

Why Donate to Buy a Bale?

The need for support is ongoing; IF everyone donated just one bale we'd solve our hay needs. Since Iron Gait Percherons - Draft Horse Rescue, Inc has gained a lot more Sanctuary horses than usual, we have had to expand our facilities and build more shelters to accommodate all the horses and to buy more hay, feed and medical supplements.

The need for support is ongoing Hay is scarce in our area. With total 44 horses currently in our rescue, now, we are desperate to find and purchase hay. Please help us get the funds we need to be able to purchase hay. In order to have enough funds until spring we need to raise \$20,000. The funds we obtain will directly determine our ability to care for and help needing horses in the upcoming year. With your help, IGP has been able to keep our barn open and available to law enforcement agencies to take in horses that have been picked-up or seized due to neglect or abuse.

We rely completely on donations from our supporters and 100% of donated funds going directly to the care of our current sanctuary horses as well as any horse in our program. It costs us about \$200 per month per horse, in addition to regular facility upkeep and more expensive rescue situations.

As the winter season is upon us and ending soon, the hay sources are dwindling down. IGP is humbly asking for your financial support. Our horse rescue would not be able to do the amazing work we do without you. ~April 18th 2011 to present date~

181 horses helped by IGP

132 Horses adopted into loving new homes

35 Sanctuary Horses due to special conditions

This is not including all of the horses that IGP helped through Community Outreach; when Horse Owners across the USA needed medical or Nutritional help throughout the years.

We are EXTREMELY PROUD of our TEAM IGP existing of Friends, Donors, Sponsors, Volunteers, Farrier, Trainers and Veterinary Doctors

Together we have made ALL of this possible in helping all of these needing horses.

In which without all of you, none of this would have been possible.

Thank you everyone for your continued support IGP cannot do this without you.

Please help us continue helping the horses by Monthly Sponsoring or Donations of any kind.

All donations can be 501 Tax Deductible

Any size donation or pledge is appreciated. Please be an Angel to our rescue horses today!

Donate during our Buy a Bale Fundraising Drive for Iron Gait Percherons - Draft Horse Rescue, Inc.

Will you please help our cause? No amount is too small.

ABOUT IRON GAIT

We understand everyone is dealing with rough times due to the economy, but just a reminder IGP cannot do what we do without the help of the public. Donating or Sponsoring is super easy and it only takes a small amount to help. Denise Polydor formed Iron Gait Percherons, Inc. (IGP) as a nonprofit corporation in April of 2011, and serves as the President and Chairman of the Board for the organization today. It is her lifetime of education and great love and respect for horses that originally inspired the formation of IGP. As the primary caregiver at IGP, Deni is "hands-on" with all the rescue horses on a daily basis. Iron Gait Percherons, Inc. (IGP) of Waleska, Georgia, is a nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes. No one here at Iron Gait that receives a paycheck; we are all volunteers to the horses. 100% of all the funds go directly to the cost to properly care for the awaiting horses to be adopted along with the sanctuary horses that require daily supplements and/or medical attention. Specifically, IGP rescues & provides Sanctuary to 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, retrains 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. We at Iron Gait Percherons are ALL about helping the horses. We are VERY proud of our Team and Organization. We work 24/7 to care and provide for all the horses welcomed into our program and do the best we can to go above and beyond in these efforts. We also work regularly with the Ag Dept, the Marshall's Office, and local shelters to take in, rehabilitate, and even foster horses with pending court cases on their behalf. We often take in horses with significant medical and emotional issues, in which others cannot afford the proper care for them to survive a normal life. Not only do we help Horses, but we try to help individuals as well. We have helped Military personnel, individuals recovering from injuries (heart attack/strokes), those that have gone through a difficult situations in life, troubled and under privileged children. Working with horses can be a therapy for many, and we do our best to help create a peaceful environment between our horses, visitors. With our new adopting families. Sometimes, for various reasons the matching up doesn't always work out. If this were the case, we always welcome the horses back, and even offer an exchange for a more compatible match. Additionally we are always available for questions and support along the way. We have successfully placed over 130 horses in the last couple of years and have many happy adopters out there to show for it. We think our success rate speaks for itself. We currently have 50+ of the rescues horses in our current care. Some horses are so emaciated when they arrive they need immediate medical attention. Some of the horses are hard to handle, horses are intelligent and abuse can leave them scared with mental help needed. A wide variety of potential problems involved in rehabilitation. A licensed veterinarian and a trained farrier examine new horses to determine the proper care and needs of the horse.

Horses are evaluated for their potential whether they can be ridden again or retired non riding companions. People are encouraged to donate horses no questions asked they can no longer care for in order to prevent starvation, neglect or potentially their sale to feed lots or auctions catering to slaughterhouses. As you can imagine the daily care cost is quite a bit to keep these horses fed, healthy and in a safe environment each month. Without your donation, we cannot continue to help the many needing horses that do need our help as well as helping horses in the community outreach program. The community outreach is where we help owners with assistance in their time of need and hardships with medical care, feed or hay. **We** have Open Barns, Seminars and Classes that help teach the community about the proper care, medical, farrier work, show time, as well as simple new ideas for your horses and around the barn and assisted training of their horses.

- **Ways that you can help**

There are many ways to volunteer with IGP. We welcome help with the daily barn duties, with grooming and caring for the horses, maintenance of the facility. (These types of onsite help needs to be scheduled and farm volunteers will go through a short orientation.) *Some other ways we could use your help if you live a distance:

- ***Fundraising***
- ***Marketing***
- ***Legal***
- ***Mailing***
- ***Teaching***
- ***Hauling /Transportation of horses***

- **Youth Group**

- IGP will be working with youth through local 4-H clubs , scout programs, as well as private social groups. We also hope to organize a young rescuer's club on site. We will have volunteers available to speak on horse care and rescue for any civic organizations. We also have a youth riding team that participates in local Draft horse shows.

- **Public Education**

- IGP attends local events , horse shows, fairs, tack shops, and local Tractor Supply Co.'s by setting up a booth at times bringing some of our rescue horses for viewing , Tables with brochures and material on Draft Horses, The need for Rescues, Proper horse care, Etc.. will be made available to the general public. We also hope to have horse health clinics with demonstrations of Handling, Proper Care, Proper Nutrition, Proper Hoof Care, Showing Techniques for Youth and Adults as well as Continuing to educate local Authorities on what to observe in Neglect and Abuse.

- **2015 Goals**

- To Help as many neglected, unwanted, abused, abandoned, starved horses across the states, as well as attend auctions and feedlots to purchase horses that would be going to slaughter.
- To Educate horse-owners and the public about proper equine care, and the problems of neglect, abuse, and slaughter.
- To Help equines from neglectful and abusive situations by educating owners, helping to place at-risk equines and ultimately working within the bounds of the law to remove equines from their owner's care when deemed necessary.
- To provide foster care for local shelters until they can be placed in an adoptive home.
- To rehabilitate sick, injured, emotionally disturbed, underweight equines and restore them to a state of health.
- To end the suffering of those equines which cannot be rehabilitated by means of humane euthanasia.
- To find all equines that come under the care of IGP a safe, secure, compatible, loving home.
- To maintain a 'hay bank' to provide feed and hay for qualifying individuals with horses in emergency situations.
- To help qualifying individuals with emergency medical & farrier care.