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After the Finish Line

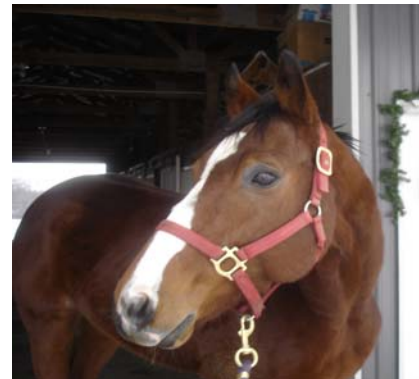
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Dear Dawn,

We wanted to update you on how your generous grant to Friends of Ferdinand in Indiana has been utilized to date. The grant request was targeted to provide health care funds, both routine and emergency, for the thoroughbreds that were donated to our organization from the racehorse owners and trainers.

The receipt of the grant coincided with a very generous offer from Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, to provide a discounted surgery for As Himself (Ace), to remove a crippling bone chip in his knee. Everything seemed to fall into place, and Ace was transported to Kentucky for his surgery early in April. Two months later, he is off stall rest and is out on the small pasture for several hours a day with a friend. Ace has a little more healing to go, but we anticipate he will be sound enough to become a trail horse. Ace is a young horse with an



old soul. He has been through so much, but he always moves and acts quietly and with intention, and he always seems to take very good care of himself. Thank you for the opportunity to give Ace the surgery that he needed in order to find a new home and a new career.



We also used the grant money for another, more urgent situation in May. Storm Cellar (Stormy) lives in the most wonderful foster home near Fort Wayne, Indiana, and he had a serious colic episode in the middle of the night that required immediate attention. We were so grateful to be able to call the vet without hesitation and have Stormy back on his feet by morning. Stormy is now having a wonderful time running up and down the grassy hills of Northern Indiana, the same hills that Carson City Kid ran, and for now, that is what he needs.

We have a new horse that came to us through a less than ideal situation. Mancini Martini (Marty) was an unsold horse that we could not take at the November end of season auction at Hoosier Park. He was rescued by USERL in Indiana in April, and with the grant providing a



healthcare cushion, we were able to welcome Marty to Friends of Ferdinand. He has no sport-limiting injuries, but after the winter, he needed time to fatten up and regain his health. An Event trainer took Marty as a foster and as she takes great pride in the health and size of her horses, you can well imagine that Marty has blossomed in her care. The first order of business was to get Marty's teeth floated, retained caps removed and the farrier out to address his feet. And so we used the grant money to give him the best new start that we could. He just got a new pair of shoes, and a Purdue

University student has taken him on as a training project for the next month or two. We hope that he will enjoy what he is learning and make a first class horse for a future eventer.

The accounting is as follows: Ace, surgery: \$1275.50, Rood and Riddle Equine Hosp., Lexington, KY; Stormy, emergency vet: \$362.00, Tri-State Veterinary, Kendallville, IN; Marty, teeth floating: \$135, Jansen Veterinary Clinic, Sheridan, IN, new shoes: expenses not yet submitted. Total to date: 1772.50+, leaving about \$200.

All three of these horses have After the Finish Line to thank for the opportunities and the care they have been given.

In addition, Unbridled Soldier has recently been donated to our program. He is a playful, 16+ hand flashy bay that will likely have many potential adopters. The After the Finish Line grant allowed us acknowledge that we had enough funds to accept Soldier into our program and he will most likely be the recipient of the final grant funding so that he too can have a healthy start in his second chance at life.



Thank you Dawn, and thank you to the donors of After the Finish Line.

Sincerely,

Susan Pratt, Treasurer, Friends of Ferdinand
Sara Busbice, President, Friends of Ferdinand