

patient, slow re-training and care. If you are “in the market” for your next equine partner, I encourage you to reach out to Race2Ring and meet these amazing animals.



It takes a lot of energy and dedication to launch a new non-profit organization in an otherwise saturated market – especially when the economy has forced our communities to hold onto their money, rather than donating. I am proud to be a part of the Race2Ring team, and know that they will be successful in positively affecting the lives of many horses in need. To make a difference for Race2Ring, visit their web site and see how you can help.

“I think there are two types of people in this world – people who can start things and people who can finish things. And while I place great value on the finishers, it’s the starters who are rare because they can envision what isn’t there.” — Ed Frank

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011 AT 8:59 PM

I love when my life passions coincide with my career. A while back I was forwarded an email from a client of mine about a special event for cancer survivors. At a horse farm. Naturally, I looked up the host center and discovered that they were not only a Path Intl. Center (like Mitey Riders), but they focused on Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP). For as long as I have been volunteering or working at therapeutic centers, the mental health area of the field has always tugged on me. And so, I reached out to **Triple Play Farm** to see what they were all about — which resulted in a five-hour-first-meeting, a chance to meet some extraordinary horses (Fjords!) and a new client.

Triple Play Farm is a 14-acre oasis in Davidson, just outside of Charlotte. It is home to three Fjord geldings (Monark, Clyde, Kasper), one Ardennes gelding (Leo) and a miniature horse named Moose Tracks. TPF partners with mental health and therapeutic professionals to offer services to individuals, couples and groups addressing eating disorders, depression, anxiety, grief, self-control, communication, self-esteem and much more.

There are many reasons why I am passionate about the world of equine therapy, but a quote from Triple Play’s web site is able to sum it better than I ever could – **“As people, we have a tendency to assume that every creature sees the world as we do, both literally and figuratively, and one big stepping stone to relationship is the empathy that develops when we adopt a much different perspective.”**

The shots below were taken with the intention of using them in a new marketing package for TPF – to show the power of the connection between horse and human; and maybe a Pug named Yoshi and a few chickens as well. 😊









“The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit, and fire.”

– Sharon Ralls Lemon

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THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011 AT 8:31 PM

I need to be a better blogger, and therefore I feel as though I need rules. I am constantly making lists of projects I need to blog about: photo, design, life, etc, but it's easy to push off that entry about so-and-so because I need to switch the laundry. Or let the dogs out.

But, I am good with rules, and so I give myself this rule: to blog on Thursdays about a charity organization or project I am involved in. Or volunteer with. Or do work for. Or *want* to do work for. The name of this “rule”.... *Thoughtful Thursdays*. And I'm starting it off with the obvious choice: Mitey Riders.

{A nice bonus of this little project would be to not only spread awareness about local, national + global organizations, but also to gain support via social media, education and funding. So, if you have a charity you are involved with that needs, loves, wants good design/photography – or that you simply want featured on a Thursday, e-mail becreative [at] the-summerhouse.com}

And now with all of that being said, here we go, on to the very first edition of Thoughtful Thursday...

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