



ATRC OF THE MONTH:

A newsletter for the families, followers, and supporters of Albany Therapeutic Riding Center.

Sweetheart of the Year Results



Surrounded By Hearts...

Our office was filled with lots of love and special Valentine's wishes this month! Thanks to everyone's generosity, our Valentine's Day fundraiser was a big success! We raised over \$1,500! Thank you to all who showed and shared your love!

And the winner is...

MONTANA

Coming in with over 50 votes, Montana won ATRC's first annual Sweetheart of the Year Contest! Tanner came in second with 26 votes, Elsa took third with 18 votes, and Luke and Jane tied for fourth with 14 votes each.



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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: KELLY HUNTLEY



This month we want to recognize Kelly as our volunteer of the month! She is always excited to help out with lessons whenever she is needed! We are so thankful to have her at the barn with us! To get to know her a little better, we asked her a few questions:



1. What is your favorite part about volunteering at ATRC?

My favorite part about volunteering at ATRC is seeing how excited the students get when they arrive at the barn for their lesson and watching them progress from week to week. I also love watching Taylor in her element. She is truly passionate about what she does and it is apparent that she thoroughly enjoys working with her students!

2. When you're not at ATRC what do you like to do?

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, traveling with my hubby, Brian (when able to), and staying active through walking/running/hiking.

3. If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it?

I would pay off my children's college loans, buy a vintage pick-up truck, donate some, and put the rest away for retirement!

4. Why do you volunteer at ATRC?

I volunteer at ATRC because I believe in "paying it forward" and providing assistance to different organizations when I can. I enjoy being around horses and seeing the students make progress and working toward their goals.

Volunteering is
a work of heart



Thank You!



A BIG HEARTFELT SHOUT OUT
TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS.
YOU TRULY ARE THE HEART
OF OUR TEAM AND WE
COULD NOT DO WHAT WE DO
WITHOUT YOU!

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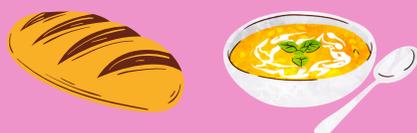
Dine to Donate!

Join us on **March 20th from 4pm-8pm**
at the **Panera Bread** located at **65 Wolf Road in Colonie**

for our Dine to Donate Fundraiser!
20% of the proceeds from the night
will go directly to supporting our program!

You can find the flier at the link below
or pick one up the next time you're at the farm!

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Save the Date



Join us on **April 17th** for our
first ever Casino Night!

This event will be held at
The Barn at Powers, Clifton Park.
Stay tuned for more details!



WELCOME TO THE HERD!

Meet Dusty's Dream!

Dusty was born on April 7th, 2020 into a band of wild ponies that reside on Assateague Island, Virginia. Every year, on the last Wednesday in July, the wild ponies swim across a channel to Chincoteague Island, Virginia where they are escorted to the carnival grounds by members of the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Department, known as the The Saltwater Cowboys. The ponies are owned and cared for by the fire department. Since they are only allowed to keep 150 ponies on Assateague's wildlife preserve, they auction off most of the new foals at the carnival grounds on the day after the swim in order to control the population and raise money for new equipment. Miss Lauren has been visiting the island since she was seven and it has been a lifelong dream of hers to one day own a Chincoteague Pony of her very own. In 2015, she met and bonded with Dusty's mom, Pixie Dust, who endured many hardships on the island. Her mother died shortly after her birth and she was sent to a nearby farm until she was old enough to survive on her own. When she returned to the island she was shunned by the rest of the ponies and was always alone. She eventually formed her own posse. In 2018, she had her 1st foal and two months later, he sustained a broken leg and had to be euthanized. She had her 2nd foal last April. Miss Lauren bid on and won him at the auction in July. She has been training him to work in our ground program. On February 16th, the Board voted to add Dusty to our team of therapy horses. Please join us in welcoming him to our herd! He is very social, so make sure to stop by and say hello the next time you are at the farm!



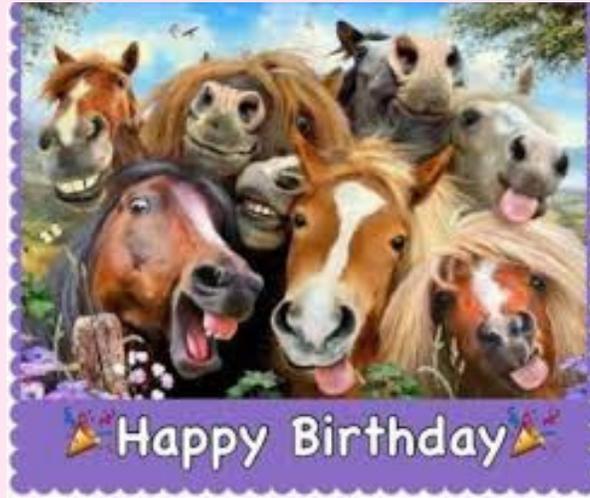
Dusty and his mom, Pixie Dust
(Photo By DSC Photography)



Dusty joins the herd in Gansevoort



Valentine's Kisses



Luke, the Party Animal!

Luke celebrated his 11th birthday on February 26th with his very own 'carrot cake'!

