



# Refuge Roundup

*March 2022*

*A hundred thousand welcomes to you!*

*Welcome to the March edition of our*

*newsletter. We have lots of fun and exciting things going on at Fuzzy Faces to share with you.*

*Don't forget our **Spring Fling Event** is coming up on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Come out, enjoy the spring weather, and join us for "an authentic southern pig pick in".*

## **2022 What's new at Fuzzy Faces?**

We have been working hard to get our pond ready for fishing installing our floating dock. We are so excited to share it with you, and have it ready for our Spring Fling Event. There is much more area available to fish around the pond now that we have cleared many of the trees away for better access. We also have petal boats if you want to take a float on the pond.

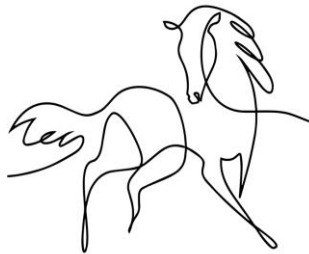
A huge thank you goes out to the high school students that have been volunteering with their program at JCI! They have really helped us with much needed property clean up and maintenance. Their most recent project has been preparing the area by the parking lot as our memorial garden to be shared with everyone. The thought behind the memorial garden is to have a peaceful area that is available to place a stone or memory item of a loved one you have lost, and would like to honor. We hope to have it ready by the end of April.



## What's new with our Fuzzy Friends?



Baby goats are here! Two of our mamas gave birth on 2/24/22. Burney had twins. She has a little boy and a little girl. Amber has a little boy. We need people to handle and snuggle with these precious babies every day, so feel free to come out and be a goat snuggler 😊 All of our animals are handled from the time that they are babies and that is why they are so social and love to get the attention of people.



**EQUINE THERAPY PROGRAMS**

Freedom Steps

*“Howdy!” Well, it’s almost spring and warmer weather is coming! The horses have enjoyed their winter break and will be ready to begin sessions this month. We have missed our participants and look forward to seeing you! Enjoy reading! -Jennie*

### Did You Know?...”Horses & St. Patrick’s Day”

“Saint Dunstan was given a request to shoe the Devil's horse. Instead, Dunstan nailed the horseshoe to the Devil's foot and agreed to remove it if the Devil promised to never enter a household with a horseshoe on the door. Therefore, horseshoes have come to symbolize luck and security from evil.”



Some of the most popular breeds of horses that originate from Ireland include:

## CONNEMARA PONY



The Connemara Pony is a native pony originally from Ireland's west coast; its popularity is extensive worldwide. A historic breed that is considered to be "sure footed and hardy," the Connemara has exceptional characteristics which include a calm temperament, staying power, intelligence, soundness and athleticism.

## IRISH COB

The Irish Cob breed was developed by the Travelling Community in Ireland. For hundreds of years these sturdy, hardworking horses pulled wagons and carts throughout Ireland, Britain and Europe. The breed adapted to be strong and versatile. Irish Cobs have an imposing appearance with a stout, powerful body. They are noted for their high knee action, excellent temperament and flowing hair. Their wide short backs make them very comfortable under saddle



## IRISH DRAUGHT



The Irish Draught Horse developed as a working horse on Irish farms with references to the breed dating as far back as the 18th century. Due to the small size of farm holdings in Ireland at the time, most farmers could not afford to keep more than one horse and as a result Irish breeders developed an adaptable draught horse capable of carrying out all of the work on the farm as well as being used for riding, hunting and driving. Consequently, the breed developed to be extremely versatile and intelligent with an excellent temperament and willing nature.

The characteristics of the breed make them an ideal leisure and riding horse and their wonderful temperament makes them easy to work with in any discipline. Irish Draughts are often used for crossing with other breeds to produce all types of leisure and performance horses.

## “What’s Coming Up?”

**Session #1: Feb. 28-Apr. 8**

**Mondays-Thursdays @ 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00, Fridays @ 4:30**

- *Adaptive Riding*
- *Equine Facilitated Learning/Groundwork*
- *Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy*

*\*Must be scheduled directly through Stacy Huff, [Healing Connections Counseling Services](#)*

- *Freedom Fridays (Veterans/First Responders)*

To schedule an intake assessment, contact Jennie at [freedomsteps@fuzzyfacesrefuge.org](mailto:freedomsteps@fuzzyfacesrefuge.org) or call 609.678.8655.



## **New Community Partnership & Pilot Program, “About F.A.C.E.”**



### **(Farm Animals Cultivating Enrichment)**

We have been working, during our break, to finalize details for this new pilot program with [Wake Monarch Academy](#), the Triangle Area’s first substance abuse recovery high school! This will be an 8-week farm experience for the students, and will incorporate Social/Emotional Learning aspects, as well as, education with horses, goats, poultry and bees.

We are very excited about this new collaboration, but need funding to support it! Please click on the [GoFundMe Scholarship Campaign](#) to either make a donation yourself or to SHARE with your friends, co-workers, relatives, neighbors...you get the idea!

THANK YOU!

Enjoy this special video about “Generation Found.”



You can download a copy of their rack card [for more information.](#)

### **“How Can I Help?”**

Freedom Steps volunteers make a difference by willingly offering their time to serve from the heart! The new relationships made and smiles from our participants while working with horses is so rewarding! To learn more about becoming a member of our volunteer team, follow this [link](#) to complete an online application.



Special trainings are conducted throughout the year! We’ll show you what to do and how to do it! Read our [Volunteer Guide](#) to learn more!



## Volunteer Spotlight! "Meet Diane!"




*"Growing up in the Chicago area, I didn't have a lot of opportunities to be close to horses; however; I used to save my allowance to go horseback riding as often as possible. I still have a few of my childhood horse statues displayed in my living room! I've always been in love with these majestic creatures. A couple years ago, my friend, Jayme, mentioned that his daughter volunteered at a local horse rescue. He suggested I look into volunteering there. He said they accept "all ages" and will train you how to work with the horses (or goats or chickens). That's all I needed to hear! I was warmly welcomed by the owners, staff, volunteers & riders and some have become great, new friends.*

*Jennie, the Program Director, is a horse whisperer. She has taught me so much about working with horses through my own ground work classes, riding lessons (finally got back up on a horse after 35 years) and my volunteering during riding lessons. I even feed the herd on occasion. Jennie and the horses have taught me so much about observing equine behavior, patience, being present in the moment & camaraderie. I look so forward to my weekly volunteer sessions.*

*I'm honored to be part of the herd at Fuzzy Faces Refuge!"*

Happy Trails,

 *Jennie Hill*, Program Director, PATH CTRI, ESMHL,  
Mentor

