

## WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## Helping Horses & Kids Since 1989

### 840 Horses Helped in 2022!

It was a year where SRF volunteers and staff spent more hours than ever to save the lives of trotters and pacers, diverted them from slaughter to safety. Donors make the difference for these animals and SRF is honored to bring their hearts to these horses in need. Eight hundred forty horses now live and do so with dignity.

### Our \$100,000 Match!

SRF was so very fortunate to have several matching gifts offered this year, and when the final one came, it brought life to so many more in need.

This is a tough mission, until the Safe Act or any legislation changes the outcome for these beautiful animals, the size and scope of the work at SRF depends on the support received. Horses under SRF's expense and care, in homes, standing on slaughter lines hoping for help are the top priorities. Every day is filled with these needs. These gifts mean the world to these horses. We also received a matched offer for much needed hay. When we heard that our hay (continued on pg 3)



EP Great Drive (R) is a lucky guy! Rescued from slaughter by SRF, this older teenager has been wearing his badge for the New York Police Mounted Unit. Genius At Work (L), another SRF adopted mount made the NYPD Foundation Calendar for 2023!

## RECENT ADOPTIONS



String of Pearls	Cheyenne Robin	Go To Helsinki
Private Time	James's Dream	Rainbow Dreams
Tony Fra	Medal Play	Racing Stripes
Allamerican Dion	Brookroad Bobby	Airliner
Miracle Man N	Vintage	Quick Lavec
EJ's Rayzer	Moneywontgetutofar	Saute T
Lucky Bliss	KF Shark	Tag 845 Unbranded
Prince Topgallant	Whitesand Hooligan	Mare
Prince Redwood	Straight N Wicked	No Passing Zone
Boogie's Delight	Topcornerterror	Cinderose Seelster
Bond Blue Chip	Royal Alberta	Rock Paper Scissor
Stormy Stir	Never Missed	Well Bred
Renewal Notice	Valdez	Parole Officer
Anniwesterncard	Abba Official	Gargoyle
Santafe's Prince	Magical Flash	Canyon Country
Nathaniel Leigh	In The Doogie	Last Fight
Killeen Cut Kid	Classic Reaction	Berto Garfield
Victorys Fern	Zoom On Romeo	Galen
Patriot Chip	Allstar Preview	Panfully Cool
Revenge Again	Jewels Pride	CD Quality
He's Unbelievable	Chocolate Fix	Mckenzie's Treasure
Native Avenue	Sea Dog Time	
Weapons Dealer	Moms Winner	

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## New Legislation Needs Your Voice

The Assembly Bill A 4465 needs your voice. This proposed legislation will provide \$50,000 for Thoroughbred aftercare, and the same for Standardbreds annually for five years. It was introduced by our late friend Assemblyman Ronald Dancer, of the Dancer family whose love for Standardbreds is steep in the history of this breed. *In its current written state, these funds will not reach horses in the greatest need; it will distribute to programs that relinquish the horses and permit their sale; there will not be follow-up which risks the welfare of the horses; and there is no stipulation to distribute these funds based on the number of horses under the care of each eligible program.* SRF asks that all readers contact Assemblyman Caputo at [asmcaputo@njleg.org](mailto:asmcaputo@njleg.org), 973-450-0484; Assemblyman Coghlin at [asmconghlin@njleg.org](mailto:asmconghlin@njleg.org), 732-855-7558; Assemblyman Sauickie at [asmsauickie@njleg.org](mailto:asmsauickie@njleg.org), 609-758-0205 to inform them to make certain these are addressed. We italicize above so you can use in your much needed phone call and email to each.



## Racing Friends, Let's Support It!

The Meadowlands Racetrack received several requests for spring races for green 3-year-old fillies & colts. In response the Meadowlands will accommodate with races during April 2023 for non-winners of 2 Pari-mutuel races or \$35,000 lifetime as of January 1, 2023. Rather than the usual stake payment, a donation of \$200 for each horse entered made payable to SRF can be sent to the Meadowlands by February 15, 2023. In turn the Meadowlands will match every \$200 donation/entry. All revenue will go to assist the 500+ trotters and pacers under SRF's care and expense. All inquiries and contact are through The Meadowlands Racetrack.

"I wanted to have races that can be counted on for young horses in April before the stakes season starts and at the same time show our commitment to helping find homes for retired horses," said Meadowlands President Jeff Gural. "Hopefully the horsemen will support our efforts to provide these races and at the same time help the Standardbred Retirement Foundation's cause by racing their young horses." SRF is very grateful and hopes owners will support this kindness.



## Save This Date Golf Outing May 30th

SRF's 30th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, May 30, 2023 is once again at the beautiful and private Battleground Country Club in Manalapan, NJ. Sponsorship levels are tax-deductible ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 and offer a very generous media package. Everyone is welcome and a fun time is guaranteed for all. Need more information, contact SRF at 609-738-3255 or via email at SRFHorsesandkids@gmail.com.

## Wish List

- Horse Sponsors, what wonderful help!
- Support for the endowment.
- Another location for an adoption center.
- Items for our auctions.
- Wormer, vaccines & halters.
- A farm, a home of our own.
- Foster Homes and Adoption Partners. See Adoptahorse.org for info

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Standardbred Retirement Foundation provides humane care and services for horses in need of lifetime homes, and in crisis, through rehabilitation, training, adoption, lifelong follow-up, or lifetime sanctuary; and offers therapeutic equine opportunities for children, and adults.

SRF is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization

## Breeding Donations

The tax-deductible donations of breedings is one of SRF's most important fundraiser every year and are very much appreciated. These breedings are available for sale throughout the season until the breeding sheds close in July. Some folks are concerned that more babies being born through SRF's fundraiser adds to the problem of more horses in need. Breedings are sold whether donated to SRF or sold by the owner. When SRF benefits the funds are used to help the horses in need. It is inevitable that all babies will not make it to the races, some may never make it to the finish line first, but nearly all will need a place to live out their lives. Please consider writing in a lifetime breeding specifically for SRF when you are fortunate enough to have a winner. Thank you to our wonderful donors. Contact Judy at 609 738 3255 or email her at SRFHorsesandkids@gmail.com to purchase or donate breedings.



## It's Scheduled! SRF's Annual Online Auction March 23, 2023

Shoppers and donors are appreciated and make this much sort after!  
To donate items of value kindly contact Srf fundraising@gmail.com or 609-738-3255. Access the auction through the website at Adoptahorse.org. Over 200 fabulous items are planned!



Casino Night had a record attendance and obviously record fun! The show girls lit it up for us and Doris Nielson is full of smiles. Doris is a staunch supporter and is the proud adopter of one of the most emaciated horses SRF has helped. Being 84 doesn't mean a thing to her. She was out having a great time with us all!

Please pass this newsletter on to your friends!





*Airliner is in love too~ We never forget our first kiss and our first horse!*

### **\$100K Match** *continue*

prices from our New Jersey supplier were expected to increase, word travel quickly for help to purchase the remaining of bales. It was an effort to fill the hay loft with every bale that could fit. That generous match was met and a second one followed. Warmest thanks to all for making this happen!

### **Our Rock Stars**

Foster homes, and Adoption Partners are amazing gifts to these horses and to SRF. SRF cannot possibly find homes for all of its 522 horses under its care and expense without help.

Adoption Partners can choose a horse they wish to work with, they provide some under saddle training, and assist in finding a loving home that SRF must approve. SRF provides a percent of the adoption donation to the partner, and it is generally more than what the Partner has invested. SRF assists with social media, support in re training, and some expenses. The results are heartwarming for our Partner, and certainly for the horse they choose!

SRF's CHAPS program is ideal for those needing a companion for their horse without the expense of purchasing or an adoption donation. SRF will assist with up to \$350 annually for medical expenses

Fosters are the gift of life to a horse. SRF has 163 fosters, all with hearts as kind as they come. There are many tax benefits to being a foster as well.

Every day these horses say thank you with a nicker or nuzzle; they force you out of bed in a good way; they make you belly laugh; keep you fit and young; and when your accountant gets done, a tax-deduction too! Pick your new buddy, we have 520 to choose from! There is more information on all three programs, including adoption at AdoptaHorse.org.

### **SRF's 5K Raffle Winner**

The call to Carol went like this. "Carol, You are our winner of the \$5k raffle, congratulations and thank you!" Her response was, "Well you know Love, this is coming right back to you!"

How do we feed 500+ everyday? One way is when our outstanding friends support our raffle fundraiser. We are so very lucky this year to pull the ticket purchased by Dr. & Mrs. Beardsworth.

When SRF does not expect a generous surprise such as this when it holds a raffle, this gift was truly appreciated.

We extend our overwhelming gratitude to all who make this fundraiser such a success every year.

### **Best Practices for Lifetime Welfare**

Every adoption program is different. Some require a fee to find a home; many will not take a horse considered unadoptable or younger than 3 or older than 14; some permit the sale of the adopted horse; some even require that you name the adopted horse in your will. So how does one know which program fits their heart or where to adopt a new buddy from.

One would think that the accreditation of programs would provide an answer. Accrediting poses its own set of questions such as what are they actual accrediting, how is the accrediting group qualified, is there a motive behind their accreditation? There are lawsuits every day against nursing homes for neglect, even abuse, yet nursing homes are accredited, so how does this happen? Accreditation of anything may be suitable at the time of that action but unless someone is there 24/7 overseeing, accreditation loses its credibility.

For horses, the American Association of Equine Practitioners considered accrediting adoption and rescue programs, instead the result was 30 pages of information, Rescue and Retirement Guidelines.

The practice of "lifetime welfare" is crucial to keeping horses from slaughter. Due to loss of interest, aging, sickness, or injury, the for-sale sign very often gets slapped on, or a relative or friend may even offer a home. You think you found a good home for their horse, but horses crowd kill pens every day, and most people are unaware that their horse is one of them fighting for their life.

SRF being the oldest program, the model that includes lifetime welfare in their mission created Best Practices for Equine Adoption Programs for Lifetime Welfare, an entity of SRF. It is the easiest way to locate those that have the sincerest intentions for horses needing homes by using the best practices to do so. A program that permits the sale of an adopted horse makes us wonder if the program is not a charity but rather a profit making business.





## Too Restricted, Not Restricted Enough ~ Ask Pearl

SRF requires veterinary follow-up forms completed semi-annually for life when a horse is adopted, fostered, and in the CHAPS program, so what happened to String of Pearls? She was adopted to one home in her life at the age of 3. This mare was 11 years old her adopter stopped producing their vet follow-up form. Pearl was living on the farm belonging to the adopter's mother. The mother explained that her daughter was not capable of continuing care. Rather than remove Pearl, the mother agreed to take over Pearl's adoption. For the remaining years the forms were received, and all was going well until SRF received a call. The daughter telephoned saying she could not afford the care for Pearl, that the veterinarian was out because Pearl was not doing well. She wanted to return her. She also expressed that her condition on the Hennekke scale was a 2-3 of 9.

Obviously Pearl had been moved by the adopter from the mother's farm. Fortunately, she was moved from northern NY state to just 10 miles from where SRF keeps many of its horses. (The requirement of keeping SRF informed of the location of a horse was not adhered to, but the last veterinary follow up was received). SRF brought Pearl, now 25 years old, in within three hours.

What happened and why, and how can this be prevented? SRF's policies and requirements are the strength behind prevention of cruelty and neglect. There is enough criticism of how strict these are, a deterrent at times, yet this can happen. This is the best way to protect these horse within reason. SRF can't have a guardian live with every horse. Between the time of the last veterinarian follow-up, required semiannually, and the time we received the call from the daughter, Pearl declined quickly. We suspect that mom passed away and the daughter did not inform us. The time frame fits.

This gentle but strong minded mare started her recovery with SRF. Soon after she arrived, we partnered her with a buddy but, she was still the boss. She would squeal and threaten her new friend but remained kind otherwise. She was quite opinionated, and never gave up. We could see through her emaciated body that at one time she was very beautiful.

A week before Christmas we received a call from our friend Tina who has helped with other horses in great need. "My Christmas present to myself this year is to help Pearl. I'll take her," she said. Today Pearl is round, happy and healthy. Pearl's personality and strength has stolen Tina's heart, her veterinarian and everyone who meets her!

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## Killean Cut Kid Today, 258 Starts and Winner of \$300K

You may recall the very sad story of this \$300K winner that at the age of 12 was seen on social media with his owner. His owner was saying goodbye, intending to euthanize him due to an injury. Kid was found about a week later tagged for slaughter in Louisiana. SRF/SOSS Facebook volunteers found him. His legs were severely injured in that short time from shipping across the country and it appeared that he hadn't had a meal since he had left Ohio. The Kid had been through so much, and was desperate for help. SRF quickly stepped up and brought him back to NJ. He has been under SRF's care and expense for many years, hoping for a home. Today, he has a very well deserved loving home as a companion!







Attention all Cougars and Yellowstone lovers! Brett and 14-year-old Battler made our knees shake too. Brett is NJ bred and raised and lives the Yellowstone life as a college student in Montana. He works part time roping and herding cattle. When he is visiting his family, he helps SRF at the farm. We enjoy watching how he handles the horses that never had a saddle on before.

Brett ground mounted Battler; trotted him around the ring, broke him into a canter, walked up past the dumpsters, tractors, burn pile, and manure collection. Battler didn't bat an eye!

## Abuse and Neglect Case PA State Police

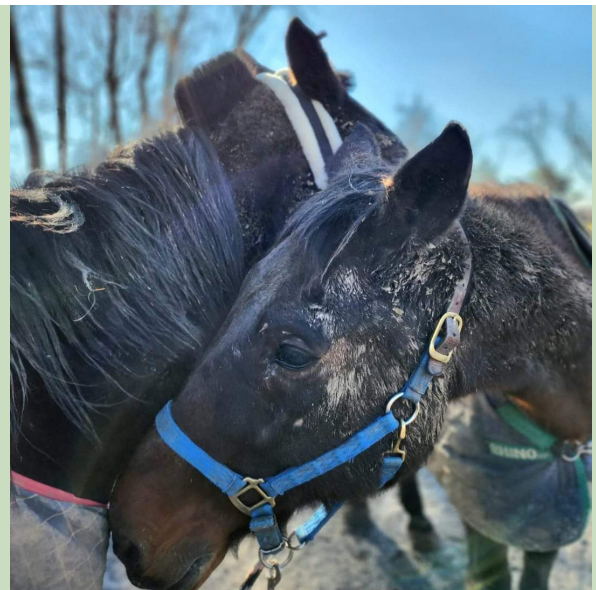
The Pennsylvania State Police has trained a few officers to respond to cruelty and neglect cases. SRF learned that one of these officers recently paid a visit to the largest dealer on the east coast who has a contract with Canadian slaughterhouses. Sources learned from the officer that in 2020 all of the dealers horses were removed from this location in Shippensburg, PA. Horses were lying dead in their pens, his staff was literally stepping over them, many were critically injured, obviously sick, emaciated, and had no water or hay. SRF was aware of this as its shipper would report it when he was picking up the ones SRF could help. The trooper expanded and said there has been some change there since.

The trooper's recent visit found water and hay, but the condition of the animals was referred to by him as borderline acceptable. SRF questions why it stopped there. Six days later many of them were moved to the care of SRF and their conditions were dire. Hay and water present are not an accurate indication that the basic needs of the horses will continue to be met. Everything looks fine or barely fine in the moment but clearly it can change, and it did. Thought should have gone into the fact that borderline acceptable meant it was on the brink of failing. These are welfare law issues with small animals and other livestock as well in many states that do not serve the need. They need to change.

## RECENT ADOPTIONS *continued from cover*



Pride Des Rivières	Southampton	Yorkshire Don Juan
Miss Liberty	Tag 6558	Mac Pacific
Squirminsherman	Mariner Hanover	Banker's Secret
Whitey's Casey	Catherine's Diamond	Not All There
Ira's Dreamboat	Townsend	Upheld
Chaleurs Scooter	I'M Apollo II	Unregistered Mare
Bacon Hill Bandito	Big Sky Angel	(Rosie)
Irish Malarkey	DontCallMeClyde	Unbranded Mare
Full Duty	Armbro Teamster	(Lily)
The Race Is On	Playing to Win	Windshear
Mr Perposterous	Angelo Papa Gene	Avenue Q
Flika Ray	Canaco Request	Lilly Beth
I'm Hot To Trot	Bailey's Knight	Fox River King
Tag 6308	Sturdy Blitz	Regil King
KT Me Me	Coromandel Prince A	Chuckalo Lighting
Sugar Shuttle	Teddy Trifecta	Great Escape
Dr Jim	Dracones	Garlands Eternal
Just Picture It	The Buckeye Bullet N	Beautiful Bouquet
Funny Card	Fox Valley Norman	Sopando
Family Branch	Hana Blue Chip	Miss Mac Anvil N
Sweet Baby Shane	Heeza Credit	Spa Day
Armbro Cayenne	No More Taxes	Angel Armor A
Johnny Quick	Badlands Lad	Style Guy
Tag 6445	World Class Duke	Dynamite Deion
Unbranded Colt Foal	Big Drama	Shadow Lavec
Mellman	Lonehill Bandy	



JH Jason and Razzling Rambo shared a very tight space together while crammed in a kill pen. Lucky for them a very special lady who wanted to help Rambo loaded Jason onto her trailer as well to foster. Here they are the very next day at her farm. Best buds! If you are on TikTok set your eyes on their freedom ride video under Broken Arrow Farm in PA. It's sweet.





OMG, he ducked his head under the tailgate to play with the kids. Cuteness overload!

## A Team of Kindness Saved Ace

Ace Rules, a son of Quick Pulse Mindale was found by SRF in PA about to load a truck for slaughter in Mexico. SRF quickly stepped in without any designated financial support and transported him to safety. The veterinarian arrived and did all she could. Time and daily care were to be the deciding factor for Ace. Unfortunately, time and care are very expensive especially when so many others needed care as well.

SRF called a good friend Elaine Livingston asking for her help. The initial veterinary expense was a gift from Elaine, and by the end of the day she had a lovely farm

ready to offer space, a veterinary technician to provide daily treatment, a veterinarian to graciously donate his time, and she generously provided for all the other expenses. He arrived in NJ and quickly won over everyone's heart. Today he is completely healed and will enjoy all the fussing and love a horse could hope for in his new home! A little kindness from a few good people gave this guy a chance ❤️



## Our Days Close Up

Going out to the fields and meeting a few horses face to face, looking into their eyes and knowing what they have been through, the ones SRF saved from slaughter pierces the hearts of SRF's staff and volunteers. Every day there are tears of sadness, frustration, and joy.

For SRF's Director, she holds donors in her heart. She looks at the ones being helped at the main farm romping the field with their tails up high, getting up close to nuzzle a visitor, or standing under saddle for the first time with sweet expressions and cooperative demeanors. Some days we see her for a few quick minutes observing the recovery of a sick or injured horse, it brightens the day and helps to lift her spirit and ours. I often hear her say how much she wished a particular person, a donor, using their name, could see what she has her eyes on at that moment. The transformations physically are amazing, but what gets us all is how life comes back to these horses that are broken in body and spirit. Even the ones fresh off the track figure out that they have turned a page in their lives. These are the days that are bright and full of thanks at the farm.

## The Other Effort, Unprecedented

In just a few months SRF will mark 34 years of helping these majestic animals. It is disturbing to anyone familiar with the inhumane process these horses face as they move from racing and breeding to the unknown. Only a few racing organizations are helping after 33 years of SRF repeatedly asking. This brought SRF to lead the charge to look for another path to help the ones spared slaughter as they exit the racing and breeding life.

SRF's interception of more than 1600 Standardbreds in the past 2 years is bringing together the local stakeholders in the rural communities, veterinarians, and others in the horse world to share best practices and information. Last spring SRF held its first seminar to accomplish this. It was met with great interest. Another one is scheduled for March.

(FYI: Today Australia racing invest \$80,000,000.00 in an aftercare program for Thoroughbreds.)

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## ~ Please Be a Friend ~

With 500 trotters and pacers under SRF's care and expense, it is alarming when we think of what it takes to provide for their needs: hay, grain, a piece of land to graze on, keeping their feet trimmed, their teeth in check, worming and medical care. Some will find homes, but well over 250 will likely remain with SRF for life, as they are unattractive to adopters due to age or injury. Please sponsor one who needs a friend. Any amount, as often as you wish, and for any horse or one that may reach out to you from the list below or on SRF's website, AdoptaHorse.org. Thank you so very much, our sponsors change the lives of these horses and are so very special. Here are a few in need:

Name	Name	Name	Name
J. B. Nero	Tyler's Legend	Hiccup	Bright Hope
Danny Organizer	Dollys Red Scooter	Double HH Caroline	Dodgeball
Windsong's Queen	Nike Ambro	Desist Hanover	Youreapisawork
Lucy Montcalm	Runnin The Roads	Cripplecreek Bambi	Not Arthur
Red Leader	Converse Hanover	Cambeaster	Tylers Bella
Towne Hoss	Rubis Du Faubourg	Island Flower	Valatact
Color Me Khaki	Mystical Deal	Nasty by Nature	Miss Tagliabue
Dex Appeal	Vacation Hall	Viking Serenade	Fedorov
Direct Advantage	Empress Mine	Dynamic Dude N	Sir Gawain
Big Run	C-Mon Big Guy	Premier Luck	Derby's Goal
Don't Ruffle Me	Macie the Farmer	Grampa's Grounded	Divine Setup
Rob's Thunder	Kasstastic	Feel So Bad	Fivedollarsforsox
Arteffect	Danny Boy	J D's Dragon	Psycho Chicken A
Bogert's Best	Jerry	Realist Hanover	Rader Detector
	Gaal Pal	Spokesman	Bright Tune

### SPONSOR A HORSE

Every donation in any dollar amount helps our companion horses. Please choose any amount, and for any period of time. You may cancel at any time.

☐ Savior \$\_\_\_\_\_choose your kindness ☐ \$100 Whisper ☐ \$75 Proctor ☐ \$50 Guardian ☐ \$25 Stewart  
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\* Choose from Adoptahorse.org or above or SRF will choose the neediest.

Check Visa Master Card AmEx Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your gift is tax deductible ~ Thank you so much.



We love when our volunteers fall head over heels in love! Abba Official stole Jean Thompson's heart at first sight-ADOPTED!

### *Facebook Issues are Painful*

Nearly a year ago, Facebook removed SRF's donate button for using the PO Box number rather than the name of the street. SRF provided all the information needed to update this to be in compliance. If you are familiar with dealing with Facebook issues then you know there is not a human to speak with, ever. Everything is done by messaging back and forth. It has been about eight months of this and still no means to raise needed donations through Facebook, no donate button, no way to post a fundraiser, no way to make an ad, boost a post to share the needs these desperate horses have. In the past, donations through Facebook accounted for approximately 18% of donations. This has impacted our efforts so very much and has been hurting the horses in need. SRF now includes a paypal link, and a link to the website from the posts hoping supporters will use them for tax-deductible donations. This backup helps a little but the loss is great. We are on this issue daily trying to connect and get this corrected.



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**SRF is the largest Standardbred adoption organization in the United States.**

## ***Trot and Pace - The Difference***

At SRF the percent of free-legged pacers we come across is about 1 in 75. Pacing is misunderstood. A free legged pacer is one that will only pace and does not need hobbles to force that gait. All other pacers must wear equipment to master that gait. These pacers actually spend their daily workout of about five miles a day on the trot. Yes, they will trot all day long if you let them, and most break right into the canter as well. Is a naturally gaited trotter be a better choice for riding, maybe, maybe not. Trotters have a long strong trot and some people love that, some just do a little work to collect it. Pacers need a little work too and both are so well worth it, collecting their gait is all it takes!

## ***Save the Dates!***



30th Annual Charity Golf Outing  
Battleground Country Club,  
Manalapan, NJ  
Tuesday, May 30, 2023



Casino Night  
Meadowlands Racing  
& Entertainment  
East Rutherford, NJ  
Friday, August 4, 2023

## ***Side Saddle!***



SRF's Black Brinny with her Standardbred friends all rode side saddle at the Gettysburg Remembrance Day parade. We easily spotted her by her tongue antics, she was noble and funny too!