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JACKSON HOLE
THERAPEUTIC RIDING
ASSOCIATION



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST JOINS the team



Emily grew up equestrian riding on the East Coast for twelve years before moving out west to work at the Triangle X Ranch as a children's wrangler. The following year in 2002, she became a volunteer with Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding Association. Emily later received her Master's of Education in Occupational Therapy from Spring-

field College in 2007. Soon after, she became a board member with JHTRA for two terms. She recently completed her Level 1 basic principles course in Hippotherapy.

Currently, Emily does OT consult work in the valley with a pediatric population. The opportunity to combine her passion of horses and her commitment to help others is a dream come true. Emily is excited to work with the clients at JHTRA to help them reach their full-est potential and find their own success through Hippotherapy. When she is not practicing OT, she spends time with her husband and two young daughters, Sage and Scarlette.

WELCOME, EMILY!

MARK YOUR calendars

We are excited for another great year of learning, laughing, and growing at Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding Association. Please mark your calendars for the following session dates and special events:

SESSION DATES

- **Spring Session:**
April 18-June 3
- **Summer Session I:**
June 13-July 22
- **Summer Session II:**
August 8-September 1
- **Fall Session:**
September 19-October 14

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Fair Horse Show:**
Saturday, July 30
- **Stomping the Divots:**
Saturday, August 6
- **Community Horse Show:**
Thursday, August 18
- **Aspiration Summit:**
September 2-5
- **Old Bill's Fun Run**
Saturday, September 10

you can change a life



welcome back

TO THE ROBIN LIGHTNER ARENA

Welcome back to the arena! Our work together this past year brought progress on many fronts. Now, with the start of the 2016 Spring Session—comprised of 94 riders, eight school groups, and six Equine Facilitated Learning classes—we have new opportunities and challenges to improve the lives and futures of all Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding Association participants.

This year will continue to be shaped by our mission and vision to improve the quality of our riders' lives through equine-assisted therapeutic and educational activities for people of all ages with disabilities. Our

riders' accomplishments have been monumental and we will continue our focus on personal growth and development, such that achievements made in the arena transcend the lesson and carry over into their daily lives.

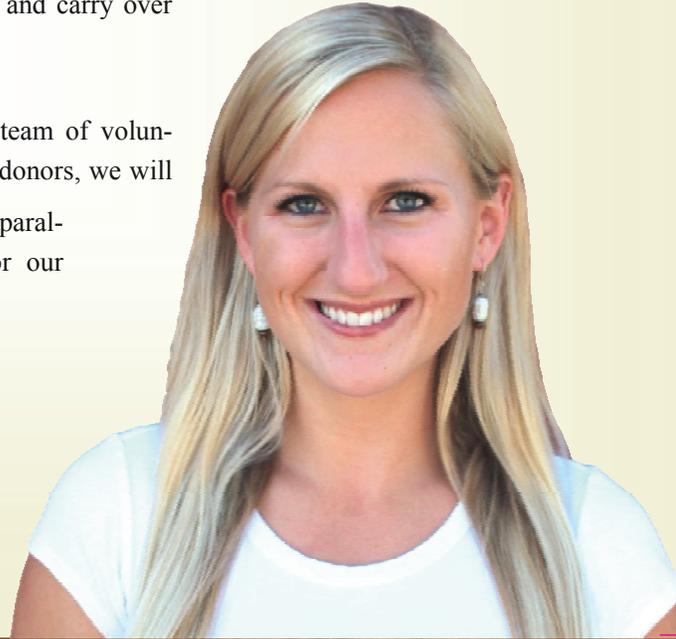
“In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can.”

-Nikos Kazantzakis

Together with our team of volunteers and family of donors, we will create a year of unparalleled excellence for our participants.

Please join us in making 2016 a year of great success and accomplishment!

TORI FANCHER
Executive Director



JHTRA WELCOMES NEW INSTRUCTORS!



SUMMER DRISCOLL

Equine Manager/Head Instructor

Summer comes to us from Blacksburg, Virginia, where she studied Equine Production/Business at Virginia Tech. After completing an internship at Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center, she began mentoring at Healing Strides of Virginia where she received her PATH Advanced Certification. We could not be more thrilled to have Summer joining the team!

KRISTEN NEWBERN

Instructor



Kristen attended Appalachian State University where she received a B.S. in Psychology with a concentration in Human Services. Having worked at both the National Ability Center and Horse Warriors, she certainly knows a thing or two about the therapeutic riding world. Add that to her extensive equine and wellness backgrounds, and Kristen is the perfect fit for JHTRA!

THE FEES OUR RIDERS PAY COVER ONLY 10% OF EXPENSES.

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit funded mainly through donations, which are tax deductible.

You can help make this program possible. And YOU can change a life.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN
WELCOMING
SUMMER AND
KRISTEN TO THE
TEAM!**



VOLUNTEERS ARE essential

We would like to extend a sincere thanks to all of our new and returning volunteers that have helped kick off Spring Session 2016!

At JHTRA, our volunteers are part of the family, playing an integral role in both our success and sustainability. Through their time and energy, JHTRA is able to maintain reasonable session fees and ensure that no rider is turned away due to the inability to pay.

Our volunteers truly do it all, from helping in lessons, to assisting in the barn and office. We could not do it without you!

**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE 2016
SEASON.**

If you or someone you may know is interested in volunteering, please contact Jenna at jhtra.volunteer@gmail.com.

CALL TODAY TO JOIN THE JHTRA FAMILY:

307-733-1374

EQUINE FACILITATED LEARNING

horse sense

Equine-facilitated learning (EFL) is an educational approach that incorporates equine-facilitated activities and equine/human interaction in an environment of learning

“What we learn with pleasure we never forget.”

-Alfred Mercier

and self-discovery. Horses are non-judgmental beings that facilitate learning in a positive and immediate manner. Our experienced, trained staff has the training necessary to help participants gain understanding of the equine experience and how to apply that experience to everyday life.

This spring, Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding Association will be providing a seven-week EFL session to 24 children and adolescents enrolled in the Teton County School District.

Over the course of the session, students will be introduced various topics, including:

- ◇ Mannerisms
- ◇ Emotion
- ◇ Herd animals
- ◇ Fight or flight instincts
- ◇ Body parts
- ◇ Nutrition
- ◇ Stable management
- ◇ Veterinary care
- ◇ Tack/equipment

EFL offers a wide variety of opportunities within the program including team building, group retreats, self-development and youth programs. All of our sessions take place on the ground with no riding involved, and with staff trained in safety and horse behavior present at all times.



stomping the divots

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT JHTRA

An afternoon of Polo and an Evening of Fine Dining and Dancing to Benefit Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding Association.

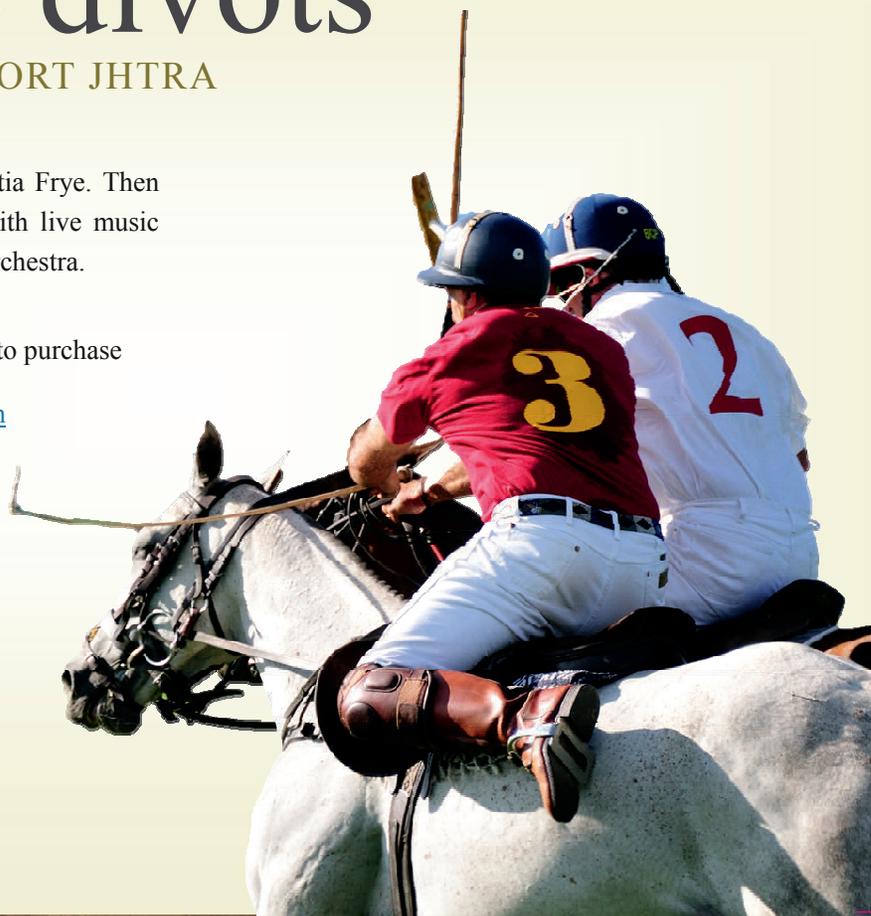
Our afternoon begins with a lively polo match and an inspiring demonstration of therapeutic riding by JHTRA's student riders. Enjoy cocktails and appetizers while watching the event and participating in our silent auction. Following the match, you'll be treated to a delightful seated dinner by Bistro Catering. This year, don't miss our rousing live auction emceed by America's fore-

most Auctiontainer, Letitia Frye. Then dance the night away with live music by the Richard Brown Orchestra.

For more information or to purchase tickets please email jhtra.director@gmail.com or call (307) 733-1374.

Please mark your calendars:

August 6, 2016



WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT

JACKSON HOLE THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION IT EXTREMELY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. IN RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK THAT WE DO, THESE GENEROUS INDIVIDUALS DONATE THEIR TIME, TALENTS, AND RESOURCES TO THE BETTERMENT OF OUR PROGRAM.



This year, several members of the Teton Photography Group joined us at the arena for a photo shoot. Thanks to Michael Cohen, a long-time volunteer, our Volunteer Manual now has photos to accompany each of the vital duties required of volunteers. Randy Isaacson and Paul Podell, also of the Teton Photography Group, took handsome portraits of our herd.

Please check out their amazing work on our website, at :

WWW.JHTRA.ORG

After a busy year of riding lessons, it became evident that the footing in our arena was in need of improvement. Thankfully, Pete Feuz of Feuz Excavation not only offered to level the entire arena and add 8 inches of pure sand, he donated it all! What an amazing gift he provided our horses and riders!

THANK YOU,
PETE AND FEUZ EXCAVATION!





UNPARALLELED
generosity



For over a decade, Snake River Ranch has donated their pasture to Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding Association. Their generosity enables our horses to

spend their weekends simply being, well...horses. Monday through Friday, these gentle giants enhance the quality of life for hundreds of individuals living with a disability. Maintaining their patience and endurance to do so, however, requires sufficient time off. Thanks to SRR, they receive that and more.

Our hats off to Ranch Manager, Lance Johnsen, and his team of cowboys who have played an instrumental role in providing our horses with an exceptional home away from home.

THANK YOU,
SNAKE RIVER RANCH!

ENJOYING WINTER IN
pavillion

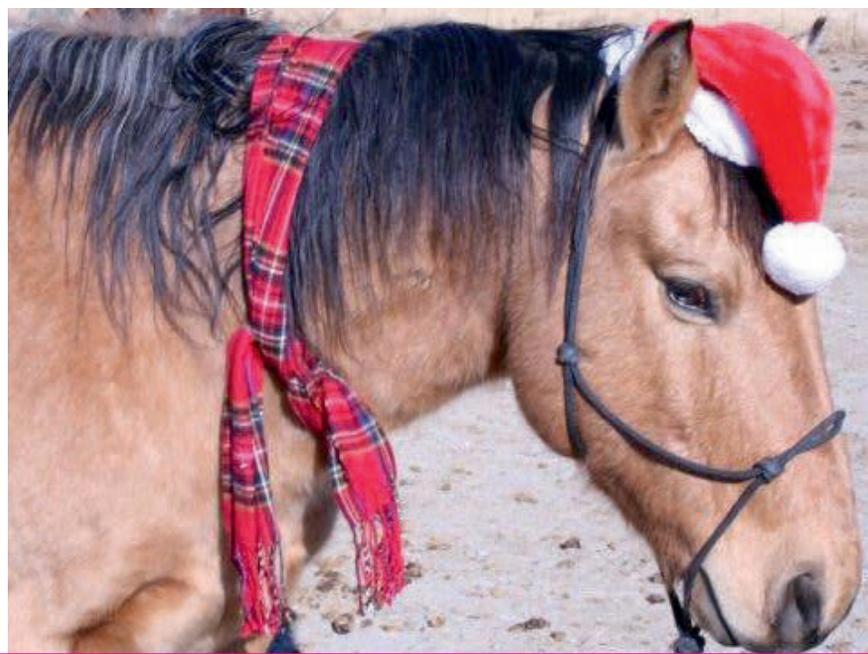
This year, the JHTRA herd traded in the blustery Jackson weather for a warmer climate in the high desert of Pavillion, Wyoming. While it was a lonely winter without them nearby, we were able to rest easy knowing they were in loving hands.

bodies and spirits. As a result, they returned to the arena in April rejuvenated and ready to begin another great year with JHTRA.

THANK YOU,
JANE & GRANT

Thanks to Jane and Grant Gollither of Diamond Cross Ranch, our hardworking horses spent the off-season relaxing their minds,

DIAMOND CROSS RANCH
JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING



a sad farewell

TO COWBOY, PORKY, AND SCOUT

In mid-April, JHTRA said a final farewell to three gentle souls. Porky, Cowboy, and Scout, our beloved, hardworking horses, now roam greener pastures. While we mourn their absence, we find peace and comfort in the memories that we shared.

For eight years, Cowboy graced us with his patience and love. His gentle manner and hard work ethic enabled him to take care of our unbalanced riders with ease. He will be so greatly missed by all, especially those riders with whom he instantly bonded.

Like Cowboy, Porky spent eight years with JHTRA. Previously a dude horse for children, this stylish guy—with his braided mane, ribbons, and bows—was always the star of the show. He quickly gained the trust of his riders and helped them work towards increased independence.

Originally from Minnesota, Scout was purchased from a horse sale in Billings, Montana in 2015. Though he was here only a year, he became an instant favorite.

Many of our independent riders found excitement in his agility, speed, and myriad talents. We will greatly miss his fun-loving and youthful demeanor.

Ride on, boys. You are forever in our hearts!

WHEN THE RIDING'S DONE

*You know I'll always ride here
Even when my riding's done
In the whisper of the pre-dawn
Or the final burst of sun
At the corners of transition
Where the changes are obscured
I will ride and if you see me
It's because our love endured*

*You know I'll never leave you
Even when I'm far away
In the moments when the words stop
And your breath gets in the way
I will softly say I love you
Barely louder than the breeze*

*So I hope you gently listen
To my voice between the trees*

*You know I'll try to hold you
Even when my arms can't grasp
Just to try to bring you comfort
When you throat lets out a gasp
The feelings that we share here
Will transcend just what we see
And my horse will still be waiting
Right beneath our favorite tree*

*You know you are forever
But it's easy when we're here
Just a hand away from holding
And a hug away from fear
So you have to make a promise
That your hope will never run
And you know I'll always ride here
Even when my riding's done*

- J.P. GORHAM

HORSE HIGHLIGHT: DAKOTA AKA "COCOA BEAN"

If you have ever stepped foot at the Robin Lightner Arena, then you know that the JHTRA horses are responsible for much more than just a pony ride. Strong, patient, and gentle, they spend their days improving the quality of life for countless individuals. Each horse brings with him a unique skill set, conformation, and personality. It is these distinctive qualities that bring diversity to our program, allowing every rider to be paired with the horse that best accommodates their needs.

It is through his love and tender demeanor that the lives of so many are forever changed.

While all members of our herd are essential to the success of the program, one horse in particular is responsible for

an extraordinary task. Dakota, a five-year JHTRA veteran, happily serves some of our most involved riders. His gentle and willing heart puts riders of all sizes at ease, while his trappy movement provides them with the input their bodies otherwise would not receive.

He is as patient as he is resilient. Looking at his riders without judgement, he works to gain their trust. With every step he takes, his legs become their legs. It is through him that his students are given a unique opportunity to look down on the world they so often look up at from the boundaries of their wheelchair; and it is through his love and tender demeanor that the lives of so many are forever changed.





Healing With Horses

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

4TH OF JULY PARADE

FAIR HORSE SHOW

Saturday, July 30th, 2016

STOMPING THE DIVOTS 2016

Saturday, August 6, 2016!

JHTRA COMMUNITY HORSE SHOW

Thursday, August 18th, 2016

OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE HEALING WITH HORSES THROUGH EQUINE-ASSISTED THERAPEUTIC AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WITH DISABILITIES, REGARDLESS OF ECONOMIC STATUS.

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