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## SOUTH FLORIDA TRAIL RIDERS, INC.

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### ST. JUDE RIDE



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

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*See more inside...*

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## These are the two closest equine hospitals:

Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital **561-383-5437**  
5320 South Shore Blvd. Wellington, Fla.

Palm Beach Equine Clinic **561-793-1599**  
13125 Southfields Rd. Wellington, Fla.

## HORSE CHARITIES

The SFTR donates to these charities once a year. These charities are badly in need of donations. Please try to send what you can to help them. Thanks from the SFTR.

### South Fla. SPCA

[www.helpthehorses.com](http://www.helpthehorses.com)

P.O. Box 924088

Homestead, Fl. 33092

### Horse Protection Association of Florida

[www.HPAF.org](http://www.HPAF.org)

20690 NW 130 Ave.

Micanopy, Fl. 32667

### F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

[www.eiahorses.org](http://www.eiahorses.org)

1840 NE 65 Ct.

Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33308

## TRAIL MANNERS

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

- **18 & UNDER 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.



# 2024

## Dates and Places

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

# 2024



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

### April 2024

Tues 2- SFTR General Meeting, Homestead VFW. Dinner 7pm,meeting 7:30  
Special guest speaker: Lt. Chris Pecori from the Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue Venom 1 Team !! (caged critters coming)

Fri 5-7- Broward SFTR camping, Hickory Hammock

Sat 6-Virginia Key Beach Ride #1,TB Mike Maldonado. Arr 9am,  
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Sat 20- Country Fest (old Cattle Show), Tropical Park, TB Bonny George, Jr.  
Opening Ceremony & horses meet & greet. Arr. morning,start 12noon Dedication to the late Manny Alvarez.

Sun 21 Country Fest (old Cattle Show), Tropical Park, TB Bonny George, Jr.  
Opening Ceremony & horses meet & greet. Arr. morning,start 12noon

Sun 28-Virginia Key Beach Ride #2,TB Mike Maldonado. Arr 9am, out by 3.

### May 2024

Sat 11- Pre Mother's Day Ride TB Luis Valdeon will celebrate Mother's Day and his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a ride from his ranch and will have Lunch and softdrinks arr at 9 ride at 10 lunch at noon

Sun 12- *Mother's Day!*

Mon 13- SFTR General Meeting,Homestead VFW. Dinner 7pm,meeting

Sun 26- Our SFTR Banquet!!!!!! Olga's Banquet Hall  
Arr. 6:30pm, Opening & dinner 7pm.Dancing, raffles, awards to 11pm

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Trail Riders,

This ride season is speeding past us, and events are happening fast. It is time again to prepare for our final camp-outs, rides & our banquet. Our banquet will be at a new location & I think you'll be pleased with not only the hall & decor, but with the food as well. We will be sending out an email soon with information on meal purchase, as there are no walk-in-and-pay at the door. Please reserve your meal tickets when you receive the email - it's going to be great!

I am truly grateful to the Board members for understanding changes in the last 2 meeting location. It has been a great help with all my baby goats. Once again I want to thank Ra Schooley & other SFTRs who have attended recent commission meeting, advocating for all horse owners. Ra has really stepped up to the plate! Kuddos to those who attended & supported the St. Jude ride & the Youth Fair Junior's Obstacle event - both great community oriented events. Coming up Apr 20 & 21 is Countryfest at Tropical Park. We need volunteers to ride, drive their cart or lead-line their equine! This event is fun, open to juniors & adults, & helps introduce our horses to the community. I don't think I have ever seen a time when everyone didn't have a good time.

It is time to vote for new officers & the Board for the coming year. I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be President this year - despite my family hardships, deaths, & being unable to drive. The SFTR: We are a great group of people & I know we all want the club to continue, so remember to VOTE. See everyone at the Beach ride!



Lisa Morgan

Thank you,  
Lisa Morgan  
President  
South Florida Trail Riders



### SUNSHINE REPORT



Having heard from Pepe Sabines that he had fallen & broken his pelvis, we hope he has weathered his rehab & is recovering. Also found out Susanne Coffman's dislocated shoulder (at the Cracker Trail ride) has healed & she is once again back in the saddle. And knowing that Michele Wright's eye surgeries all went well, we expect the same swift recovery from her up-coming hernia surgery. Mending takes time, but beats the alternative – maybe call our friends & wish them well!

Some sad news... MooCow, a bulldog rescued by Barbara Ruiz-Gonzalez in 2018, became a foster-fail and lived a wonderful life – camping trips to Disney, the Keys, Kentucky, etc. Mookie's life was shortened by oral tumors, & she crossed the Rainbow Bridge – but will be forever missed. Also helping a pup cross over, were Carolina & Nelson Rodriguez's sandy colored fur-friend, Layla. Always with a smiling face & cheerful eyes, Layla was the Queen Bee of their home. Lastly, Cristy Torres said goodbye to their beautiful black dog with the kind eyes, Bella. A rescue at 5 weeks old in the Redlands, Cristy fostered her and was happily her new family for many years.

She will be remembered always.

Some sad & glad tidings... With all the great times spent with Colby & Catherine Stroud over the years, their time here is dwindling. Last month they sold their house & are in the process of moving up-state to Citrus Springs. Spending hours in the saddle sharing stories or spicing up the work in the Funnel Cake Booth, they will be very much missed! Our hearts are saddened by their moving, but we are glad they have a beautiful new home in a quiet area – where Comanche can explore interesting new trails & we might visit and again swap stories & laughs!

Congratulations to Heidi & James Barrett on their first anniversary, to Michelle & Lee McDaniel who toasted their 13<sup>th</sup>; and to Victoria & Jon Dunleavy on their 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. Keep the good times rolling!

Let any Board member know where we can spread some news of our members – it keeps the bonds strong despite the miles apart. And for the next season, please, we need someone to write this Sunshine article. You will have help, but we realllly need a volunteer to do this article! Thanks in advance.

~Your Board

We have 203 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year.

# Welcome New Members

WE WILL E-MAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD IN 3 TO 4 WEEKS.

Osniel De Armas and  
Catherine Martinez  
Homestead, Fl. 33032

Kenny E. Zapata Sr. and  
Stefanie E. Zapata  
Miami, Fl. 33172

Jose and Catherine Martinez  
Homestead, Fl. 33032



## PRICES FOR ADS ON OUR NEWSLETTER

### Camera Ready Material

-Business Card size  
\$60.00 per year

-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.

**Robbie's Feed and Supply**  
**Sunset Feed & Supply**  
**The VetteSmith Inc. Body shop**

22390 SW 177th Ave. (Krome) Miami  
7650 S.W. 117 Ave. Kendall  
10750 SW 188 Street. Miami

247-1256  
271-0341  
252-1256

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Abbygail Gregoire	John Shaughnessy	Mike Maldonado
Abigail Goostree	Karen Crowley	Nelson Rodriguez
Alma Moss	Kathy Cox	Osniel De Armas
Amy E. McGarry	Kenny E. Zapata Sr.	Patricia Acosta
Ashley Leonard	Laurie Waggoner	Ramon (Ray) Gonzalez
Brian Reynolds	Lily De La Paz	Raul del Portillo
Elizabeth Warner	Linda B. Rose	Sabrina Gutierrez
Ivette Vale	Liz Laatsch	Vicki LeMaster
Ivette Vallejo	Mason Micali	Viviana Gomez
Janaye Giardelli	Megan Acosta	Walter Anon
Jessica Winer	Melissa Sandness	Yareimy Tamayo
Jim Stroemer	Michelle Goostree	
Joanna Weber	Mike Sorrell	



## Future Events

### SFTR GENERAL MEETING - TUES. APRIL 2 - VENOM 1

Come to our General Meeting, Tues. April 2, to hear all about the venomous snakes & other critters to avoid while riding in our locale. Lt. Chris Pecori, of the Venom 1 unit, will explain how to identify venomous snakes, spiders, scorpions, etc that we would most likely encounter. Info also on signs & symptoms if you or your horse are bitten, & treatment options. **Venom 1** is the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue team that responds to your call when you are in need of immediate care. By land, sea or in the air – they are there to save your life! So do your part and come to this meeting to learn what you can do to avoid being bitten & help yourself (or your horse) until **Venom 1** can reach you.

Remember, we meet on the **first Tuesday** of each month, so our next **General Meeting** will be **Tues. Apr. 2**, at the **Homestead VFW** post. The VFW is where we park for the Veteran's parade: 601 N.E. 2 Rd. (Campbell Dr./312 St. & then go south at the light at 1<sup>st</sup> Rd.; east of Krome, just west of US1). Dine **7pm**, meeting **7:30pm**- the room is spacious, the food is good & very reasonable. Bring your friends, we welcome them to come meet our great club members, hear about our up-coming calendar of events & learn important life saving info from **Venom 1**. Come support your club & get involved – see you there!

*~Your Board*

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### SFTR CAMPING CALENDAR 2024

**April 12-15 Lower Wekiva River State Park/Fechtelt Tract.** The best GPS address is 38015 Swift Road, Eustis, Fla. Camp with TB Donna Hakanson, but **reserve** thru the Wekiva Springs ranger booth: 407-553-4383. Know your vehicle type, license plate number, & payment information. Be patient getting thru their system. Info found at [www.floridastateparks.org/learn/horseback-riding-fechtel](http://www.floridastateparks.org/learn/horseback-riding-fechtel). After you reserve, contact Donna Hakanson: 321-759-1605 & let her know you reserved!

**June 11-24, Buffalo River, Tenn.** If you want to camp in Ala. On your way to Tenn. this summer, you **need to register now** for our annual SFTR big club camp out! Renee Reynolds will TB the trail ride through the hill country dotted with beautiful water crossings. Camp with good friends in the SFTR, the full trip will be for about 2 weeks, but you can join for any portion of the adventure. You can even stay longer at the Buffalo Riv-

er, as daily rates apply.

The first night together will be in north Fla (details being planned now). Then on to Camp McClellan, in Ala. We'll ride the next day, & then the following morning continue north. On the return trip we will again camp & ride at Camp McClellan and in no. Fla. (details in the works)

**Buffalo River Trail Ride - 5929 Bromley Cemetery Rd. - Waynesboro, TN 38485**  
**Camp McClellan Horse Trails Campground - 150 Mud Hole Road - Aniston, AL 36205**

You have the dates for Buffalo River, but you must reserve NOW, so you won't be left out!!! We are in the river campground in the horse-shoe. When you call to make your reservations, leave a message with your name and number, you will be called back – 931-722-9170 or 877-654-3164. In your message, tell them you want to be near Renee, Dana, or Karen, with the SFTR!

## SFTR ANNUAL BANQUET SET FOR SUNDAY, MAY 26

On **Sunday, May 26** our club's 46<sup>th</sup> year-end banquet will be held in a new location, at a beautiful banquet hall on Coral Way, across from the Youth Fair grounds. Tables & chairs draped in our club colors & a nice dance floor will accent the free open bar & a great meal served at your seat. Dinner will be: bread & butter, salad, main entree & 2 sides, dessert, & a professional DJ for music. Dinner, beverages & open bar all included for: \$35 adults (**discounted**, if paid by Apr. 28) & \$40 adults (if paid after 4/28) & **last day** to buy meal tickets **May 12**.

The menu will be: Choice of one main entree- Chicken Marsala or Eye Round Roast

An email will be sent **soon** to all members, with an **on-line link** to pay; or you may also pay by cash/check at our General Meeting,

Tues. Apr. 2.

We will have free cocktails approx. 6:30pm & start our event at about 7pm. Dinner will be served and comments & awards will lead into dancing and raffles!!! Dress evening casual or country, be sure to wear your dance shoes & remember we will have awesome raffles set up by Deborah Brunson! Please call Deborah with your donated raffle items, gift cards, company services gift certificates – 786-916-9422. She needs this information now so she can set up space for all the raffles!

The venue & included amenities will be a pleasant change from past locations – so mark the date and let's try a new place. Watch your email for more info so you can reserve your dinner at a discount!

*~Your Board*

## PARTY TIME! COME TO LUIS' BIRTHDAY RIDE

TB Luis Valdeon invites all SFTR to his farm, off 200 St east of Krome, on **Sat. May 11** for a great local ride. Arrive 9am, ride 10am, & lunch 12noon. The trail is easy, always interesting & good for juniors. Juniors 18-under must wear a helmet (Fla law).

We will all celebrate an early Mother's Day & toast and roast Luis for his 60th birthday! In his tradition of a super lunch, Luis will have paella, sodas & water. Please bring a

light salad, plantains, chips or a dessert item to compliment the meal. An email will be sent the week of the event with the exact address. RSVP to Luis: 786-443-2147 to let him know you are going, & for rain info. So tell all your SFTR friends, whether they ride or not, to come for a really fun event!

*~Your Board.*

## ALMOST TIME TO HIT THE WAVES!

Our annual SFTR members-only, Virginia Key Beach rides will be on **Sat., Apr. 6** and **Sun Apr. 28**. Arrive at **9am, gate** for trailers closes at **10am**. We help you park your rig, you tack up & ride as you please – no formal ride-out. Bathroom avail. & a water hose for **your** horse buckets. Juniors 18-under **must** wear a **helmet**. Please, we had issues with this on last year's beach ride, so PLEASE wear your helmet so we may continue to be permitted to use the beach! Bring your chairs, lunch, etc. & the family to enjoy a wonderful day with great SFTR friends.

Trailer-pool if possible; cars/trucks not towing a trailer may enter & pay the normal parking fee. We pack up at 2:30pm & you **must** take **all** your manure/debris with you, & be **out by 3pm**. (SFTR clean-up crews must remove all signs, equipment & park staff will be inspecting & closing the area!)

This is a special event, for **members only**. Do **not** call or email yet... an **email** will be sent **just** prior to each event to **all SFTR** members to register & the registration/pay window then opens.

*~Your Board*

## COME TO A BOARD MEETING – LISTEN, LEARN & VOICE YOUR

We have mentioned before that ALL SFTR are welcome to attend all Board meetings – this IS your club!! Each month a meeting is hosted locally & a reminder email will now go out to the membership giving a number to call for the meeting host. You then call the number for directions – some locations are tricky to find.

At the 7:30pm meeting held the first Monday after the General meeting, the Board covers old business, new issues that have arisen & discusses ways to keep the club moving forward for everyone's benefit. The Board tries to resolve negative issues (YOUR comments would be welcomed!) & also tries to accom-

modate the wants of the members as best they can in planning events. These are points where YOUR input is very helpful! To gain greater participation in all activities we need to minimize the negative & add to the positive. The way YOU can help is by attending a meeting & speaking your mind to your Board!

Mark your calendar for, **Monday, April 8, 7:30pm.** The Board meeting rotates to Helve Longoria's home. Call 305-378-6829 for their directions & up-dates in case of location change. We value & need your input, so please come!

*~Your Board*

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ride-A-Thon at Babcock Ranch

8000 State Road 31 Punta Gorda, FL, USA - **\$80 Donation** to Benefit Special Equestrians  
**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

We will head out Friday morning to layover at Lee County Posse Arena which is only 15 minutes from the entrance of Babcock Ranch. On our way to the Arena, plans are to ride Alva's Caloosahatchee Regional Park MTB Trail for a 12-mile ride before pulling into the arena for the night. There are no facilities at the arena and no fees.

Saturday morning we'll be on the road by 7:00 AM to ride our horses through the beautiful trails of Babcock Ranch. Gates open at 7:30 AM. This ticket also includes: trailer parking, bagged breakfast, and lunch voucher at a food truck of your choice. Food trucks

will have additional food available for purchase. Vendors, raffle & auction tickets will also be available for sale.

At their website you can also create a Champion Pledge Page which includes VIP Parking available for top pledge earners! Be a champion for Special Equestrians! Please visit this link and sign up!

[Ride-A-Thon – Special Equestrians](#)

Then let me know you'll be joining us so I can plan for Park and Arena parking.

Hope to ride with you on the Ranch!

Debi Catarineau-Priest 305-775-1820

## THE MEANING OF...RSVP

When a ride or event is advertised, you are being invited to an event & we try to let the reader know as much important information about the activity as possible. The name & location of the ride, arrival & ride out times, duration of the ride, & sometimes the trail conditions or special info for the event. We list who will **host or Trail Boss** the activity & give **contact information**. General info such as facilities, extra gear to take, even info about lunch, sodas & water. We try to let the member know as many details which would help answer questions they may have concerning the up-coming event. It is hoped the info is helpful to the reader. At the end of the article you will see.....**RSVP**, & the **contact info** for the **Trail Boss**.

What does **RSVP** mean? It is French...repondez s'il vous plait. Translated to English it means "please reply".....or in common terms: Please **call** the TB & let them know you are going to their event!!!!

Why do we ask you to **RSVP**? The Trail Boss needs to know how many people will attend so they can prepare water/sodas & food. If side-dishes are to be brought to share, it is nice to know what's coming in, so 10 people don't all bring chips. Maybe the TB wants to have a token or surprise for the riders – a head count would be helpful. Maybe the **RSVP** helps the TB plan parking of all the trailers on their property – which is easier if they know how many big or small rigs are coming. And an important issue here in so. Fla...when you **RSVP/call** the TB ahead of time, IF the TB must cancel the ride due to rain or an emergency, they can call YOU before you load up & drive!!

So please **RSVP**. Please take a courtesy-moment to **call/text/Facebook/email** the TB to let them know you will attend. If your plans change, that's ok (maybe you can let them know). It is the only way the TB knows WHO to call back quickly, if an event is canceled!

*~Your Board*

## Around the Paddock – So Many Bits of Good News from So Many Venues

Seems Natalie Perlin was at a very interesting event in Wellington: the 2024 COTA (Challenge of the Americas). Can't wait to hear all about this – maybe at an up-coming meeting! Meanwhile, Sharon Perrin was in Jamaica on a work trip & posted fantastic photos of the island life. About that time, Susanne Coffman was at a Buck Brannaman Clinic at the Fla. Horse Park, in Ocala. You know there was a lot of info to absorb there!

Locally, Ginger & Mark Krenz's granddaughter, Taylor, has been the Vice Pres. of HOSA, & the Cadet's Chief of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue emergency response cadet unit. She will soon graduate & continue her studies at the Univ. of Fla. Innovation Academy, where she will major in Microbiology. What an amazing young woman! A new nurse is soon to hit the floor, as we cheer for Jaylyn Dorado who passed her CNA exam & is officially a nursing assistant. Farther away, in Ireland, Kiera Fobb had her parents, Sandy & Jeff Fobb, join her as she graduated the Univ. College of Cork with a Masters in Sociology in Sustainability & Global Challenges. Congratulations to these ladies on their life journey to help others & improve our world. There is another Eagle Scout in Phil & Wendy Stamatyades' family – their son, Apollo. It takes a youthful career in Scouting and dedication to the community to earn this award. A hearty congratulations and thank you to Apollo for staying the course!

In horse sports, Robyn Anderson hit 14.7 on Katy & took 5<sup>th</sup> in 2D barrels at Bergeron. Then rode Ritzy in 4D & they placed in the money. Great job! Saw Mitzi Webber was riding a beautiful beach recently – have to find out where. It looked gorgeous. While Susanne Coffman, Debi Catarineau-Priest, Renee Reynolds, and Donna & Carol Hakanson were at the Lt. Roger Haddock Mem. Ride at Lake X, Carol won the Obstacle Challenge. Awesome!! McCulley's Farm saw Andrea Sante & Ashley Leonard going out on a short ride; while Varela FFA Abbygail Gregoire rode Bonny George Jr.'s mule, Zelda, at an obstacle clinic in Naples. Abby's mom, Loulie, also along for the adventure, expertly handled the photography &

cheering. Amazing & great times out with good friends! Janelis Egozcue at an Indiantown Jr. Rodeo event did barrels, a clean hairpin run to take 3<sup>rd</sup>, Texas barrels-3<sup>rd</sup>, & pole bending-5<sup>th</sup>. Always striving to do her best as the competition gets tougher! And we hope to see more of Victoria & Jon Dunleavy as their mini, Zenyata, now has a trailer. No more back of the car for that little equine! And look for Martha Insignares on the trail, she will have a new horse, Amaretto!

And for those who follow the mules in our midst, Linda Lundstedt has a fine looking gaited sorrel molly mule, named Josie. Can't wait to see them out on the trail! And for general knowledge, Wallace is now an equine name of fame. He is the first mule to win the British dressage competition!!! Yes, mules are capable of all things equine, and as is said: "Once you go mule, you never go back".

Contact these friends and swap stories, or ask how you too can participate in their events. Life is out there to be lived – so get going!

*~Bonny George, Jr.*

### **SUMMER BOARDING IN GEORGIA**



Beautiful 2.5 acre pasture plus shelter per horse.  
Only 2 pastures available. May thru November.  
Full board \$450 month (plus)  
Great place to send your horse off for the summer hurricane season since it is too hot to ride.  
2 hours to Jacksonville airport.  
Cottage or hotels nearby to visit your horses.  
Call or text Andrea Sante 305-216-2461

# ST. JUDE RIDE



# SFTR Ballot for 2024-2025 Officers & Board

You can vote **only once** – and voting runs from April 1 to May 19. You may either use this ballot at a General Meeting, **or** at a local ride/event, **or** you can mail it in (deadline for posted mail Sat. May 11). An email will be sent soon so you may also vote on-line, using the same Election runner process as previous years.

Vote Your Approval: Place an **X** next to the name.

Names is alphabetical order.

*President* - Michelle Goostree \_\_\_\_\_

*Vice-Pres.*- Susie Randolph \_\_\_\_\_

*Treasurer* - Michele Wright \_\_\_\_\_

*Secretary* - Helve Longoria \_\_\_\_\_

*Board:* Vote for **5** for the Board. Place an **X** next to the name; in alphabetical order:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Kim Cates
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mike da Cunha
- \_\_\_\_\_ Belinda Hebert
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Maldonado
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gina Milhet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Morgan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Holly Thommes

# SFSPCA Horse of the Month "Breed"



## Breed Grade

Sex Mare

Year of Birth Est. 2009

Height 14.3 hands

Arrival to Farm November 20, 2016

Winter Alban has a story similar to many others in our care. We rescued this chestnut mare after she was found abandoned without food/water. After a careful feeding program and lots of TLC by staff and volunteers, she is basking in a more abundant and fulfilling life.

As a companion-only horse, Winter is perfect for someone who wants the love and affection of a horse without the need for riding or other strenuous activities. Already have equine friends? Horses are social animals, and having a companion, like Winter Alban, can help reduce their stress and anxiety, leading to a happier and healthier life for all.

Although Winter can be quite reserved and sensitive at times, she has shown deep affection towards those who take the time to understand her personality (like some of our volunteers), indicating her capacity to forge a profound and enduring bond with a loving individual who will nurture her true potential.

Contact Laurie at

[Laurie@helpthehorses.com](mailto:Laurie@helpthehorses.com) for adoption info.

Donations can be made at

[www.helpthehorses.com](http://www.helpthehorses.com)

**Cappy**, last month's horse, adoption pending.



## PARADE TEAM NEWS

Thank you to all our SFTR juniors and their families for the great turnout at the recent Youth Fair Junior's Obstacle event. It was awesome! We look forward to these same members to come to the big arena event at Tropical Park.



Countryfest (the old Cattle Show)

is coming on April

20 & 21. This event will be for riders and lead-line walkers, wagons & carts; adults & juniors! Be sure to contact Bonny George, Jr. (305-431-1431) so you can participate in this once a year event at Tropical Park.

**WE NEED MEMBERS TO RIDE/ PARTICIPATE to PROMOTE the SFTR!** Remember, this is when the public gets to know us, as well as our horses! It's fun and the community gets another chance to enjoy our horses. Let's all get involved and show the community who we are. See you there!

*~Lisa Morgan*

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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