
The Inside Scoop


Summer 2025



That face, that face! That beautiful face!

It is no wonder that a full Egyptian Arabian mare with a face as stunning as Anastasia's would be bought for no other purpose than breeding. She was never tasked to run or show, just to reproduce. And that, she did. Prolifically. And then she suddenly went blind.

Ana has been loved her entire life, and other than being pregnant most of it, she has endured no misfortunes. She has been treated with great care. So when she began bumping into fences, trees, and walls, the alarms sounded. Her veterinarian was stunned to see a horse so blind so quickly.

In addition to her difficulties navigating her usual paths and pastures, the other horses began to react differently to her. Being at a boarding facility that was not equipped for a blind horse presented its own problems. The owners no longer believed that she was in a safe environment among the sighted horses in pastures that had obstacles. The veterinarian with whom we have worked for several years recommended that the owners investigate placement in a sanctuary facility and suggested that they look into Red Clay Ranch.

As you know, we have many blind horses and our staff and our facility have much to offer a visually impaired horse. We were happy to welcome her to RCR and she was transported to us very quickly.

All of our new admissions to Red Clay must stay in the isolation pasture for a period of observation to avoid bringing new illnesses into our herds. But as we know, horses are herd animals. Ana was new to blindness and seemed a bit skittish in her new surroundings, particularly with unfamiliar voices, no matter how gentle they might be.

Our staff chose another horse to come into the isolation pasture with her to keep her calm and "show her the ropes." It didn't take Ana long to become receptive to our touch and our approaches. Within two weeks, she was moved successfully into one of our blind pastures with

other horses who are blind and she has adjusted beautifully. She is still finding that “one” special pal, but she seems to associate most with Fancy and Aspen. It seems to be a winning situation. Ana has plenty of space to play and run. She is in a pasture specifically designed for our blind herd. It has no obstacles, only a run-in shelter and a feed and water area. She has learned her way around and seems to be thriving.

We are proud to have been recommended to her owners by our veterinarian and profoundly grateful to you, our followers and donors, who make this facility possible.

Spotlight on Employees



Liz is back!

Liz Murray had worked with us for about 3 years and left for greener pastures.

Turns out there are no greener pastures than at Red Clay Ranch! We are so thrilled to welcome Liz back to the rescue and the horses, most of whom she still knows by name.

Liz had a multitude of talents before she came the first time, and it is wonderful to welcome back someone who doesn't need to be trained. She is very well experienced with us, our facility, our mission and best of all, our horse friends.

Welcome home, Liz!

We love and need volunteers!

One of the most valuable assets that Red Clay Ranch has is volunteers! We don't have many, but those who give their time to help us with chores are genuinely appreciated. Many people, however, doubt that they have the talents that would serve our employees and horses well. But that is not so! If you can drive a truck, you can deliver water to the pasture troughs. In the summer, we have to do that twice daily, and it takes time.

We always need those who can fold, stamp, and stuff our quarterly newsletters. It is so easy, but oh-so time-consuming. Mucking stalls, washing feed buckets, transporting water, and performing secretarial work allow staff to attend to other needs, such as fence repair or mowing fields. We have a lot of land and a lot of horses. What we don't have is a large number of employees and a lot of time. And don't forget that we have two guest cottages available at no cost for those who come from out of town to volunteer their time. We will welcome you with open arms!



**“The best way to find yourself is
to lose yourself in service to
others.” (Ghandi)**



We welcome Elvis and Shadow to RCR...

Who remembers Toby? The wonderful Rocky Mountain gelding that was the love of our lives? His previous owner, who was so good to get him to us, reconnected with us in tears. She had had another stroke and was no longer able to care for her beloved Elvis and Shadow. In fact, she has to move either out of state to be with family or to a nursing facility. Naturally, she was devastated to have to give up her horses, more so than having to sell her home and move.

Both of these geldings are as sweet as they are beautiful. They loaded smoothly into the trailer and rode like the champions that they are. The most painful part of the entire day of transport was the tearful goodbye from their owner.

Shadow and Elvis have never known abuse or neglect, and have lived a charmed life filled with love and good care. And it is obvious. Both are mid-teens and rideable. Elvis has a swayback and probably should not have any extra weight on him.

We do not ride here at Red Clay Ranch. The horses only need to be horses. They have no “jobs”. Both are in our isolation pasture for the next two or three weeks. They have been immunized and dewormed, and have seen the farrier for a pedicure. Both will see the veterinarian soon to have a Coggins drawn and to get a general check-up. We expect no problems.

You, our donors, have played a major role in Elvis's and Shadow's futures. We could not have accepted them without your compassionate giving. Their owner can rest comfortably now, because of YOU. The horses will remain loved and well cared for, because of YOU. You make the world a better place, just because you care. God bless your giving hearts! ❤️

Announcing Summer Sundays!



Do you ever wonder what to do on a Sunday afternoon that is family-friendly, easy, peaceful, and a little bit different? Red Clay Ranch is offering a solution! Come any Sunday between 1-4 pm (weather permitting) and enjoy a shady spot beside or overlooking the pastures. Bring your picnic lunch and dine at your reserved location on the property. Tables and trash cans are provided.

The horses will be close by, and although you cannot enter the pastures, you are more than welcome to feed the horses healthy snacks, which Red Clay Ranch will provide.

Everyone is invited, and it's completely free. Your only responsibilities are to call 404-964-5665 or email redclayrescue@gmail.com to reserve your spot, and to place all your trash in the receptacle provided upon departure.

We, and the horses, look forward to welcoming you! ❤️

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Upcoming events at RCR!

The Mane Event 2025

We are excited to announce our biggest annual fundraiser to be held on Friday evening, September 5, 2025 at the Cherokee Town and Country Club in Atlanta, Georgia. The Mane Event co-chairs are Kristi and Garon Thelen, and Kristen and John Novay.

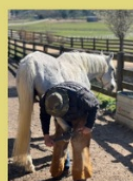
To receive an invitation, please email redclayrescue@gmail.com or call 404.964.5665. Please plan to join us for an evening of dining, dancing, and live and silent auctions.

Sponsorships are available!

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Change Lives!***



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Here's how your contributions can help:



\$25

Provide farrier
care for one
horse



\$50

Provide one
round bale of hay



\$100

Supplies 5 bags
of grain

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Update!

Our most requested update is for Finn, our poster child for miracles. He came to us so emaciated that no one expected him to survive. But here he is four years later, still going strong!