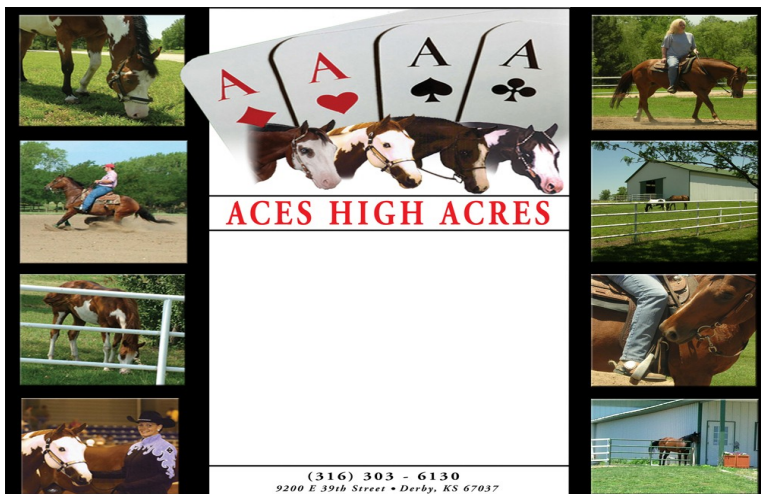


Flint Hills has a New Home

Effective May 1, 2011 Flint Hills calls home Aces High Acres which is located at 9200 E. 39th St. S., Derby, KS. It is just west of Webb Rd. on the north side of the street. Kathy Warren is the owner/operator of the stables and has welcomed us with open arms. Please be respectful of her property. Children should be supervised by parents/guardians at all time. Please do not let children go into the yard by the house to play with the dogs. Clients should wait in the arena where there is a seating area or, if outside, they may wait at the picnic table, at the front of the barn, or in their car. Volunteers are asked to wait in the Flint Hills area where our horses are stalled or in the arena where the client is waiting. Our primary concern is for the safety of our clients and volunteers. Thank you for your attention to these policies.



MISSION STATEMENT

Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center strives to improve the quality of life for children and adults with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities through therapeutic horseback riding. Our goal is to increase awareness of the benefits of these unique programs and extend equine assisted therapy services to a broader segment of the community.

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OUR SPECIAL HERD...with our move to Aces High Acres we found it necessary to cut the number of horses we could move with us, so four of our herd were retired. Gabe is now living with our therapeutic riding instructor, Eleanor Goodall Cusick; Babe and Ittles went to live with Jennifer Malcom, our barn assistant; and Melissa stayed at Lone Pine Stables where she is enjoying a quiet life. We miss them, but we still have Annie, Pongo, and Lilly.

Lilly is our newest and youngest horse. She was generously donated to FHTRC by Jennifer Pitt. She passed her evaluation to become a therapy horse and we have been using her regularly. THANK YOU Jennifer!

Lilly is a 8 yr. old American Saddlebred and is a sweetheart. We are very fortunate to have her as one of our 'SPECIAL HERD'. She is pictured below.

Pictured are Lilly (on the left) and Pongo with two of our clients mounted.



Aces High Acres is also home to Wichita Police Mounted Patrol Unit. The Mounted Unit is an auxiliary unit composed of commissioned members of the Police Department. The Mounted Unit is activated by special order to support the activities of other departmental units during major community events or police operations to provide crowd control in areas where other patrol techniques are less effective and during search and rescue operations covering large geographical areas. Each year, the Mounted Unit honors numerous requests from the community to represent the Police Department during special activities to build police/community relations. Recently they have been training for the Wichita River Festival which begins Friday, June 3, 2011, so look for them at various events during the festival.



WITH MUCH GRATITUDE we thank our anonymous donor who stepped up after reading the article in the The Wichita Eagle about the possible suspension of our program until fall 2011. Because of their generosity we are able to continue the program through the summer months. However, this does not mean that Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center does not need more donations for scholarship funding. We always need any donation, large or small, and are grateful for each and every one. The downturn in the economy has made it more difficult to secure funding from large donors because there is a greater need of assistance for many services that have seen federal and state cutbacks. Please consider a donation, of any size, to Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center. It is tax deductible and a receipt will be sent by mail.

Besides monetary donations we also accept office supplies, bottled water for volunteers, toiletry items, gift cards, etc. We especially like bottled water donations as we go through a lot of water during the summer months.

FLINT HILLS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER IS A PROUD MEMBER OF NARHA, which stands for the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. NARHA was organized in 1969 and currently enriches more than 40,000 individuals with and without special needs. It is an international voice of the equine assisted activities and therapies industry, and celebrates ability, optimism, diversity, and a shared love of equines. NARHA provides standards for safe and enabling equine interaction through education, communication, standards, and research.

