

## **Please Help Support Junior Cong!**

*Junior Cong is a 10 yr. old Percheron (draft horse) gelding that came to Iron Gait Percherons (IGP) ~ Draft Horse Rescue from a Michigan Humane Society where he was rescued from a neglect and abuse situation. They could not find any other help for him due to his extreme size. At almost 20 hands (that's about 6.5 feet tall to the top of his shoulders) and 2,400 pounds, Junior Cong is up there with some of the largest horses in the world. IGP gladly offered for Junior to live out the rest of his years here at our Rescue and promised to help him as much as possible to lead a normal life.*

*Junior Cong came to IGP with a blind eye and severely deformed/hurt back foot. After a radiograph by our veterinary doctor, his foot injury was diagnosed as a "sequestrum" (a fragment of dead bone detached from adjoining sound bone) in his left hind foot and it needs to be removed with surgery. This surgery will relieve him from reoccurring abscesses, lameness and chronic pain. With his size and weight it is even more necessary to relieve this foot pressure. After surgery, and with healing time, he is expected to make a full recovery and will be able to be ridden again and live a normal pain free life. Upon examination of his eye, it was found that from a previous untreated injury, he has a lens pressing against another causing friction and infection which is the reason for his impaired vision/blindness. We were told that it may be possible to repair his lens and he will then have limited vision without continuous infections.*

*Junior desperately needs this surgery for his foot before the pain becomes to intense which will cause him eventually to have to be euthanized. He will have to go to UGA (The University of Georgia) for surgery in order to accommodate his size and the nature of his conditions. This surgery and after care will be quite costly, estimated at \$5,000 - \$7,000 or more, and we are asking for everyone's help financially to reach this goal. IGP operates solely on donations and sponsorships, and we are a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization, which makes your donation potentially tax deductible.*

*Please join this Special event and contribute generously to Junior Cong's cause, making it possible for IGP to reach our goal to help him quickly. This surgery will save Junior Cong's life, and it will allow him to live a quality, pain free life as well. Junior Cong will become our Ambassador here at the rescue, showing for events to help us to educate today's youth and the public on the Percheron Draft Horses and the need to help the magnificent large breed horses in our community and across the United States from abuse, starvation, neglect and slaughter.*

*Our success is determined by your generosity, and every little bit counts! No one at IGP receives a salary and 100% of donations go directly to supporting this cause. We can't do this important work without you!*

*For the Horses,*

*Denise S. Polydor  
Founder/Executive Director*

*P.S. You're welcome to come by the farm and visit with Junior Cong directly! Call or email to schedule a date.*



## Iron Gait Percherons, Inc.

### Draft Horse Rescue

#### Introduction

Iron Gait Percherons, Inc. (IGP) of Waleska, Georgia, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes. Specifically, IGP rescues Percheron and other draft breed horses from abuse, neglect, abandonment, slaughter, or victims of the current economy, refurbishes all of their medical, nutritional, and emotional needs, retrain them for new careers, and provides a thorough screening process to find them safe, loving forever homes. IGP also seeks to increase beneficial human and equine relationships through animal/human interaction and education.

Although IGP's primary mission is focused on the Percheron draft horse breed, we never turn away any other horse in need of our help, and take in horses and ponies from all over the country. From April 2011 to present, IGP has rescued over 130 needing horses and adopted out 84 of these wonderful horses into forever loving homes. IGP provided these horses/ponies with the veterinary needs, feed, and care they needed, but we also provide them with the love, compassion, attention, and humane interaction some of them had never known.

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## Denise S. Polydor, Founder/Executive Director

Denise has over 30 years of hands-on equestrian experience along with several years of education in the areas of equine science, behavior and nutrition. She attended Meredith Manor Equestrian College and also spent a year learning the excellence of Monty Robert's techniques of handling horses.

Denise has raised, bred, rescued, trained, and showed Percherons for many years. She first became a member of the Percheron Horse Association in 1998 and is a member today. She earned the titles of Supreme Champion, Champion, and Reserve Champion for 5 consecutive years at county fairs in Pennsylvania for her Percheron yearlings. She has also rescued Thoroughbreds from the track, and barrel-raced with her Quarter Horse Bandit "Jet" for several years.

Denise is the spokesperson and primary caregiver for IGP. She participates in board meetings and leads planning of the overall direction of the organization.

She is responsible for organizing and supervising all operations and fundraising events. Denise is also in charge of advertising our program and serves as a liaison with horse trainers, adoptions, veterinary care, stabling and other necessary day-to-day activities.



*"My love for horses always has been undescrivable and unconditional."*

*"I have devoted my life to the well being of these most noble animals and believe that with ANY horse you need to take your time. Earn their trust and you will then earn their heart. All of your love and many many hours of patience is the way to do this. Once you have done it, nothing will ever compare to the warmth within your heart. You will NEVER recieve a better reward than the devotion of a loved horse."*

*"I have had numerous people tell me, that when they shall die, they pray to come back as one of my horses. :)"*

## Rescue Operations

The purpose of this program is to prevent cruelty to horses. IGP will retrieve neglected or unwanted horses from individual donations (surrenders), Agricultural Department seizures, SPCA seizures, and the feedlots or sale lots that cater to slaughterhouses. IGP does not seize horses directly from current owners, but will work with a licensed agency or proper authority that may need assistance for placement.

We accept and encourage people to donate horses they cannot care for to our organization in order to prevent their sale to feed lots or auctions catering to slaughterhouses. Quite often, this will require the collection of donations and funding to purchase and transport the horses. We raise money for this purpose through donations and fundraising activities via social media and word of mouth. We advertise through our website at [www.igprescue.org](http://www.igprescue.org) and through social media sites like Facebook. IGP accepts assistance of volunteers in the horse community, horse trainers, veterinarians, farriers, etc.



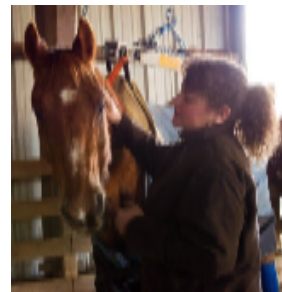
This program takes place year round and predominately in the state of Georgia, although horses are accepted from throughout the United States. As this charitable organization grows, IGP will reach further out to the horse community across the nation.



## Rehabilitation and Retirement Program

The purpose of this program is also to prevent cruelty to horses. Specifically, after the horses are rescued, IGP will provide them as much care and attention as is necessary.

Rehabilitation activities consist of the boarding and veterinary care of a horse until we determine the horse's best potential. A licensed veterinarian and trained farrier will properly examine and help us determine the proper duration of care for all horses. Some horses might take longer to regain proper strength and weight before they can be rehabilitated for adoption. Some will once again become riding pleasure horse prospects, some have show prospects, while others will simply become non-riding pets. Due to age and temperament, some horses may simply be retired. We will find these horses a pasture home and allow them to live the remainder of their lives freely and without harm.



IGP accepts assistance of volunteers in the horse community, horse trainers, veterinarians, farriers, etc. This program takes place year round, predominately in the state of Georgia, and IGP will depend largely on training and stabling centers already established until such time as enough donations are collected to reach out to additional training and stabling centers.





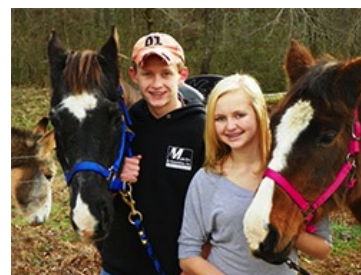
## Adoption Program

The purpose of this program is also to prevent cruelty to horses. Proceeds from this program go toward saving more horses and supplementing rehabilitation costs.

Any horse/pony that comes to IGP and is not adoptable due to his/her mental/physical health, injuries, etc., will have a home for life at IGP. Otherwise, IGP devotes as much time as needed to find an appropriate adopter for each and every horse/pony it has that is ready for adoption. If the examination of a horse warrants training for pleasure riding prospect, IGP will prepare the horse for adoption by a kind and loving person using natural horsemanship techniques (a training technique that is based on equine communication and understanding).

IGP will screen all potential adoptive families and the facilities available for the horses. This process will also allow us the opportunity to provide those people who are committed to our mission with a wonderful companion to love and cherish. We spend plenty of time talking with the adopters as well as watching them interact with our horses. IGP will also provide education to a new family as needed, as it is vital to make a great match that will stand the test of time.

In addition to ensuring that new homes are safe and free of hazards, new families may be checked for their knowledge of horses, including riding, basic training, training philosophy that is compatible with ours, and basic health care knowledge.



After adoption, IGP requires that any adopter provide a veterinarian report and a picture of the horse or pony quarterly each year to ensure that the adopted horse/pony remain in excellent health and care. If IGP determines that one of its adopted horses or ponies is not being properly cared for, IGP will bring that horse or pony back to its facility. Any potential adopter that does not wish to abide by these requirements will not be able to adopt a horse/pony from IGP. It is only through these requirements that IGP can ensure that any horse or pony it rescues and adopts is being cared for properly.



Horse adoption prices vary with the age, quality, and temperament of each horse. IGP will look at the market rate for horse purchases and set adoption prices somewhat lower and/or set a nominal fee in order to encourage donations. These fees currently run anywhere between \$100 and \$1500. This program takes place year round, predominately in the state of Georgia, although IGP will consider adopters throughout the United States.

## Sponsorship Program

The purpose of this program is to help fund Rescue Operations, Rehabilitation and Retirement of the horses, facilitate community education and involvement, and contribute to preventing cruelty to horses.

Any horse can be expensive to maintain, especially one with special needs. In some cases, finding a horse a forever family may take several years and some horses may never find a new home. These retirement horses may live out their precious lives in our care.

The sponsorship program allows sponsors to choose a horse and contribute to their care and feeding. Some horses may have multiple sponsors. The horse will be stabled at IGP and the sponsor is free to visit anytime. They can also assist in the care and feeding of the horse when they wish. Sponsors may also learn natural horsemanship skills to better communicate with their horse.



As our "Thank You" to the sponsor, their name will be acknowledged on our website Sponsors page at [www.igprescue.org](http://www.igprescue.org). Any monthly sponsorship of \$100 or more contributed by an organization (materials, labor, or monetary) will receive sponsor recognition to help advertise for that business and we will add their banner and web site links to the IGP web site and also to our promotional materials. We have links to Sponsorship subscriptions on our website and sponsors can create re-occurring monthly payments that can be cancelled at any time. Sponsors may also send a check along with the name of the horse they wish to sponsor.



This program takes place year round, predominately in the state of Georgia, although IGP accepts sponsors from throughout the United States.

## Community Outreach Program

IGP is committed to giving back to the community. IGP has welcomed many organized groups and volunteers to our facility to learn about and help care for the members of our herd.

We encourage visitation. We hold bi-monthly open house events for the public offering food and music, horsemanship demonstrations and educational opportunities. Visitors and volunteers learn about our organization and why it was founded, as well as the stories of how each of our horses "found" us. We strive to provide knowledge about the horse industry and what a huge responsibility it is to own and care for a horse. We are also strong advocates of Natural Horsemanship, a training technique that is based on equine communication and understanding. In addition, IGP hopes to further educate the public on horse slaughter and reporting of incidents of Equine Abuse and Neglect to local authorities.



When requested, IGP provides advice to individuals on the emotional and physical care of their horses. IGP will also help fellow rescues with supplies for daily care or equipment use, veterinary care, and housing for horses when in need.

This program takes place year round, predominately in the state of Georgia, although IGP may reach out to organizations or individuals from throughout the United States.





## Facilities

IGP is located in the beautiful Salacoa Valley near Waleska, Georgia, in Cherokee County, and features 35 acres of rich land suited for the caring of horses. Other features include large stalls, an indoor arena, a hot/cold wash rack, a feed and tack room, horse safe fenced pastures, and a spring fed creek along each of the pastures.

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## Expense Summary

IGP has no investments or hard assets today and IGP directors and staff are not paid. All Income is allocated to operations.

The sources of the IGP's income derive from personal resources, public donations, adoption fees, sponsorships, and fundraising activities such as bi-monthly open house events. IGP has had IRS approval under 501(c)(3) guidelines and is now seeking additional income sources such as grants, corporate sponsorships, and larger fundraising efforts.

The corporation disposes its income through the decisions made by its Board of Directors or through the decisions of the duly elected President and Treasurer, whose power to pay expenses is set out by the board or the corporation's bylaws in accordance to the corporation's purpose.

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