a heart attack, at almost 95 yrs of age. A Veteran of WWII in the US Army-Air Force, Linda accompanied him on a memorable trip to Washington DC, where he and fellow Veterans were celebrated for their heroism and service in war time. May those memories give you comfort in the days ahead – he will be truly missed.

Positive thoughts for Eva Marie Tracy's mom. Although hospitalized, we are glad to hear her health is improving!

We heard Dennys Cabrera is also doing better after he was hospitalized. Seems he was hit while driving home from the Rodeo parade. Hopefully his back injuries will mend and we'll see him on the trail soon!

We also need to be happy for Wayne Hershberger, as he is healing well from a barn mishap. Those walls will win every time – but we are glad you are better now!

We've heard from Lourdes Esnard that Isabel Melecio had brain surgery for a tumor. Seems Art Chiong is also recovering from a brain aneurysm issue. May this new year find them both healing and stronger every day.

Wishing a light heart and warm memories of Wilamina, to Elsy Altuve – goats bring a special crazy joy into our lives, and leave their antics lodged in our minds forever.

Sandy & Jeff Fobb joyfully celebrated the marriage

of her niece Jamie Rogers, to Terrance Marcelle; while Denise & Chad Kanke celebrated the wedding of her daughter Gaia to Nima Ajabshir. May these happy newlyweds find much happiness in the wondrous years ahead.

Congratulations to Alani Lopez, who won her division in the mechanical bull Buck Off contest at the Rodeo! Gymnastics, piano, bull riding...so talented, what's next?

Our good friend Cheryl Quintana is officially retired and moved into a snug abode in Ocala, and Jackie & Michael Mercier moved their family to Gainesville. Although we will miss Cheryl's cheerful conversation on our rides and Justin's youthful riding exuberance, we wish them all the best riding ever at their new homes!

Sharon & Mike Perrin will be welcoming a little cowboy this July 2018; and Happy Anniversary tidings to Carol & Rafael Weng, Ivonne & Gabriel Alvarez, and Catherine & Colby Stroud - Happy New Year indeed for all!

Have a cheerful note about a SFTR friend? May we spread some encouragement to a sick or injured member, or lend our support to those who have lost someone dear? Please let any Board member know, or email anna-krides@gmail.com

~Anna Kleinholz



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Deda Maldonado
Ellyn Robinson
Gigi Carbonell
Grayson Lorenzo
Jackie Mercier
Jennifer Marquez
Jon Henshaw
Kassandra Losada
Katherine Goldberg
Kathleen Alston
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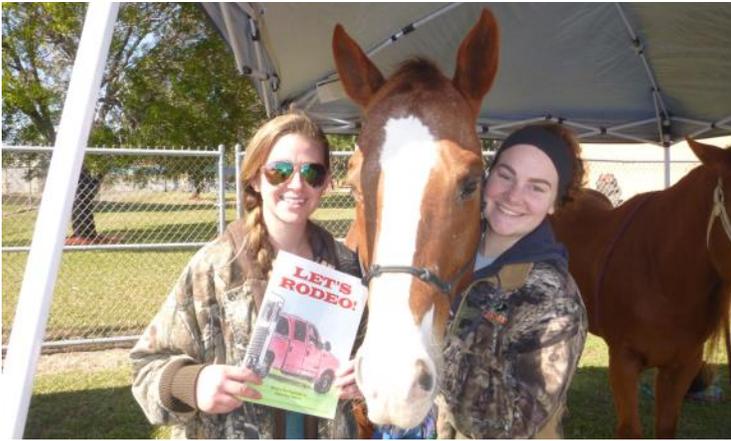
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Miami, FL 33142**

BOOKS & BRONCS KIDS DAY AT THE RODEO BIGGER & BETTER EVERY YEAR!

The culmination activity for the SFTR community literacy project had almost 400 first graders rotating in groups to twelve major stations, at the Kids Day – hosted by the Homestead Rodeo Assn, and manned by SFTR, Posse, Rodeo, & other friends. A special thanks to Denise B-K for her running the barn and offering her trailer for our event. Our reading station run by Wayne H, Megan B, Lauren M, Heidi S, Anna K, Michelle S & Kirsten S – all did a superb job assisting the children in reading and petting our horses. Augie S, Armando M, and Domingo H lent their expert talents in the grooming station – guiding little hands in the art of brushing and caring for equines. Leg-

endary Ben Kroner delighted the kids with the craft of forging & fitting shoes on a real horse, while Carrie H and Sonni P delighted them with the equine anatomy game: Who's Got the Word? April B ran the saddling & bridling station, which was a great hit again! A shout out and thanks to Dr. Larry Feldman, for his bestowing the School Board Dist. 9 Exemplary medal to Dawn and myself – most unexpected and much appreciated! And last but not least, a thanks to Doris S for her overall support to our Books & Broncs coordinator...Dawn Pearce. The B&B program would not happen without the countless hours, and dedication to the cause, by Dawn!

~Bonny George, Jr.



HOMESTEAD RODEO PARADE - FOR US, IT WAS ABOUT THE HORSES!

We encountered issues from the hosts in the planning stages for the Rodeo Parade, but by Sat morning our hearty group of Parade Team members assembled at the VFW, prepped, and made it to the staging area with great expectations. The USA flag waved proudly high over Krome Ave as Michelle McDaniel lead us with her safety truck affixed with our SFTR signs. Renee Reynolds marched out the USA colors, with Colby Stroud carried the SFTR flag. Lynn Stine & Dennys Cabrera also rode, while Phyllis McGrath & Lauren Moniz walked their equines in hand. Heidi Stibitz drove her lovely cart, with James Barrett (on injured reserves!) and as her co-pilots. I had the dubious honor of being Poop-Scooper, but had a lot of fun being cheered on by the crowds!

Lisa Morgan had questioned for days, the logistics of

the parade, but thanks to the Pres. of the Homestead Rodeo Assn, Mr. Jim Bauman, we did not drop from the parade – and were given the courtesy of being in the first position behind the dignitaries' cars. However, these circumstances, which were out of our control, made it impossible to alert our club members in a timely fashion to join us. As I apologize to our club members for the inconvenience, I am proud of the core group who made it their mission to attend – and for their dedication I give my humble thanks.

Many thanks to Ben Kroner for bringing us hot pizza after the parade. We celebrated another formal parade season, and spoke of the Youth Fair and Cattle Show activities coming soon. For us, and the kids who waited along the route, it was all about the horses!

~Bonny George, Jr.



SFTR 40th Anniversary Camping Registration Form

Dupuis Equestrian Campground

(List only the people you have camping in your trailer)

THURSDAY ARRIVAL ONLY AFTER 2:00 PM.

Deadline for registration is February 19th, 2018

Registration needs to be in ASAP

March 2nd – 5th, 2018

Name 1: _____ Name 2: _____

Name 3: _____ Name 4: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Emergency contact: _____

T- Shirts: Please state size and how many below. Include payment.

Please circle size: Small # _____ / Medium # _____ / Large # _____ / X Large # _____

\$12 each x (#) _____ = \$ _____ XX Large # _____ \$13 = _____ 3XL # _____ \$13 = \$ _____

Camping:

Friday & Saturday dinners are included in price below.

\$75.00 per person (#) _____ X \$75 = \$ _____

\$20.00 per child (kid's meal 12 & under) (#) _____ X \$20 = \$ _____

Although Dupuis has a lot of stalls and paddocks, YOU ARE NOT GUARANTEED A PADDOCK or STALL.

Bring your own corrals if needed. If you want to camp together you need to arrive together.

How many horses? _____

Meals a la cart for people without horses that are not included above:

Friday Chicken dinner \$30 per person (#) _____ X \$30 = \$ _____ includes entertainment

Saturday Steak dinner \$35 per person (#) _____ X \$35 = \$ _____ includes entertainment

Please Remit in Full 100%. Amount enclosed \$ _____

Must cancel before 21 days of campout for full refund.

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SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS

Last year brought to us several great speakers to the general meetings. This year, we would like to hear from you.

If you have any ideas for general meeting speakers or programs, call Ben Kroner at 305-245-2403 or email me at bdkshoe@bellsouth.net

We look forward to your input.



FUNNEL CAKES



AROUND THE PADDOCK... HOW OUR MEMBERS ARE WEATHERING THE CHILLY DAYS

Despite the gusty winds and unusually frigid spells, SFTR have been active, none the less...

Celine d'Arbellas recently won a 1st on Jesus in the Speed Round Training Jumpers and won Champion in Training Jumpers with a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. Expect to hear more about these two this year!

Maddie carried JC Viña to a 2nd in the 2K at a recent Lady Lake cutting event. Lynn was just out of the money on Tuff, but had two fun runs. JC also won an all-purpose bag emblazoned with FCHA Finalist for 2017. Congratulations to you both!

Jorge & Elena Ramos welcomed home her new horse, a grandson of Peptoboonsmal. While Jennifer Dachton is sporting a new WB, Justiz. Glad to know you'll all soon be riding with us again!

Another new addition for Lynn & JC Viña – a cute pup Bocephus. Bo will no doubt be seen ambling about at their next ride-out.

Lots of kids for Jason Lauzurique's, Gaby Dean's & Emily Morgan's goats at the recent West Palm State Fair. Trailer up ½ full, trailer home....full!

Remember the Redland Country Market is open at SW 248 St & 162 Ave, Saturday 9am-2pm.

Contact Tyra Phillips (305-992-2769) for vendor spaces. Join fruit, tack, antiques, bee, housewares & food vendors as we all strive to buy "local".

Celine d'Arbellas has been busy helping with an annual mini Olympics in Wellington. There they recently ran the event and hosted youths from Haiti. SFTR...building bonds and developing a new generation, Celine is truly bridging the waters!

Manny & Tonya Alvarez proudly announce that their son Alan, director of the Marlins Foundation, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Feeding So. Fla. Our congratulations to Alan for his new position, and for being such a power-

house of energy in the fight to eliminate hunger in our local communities.

Ginger Krenz is currently coordinating the volunteers at the local SPCA ranch, & we hope to see more of her out & about. Those interested in more information about volunteer community service hours, activities, orientations, etc - please try www.helpthehorses.com .

Free line dancing lessons at Schnebly's (30205 SW 217 Ave, Homestead) Fri nights, 7:30pm. Not promoting, just relaying for those who are interested. Can we spell a much needed SFTR fun night???

Remember Three Sisters Farm, across from the Spice Park on 248 St off 187 Ave has an open invitation to SFTR to stop in for their Gambino's pizza – hot out of their big outdoor oven, through April. Organic plants, food, lemonade, etc for sale at very reasonable prices...horse-tie trees available.

We are elated to let the SFTR membership know the last two of Ellen Peaceman's horses have been officially adopted!!!! Those of us who managed the re-homing wish to thank everyone for helping in this task, following Ellen's passing. The complete story of the seven horses will follow in another newsletter.

Remember all SFTR are welcome to participate in our repeat appearance at the Youth Fair in our Parade of Breeds show – Sun., Mar. 25, 2pm. We will be riding this year, but will also have positions for in-hand equines. We welcome drafts, minis, mules, carts, donkeys, old pros & juniors alike! Please contact Manny Alvarez (305-395-9343) to join us in this amazing club event!

Have an activity which fellow SFTR would enjoy? Want to let our club hear about how non-horse time is well spent?

Contact me on FbPM,

or IdrathrBfishin6@yahoo.com Thanks!

~Bonny George, Jr.

CHALLENGE YOUR HORSE AND YOURSELF - TRY EQUINE TRAIL SPORTS!

All too often we forego groundwork to ride, or ride rather than ride-and-train along the trail. There is a rapidly growing obstacle challenge venue which offers in-hand, arena, and trail obstacle experiences at the beginner, intermediate and advanced level – Equine Trail Sports (ETS)! Teeter boards, barrels, bridges, low jumps, on/off-side mount/dismount, drags, and so much more – the rider registers as Beg/Int/Adv on each of the 8 arena components, and 6 field/trail obstacles. The rider & equine receive separate points (1-10), totaled for the 14 challenges for the day. Those who wish to walk their equine in-hand are scored similarly, in that division. Hence, whether one does only groundwork, or one rides – everyone, at every proficiency level has an equal opportunity to compete in a fair field. Hosts and judges are trained & certified, and offer helpful guidance after an event so the participants may "Ride for Fun, Ride to Learn".

Two local SFTR have been involved in the ETS for 4 yrs: Ann-louise Oudin and Michelle Byriel. Their mentor and the US Regional & National Director of ETS Events, Beth Moran, trains and certifies the hosts and judges, helps hosts organize their choice of obstacles, and supports them with ETS awards & insurance. She promotes the concept of riding within one's ability and confidence level – a primary reason for the three riding levels on each obstacle. Beth has her own events each

year in Bronson, at Black Prong – the next to be Apr. 14-15, 2018. Her challenges sometimes draw 30-40 entries for the two day event. Michelle recently won 3-4th places in Int., & a raffle for free professional training at Black Prong. Ann-louise related she has won several Beg & Int awards & star pins for her riding, and since she rotates the use of her three horses, they have won yearly pins with carrot attachments in bronze & silver for point level accomplishments. Ann-Louise added that her participation, success & enjoyment was due to Beth's motivation, professionalism, & enthusiasm.

So whether you have a draft or a mini, a mule, TB, or other equine...ETS helps you learn something new about yourself & your horse, by safely conquering interesting obstacles. Michelle feels the time spent together increases the bond between horse & rider, promotes personal growth, increases the enjoyment of riding, and improves overall horsemanship.

Beth Moran, who lives in Cocoa, Fla, will be our **guest speaker** at the SFTR General Meeting, at the Latin Mix – **Feb. 5, 2018**. You may read about the ETS rules, challenges, hosting, event calendar, goals, etc at beth@equinetrailsports.com and then hear first hand from Beth in detail at the meeting. On foot or in the saddle, ETS has something for every avid equestrian enthusiast!

~Bonny George, Jr.

CAMPING DATES

2018

South Florida Trail Riders, Inc.

Below scheduled campouts & fees are pending. Check Newsletter for any changes.

You must RSVP to Andrea for all camping trips. (305) 216-2461.
Or email me at pasocorto@aol.com

This is to let you know of any changes or cancellations.

2018

Jan. 11 – 15th **Lake X** / Osceola Roger Haddock Memorial Trail Ride & Osceola Trail Ride.
Osceola County Primitive, water & portolets. Bring water as it is a haul to get it. No stalls.
(starts on 7th) **TB: Osceola Wagon Train & Trail Ride.**

Costs: \$125(weekend) emailed out full info packet Sept. 3rd.

Jan. 26 – 28th **Cattle Drive Reunion** Contact Manny Alvarez – redlandtrail@aol.com

Feb. 16 – 18th **Picayune** Canceled – Cracker Trail same weekend.

Feb. 17 – 24th **Cracker Trail Ride**

March 1 – 5th **Dupuis** SFTR 40th Anniversary!

March 24 – 26th **Layover at McCulley Farms.** Water, stalls, electric
386-938-1147 McCulley Farms **Costs:** \$25 for 1 stall & electric / \$20 for 1 stall or hi-tie & primitive

March 26 – 31st **AH Stephens State Park** Water, stalls, electric.
Georgia Beautiful trails to ride.

Book early! **TB: Augie & Andrea**

Reserve at gastateparks.org or call 800-864-7275 for AH Stephens

Costs: \$23 site per night – Stalls \$13 per night – AH Stephens

April 20 – 22nd **Picayune** Small paddocks, water

When you reserve, email Andrea your campsite number.

All of the camping trips above will have a Saturday night covered dish.

Any costs are subject to changes.

Dupuis now requires Permits to camp.

<https://www.sfwmd.gov/community-residents/recreation/sul>

Reserve America (800) 326-3521 www.reserveamerica.com

Check Hunt Dates on Fl. Fish & Wildlife website – <http://wildflorida.org/hunting/>

BLACK EYED PEA RIDE

At around 11:00 a.m. the Trail Riders started to arrive, some on horseback and others in their trailers.

Mike Maldonado, Sonni Peles and Sonny George, Jr. brought the black eye peas to be judged as to who makes the best black eye peas in 2018.

The Judge, Eddie Garcia, found Sonni Peles' black eye peas to be the best! It was the first time that she ever prepared them, but being a professional cook, she did an outstanding job. Thank you to Eddie Garcia for volunteering to be the judge. It was a very difficult decision to make as there were great choices to pick from and they were all very good. Mike's chili was all gone by the time we were finished. We had plenty to eat like at all Trail Riders' events. Thanks to all the members who brought something to

share. We started out at around 12:30 p.m. and the ride was going to be 10 miles; but we only got to 5 miles before both horses and riders were a little bit out of shape, therefore, we headed back to the house. We only rode for 7 miles (2 ½ hrs).

Domingo and the group from his barn looked really sharp in their cowboy and cowgirl outfits. The ride was uneventful except for Rob Dixon constantly looking for ghosts instead of goats.

I want to thank all the riders and 6 guests that participated. Thanks to my wife, Mayra Saavedra, for hosting the 2018 Black Eyed Pea Ride. It was a good start for 2018.

~ Augie Saavedra



SFSPCA Horse of the Month "KATIE"



**Morgan Cross • Mare • Bay
14.3 hands • 2006 est YOB**

Katie is a victim of malnutrition, abandonment, and neglect. She was rescued with three others (Devil, Dude & Kelso) on March 22, 2016.

Katie has been abused and needs to be with a calm patient owner. She is very trusting once she gets to know you. Katie has Cushings and needs to be on Pergolide daily. Katie can be ridden lightly but needs joint supplements. Katie bathes, cross-ties and stands for the farrier.

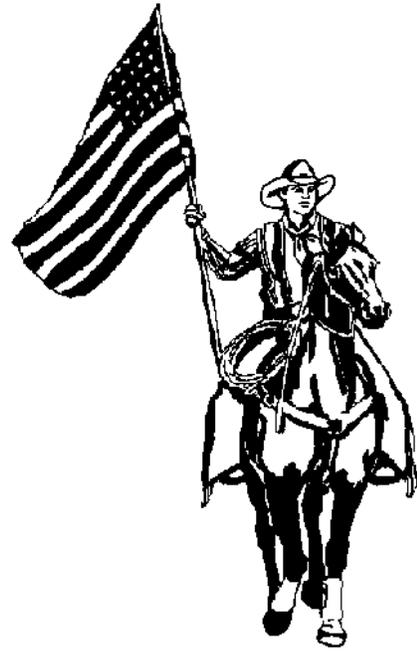
If you are interested in adopting Kaite, please first review our adoption application. If you feel you meet our requirements and would like more information on her, or to arrange to meet her, please email our adoption committee at adoption@helpthehorses.org.

Contact Laurie at Laurie@helpthehorses.com for adoption info. Donations can be made at www.helpthehorses.com

**UPDATE ON HORSE OF THE
LAST MONTH,
"MARTIN"
HAS NOT BEEN ADOPTED!**



PARADE TEAM NEWS



Hi Parade Team Members!

As we rode, and almost ran, down Krome Ave in the Homestead Rodeo Parade, we completed the last of our more formal parades for this season. However, there is still the Parade of Breeds at the Youth Fair (Sun Mar 25) & the Miami-Dade Cattle Show (Sat/Sun, Apr. 14/15). As plans are finalized, we will send out information. Since the SFTR acts as goodwill ambassadors and participates in opening ceremonies, your participation promotes the SFTR in our community – and for that we attribute the credit. So look for email info.

Prototypes of the new white cowboy-style parade team shirts will be here soon, to try on for size before you order. Current parade team members who already bought the men's gold or the fringed lady's shirt will be covered in an exchange. Anyone else will have the opportunity to purchase the shirts, or extras, at cost. Deda Maldonado has graciously offered to make our new bandanas, and when we finish this project the SFTR Parade Team will all be in the same uniform again! Our professional attire will make us sharper than ever for the 4th of July parade this summer.

Many thanks to our Parade Team members for a job well done this year, to our FFA student volunteers for their amazing assistance before/during/after the numerous events, and to the club members who stood beside us helping & cheering us on. It is a true team effort!

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KNOW YOUR HORSE - Part 7 -



GUMS AND CAPILLARY REFILL TIME

This is the seventh in a series of educational articles to help you get to know your horse. This article will explain what a healthy horse's gums should look and feel like and how to determine the capillary refill time. Knowing what is normal for your horse can alert you to potential problems if changes are noticed. This could help you recognize and treat a problem early.

Your horse's gums should be pink and moist (slippery). When you lift his top lip the color of his gums should be a light pink. When you run a finger across the surface of his gums it should feel moist or slippery and not sticky or dry. White, yellowish, or red gums, or gums that are sticky and

dry can be an indication of a problem and you should check with your vet.

The normal capillary refill time (the time it takes for color to return to gum tissue after pressing and releasing with your thumb) is two seconds or less.

Lift the horse's lip and use your thumb to press on the gums. The area pressed should turn almost white and then the pink color should come back within two seconds or less. A slow capillary refill time can be indications of a problem and you should check with your vet.

Learn how to check these so you can give information to your vet which will help determine if a problem exists and/or a visit is necessary.

The next article will cover hoof temperature and digital pulse.

Written by Susan Boyd and edited by Zachary Franklin, DVM

PATCHES RIDES

THE WILFREDO (WILLY) PEREZ 500 MILES PATCH

We started keeping track of all the miles that each Trail Rider rode their horses on July 2017.

Carrie Hershberger, Wayne Hershberger, Hanna Saavedra, Andrea Sante, Debbie Catarineau and Augie Saavedra have sent in their miles to me, so that I can keep track of them. All Trail Riders are encouraged to send me your miles so that you can qualify to earn the patch. You can figure your miles at an average of 3 miles per hr. that you ride your horse. The miles accumulate until you reach 500 miles at which time you earn The Wilfredo Perez 500 Miles Patch.

Our first recipient of the patch is my secretary, Andrea Sante. She rode 530 miles from July 2017 – December 2017. Congratulations Andrea, you make us all proud!!!!

CARLOS CARDENAS REDLAND 100 MILES PATCH

To earn the Carlos Cardenas Redland 100 miles Patch, you have to ride 5 consecutive weekends for 20 miles each ride, with one make-up ride. Our first ride was on October 21, 2017 and Eddie Gar-

cia and Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez were our trail bosses. We had 10 riders.

Our second ride was on October 29, 2017 and Hannah Saavedra and Augie Saavedra were the trail bosses. We had 5 riders. I think the Halloween party had something to do with the small turnout.

Our 3rd ride was on November 5, 2017 and J.C. and Lynn Viña were our trail bosses. We had 11 riders.

Our 4th ride was on November 12, 2017 and Bill Guzman was our trail boss. We had 4 riders.

Our 5th ride was on November 18, 2017 and Rafael Weng was our trail boss. We had 10 riders.

This completed the 5 consecutive rides to qualify for the patch. Hannah Saavedra and her horse "Pistol" who were the youngest rider and horse and Augie Saavedra, the oldest rider and "Bud" the smallest horse, qualified for the Patch.

Our make-up ride was on December 2, 2017 and Augie was the trail boss. We had 6 riders. On this ride Bill Guzman, Rafael Weng and J.C. Viña were able to qualify for the Patch by completing the 100 miles.

Congratulations to all of you! Carlos Cardenas would have enjoyed these rides. I hope to see more Trail Riders at the Carlos Cardenas Redland 100 Miles rides in 2018!

~Augie Saavedra



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