Classes for the 2013 season are officially underway and we've been having a great time getting all of our participants back in the saddle. It's wonderful how much the participants retain through the winter... remembering their proper seat, cues, and parts of the horse and tack.

## 2013 - Session/Event Schedule

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All our thanks to this lovely group of girls from St. Joseph’s Academy, Kennedy High School and Ursuline Academy. All came out to assist EAT for 30 hours a week for 2-3 weeks for their service project.
EAT Poker Run . . .

EQUINE-ASSISTED THERAPY
Poker Run
SUNDAY, JUNE 2
7:30-12:30

GREENSFELDER PARK - MUSTANG SHELTER
4250 ALLENTON ROAD, PACIFIC, MO 63069
Registration opens at 7:30AM ~ Ride begins at 8AM

Breakfast available 7:10:30 ~ Lunch included in entry fee 10:30-12
Additional lunch $8

Early registration receives an extra card
Registration available at EATherapy.org or 314.971.0605

A special thank you to MERS Large Animal Rescue (mersteam.org) for letting us take over their poker run date this year to benefit Equine-Assisted Therapy!

Registration for this Event is $25
Whole Foods Market® - Town & Country has chosen Equine-Assisted Therapy, Inc. (E.A.T.) as the recipient for their One Dime At A Time Program! We are so proud of this new relationship with yet another neighbor of our Town and Country facility at Longview Farm Park.

Here’s how you can help this drive be a big success for E.A.T.:

Whole Foods Market gives 10 cents per bag to customers who re-use their own shopping bags for their purchased groceries. This program reduces our impact on the environment and supports local nonprofit groups. Throughout the months of July, August and September, customers will have the choice to accept their 10 cent cash refund or donate the cash to E.A.T.

Whole Foods Market - Town & Country is located at 1160 Town & Country Crossing Dr., at the SW corner of Clayton and Woods Mill Roads just down the street from Longview Farm Park.

We thank Whole Foods Market for their generous support!

Quotable . . .

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” - John Wesley

Boy Scout Troop 803

Thanks to Steve and Evan Pautz, Jake Scissors, Jacob Ring, Haran Kumar, Shourov Kundu and Ethan Hume of Boy Scout Troop 803 for their hours of service at our Wildwood location.

A fine group of young men to get up so early on a Saturday morning to help others.
At EAT we hold a special place in our hearts for the wonderful equine ‘therapists’ who have served to bring love and joy to so many. At this time we remember **Yoda & Dewey**... two very precious members of our EAT ‘family’

Don’t cry for the horses
That life has set free
A million white horses
Forever to be

Don’t cry for the horses
Now in God’s hands
As they dance and they prance
To a heavenly band

They were ours as a gift
But never to keep
As they close their eyes
Forever to sleep

Their spirits unbound
On silver wings they fly
A million white horses
Against the blue sky

Look up into heaven
You’ll see them above
We horses we lost
The horses we loved

Manes and tails flowing
They gallop through time
They were never yours
They were never mine

Don’t cry for the horses
They will be back someday
When our time has come
They will show us the way

Do you hear that soft nicker
So close to your ear?
Don’t cry for the horses
Love the ones that are here

~author unknown~

- Lindsey Roscoe for sending flowers in remembrance of our precious Yoda and Dewey
- Gaye Ragen for donating a memory bench to our Wildwood location to memorialize Yoda and Dewey
- John and Sue Ragsdale
- Tina Kraemer and Cynthia Cooper donation through the Wells Fargo Community Support/United Way Campaign
- Louise Jensen - blankets for our T&C herd
- Liz Baisch for recommending EAT as the beneficiary of a donation for the blacksmith demonstration by Mike Schmidt

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- Tina Kraemer for referring EAT to her place of business - Stock Traders Assoc of St Louis, John Fechter - to receive a $1,000 donation
- Joe & Karen Zimmerman - for becoming EAT’s grain fairies! They sneak in and perform a task no one else wants to do... refill our grain cans
- Tiffany Schroeder - her donation in honor of her moms - Sally Morton - birthday
- Kristin Downey for caring for Shoes, Smokey and Monroe at Crescent Farms all winter
- Crescent Farms for letting some of our guys winter at their beautiful farm
- Thanks to Karen Ernst and Kathleen Milton for pledging a monthly payroll deduction at their place of business - AT&T
- Congratulations to our WW King of Volunteers, Scott Smith, on his long-awaited retirement! And thank you Scott for re-gifting the nice fat check you received as a retirement gift to EAT!!! What a guy!
- Carla Abernathy for helping Linda, Judy and Mitch prepare our T&C horses for the Spring session
More Thanks

- Bill Schmidt - cares for our horses hooves at a reduced rate
- St Louis Equine veterinary Services - David Hunt - cares for our WW horses health at a reduced rate
- Homestead Veterinary Hospital - cares for our T&C horses health at a reduced rate
- Rick Turner - cares for the tack we use every day and built some fabulous saddle benches for our brick room at T&C
- Our Barn Buddies - feed and care for our therapy horses each and every day at both locations
- Our EAT Board of Directors - makes the difficult decisions
- Scott Pitzer - works with our therapy herd to keep them obedient and happy for safe lessons
- Cal Kretsinger and Gary for manning the EAT booth at the Ameren Volunteer Fair on April 3rd. They talked to dozens of people throughout the day, making valuable connections and getting EAT into more businesses and households.
- Dana Brown Charitable Trust
- Susie & Sallie for helping keep the office and horses at WW tidy
- Sarah, Judy and Donovan as they've become good friends of EAT while creating a documentary piece on all we do.
- Whole Foods for choosing Equine-Assisted Therapy as the recipient of their One Dime at a Time charity event coming up this summer
- Karen Ernst and Kathleen Milton for their donations through AT&T United Way Employee Giving Campaign
- Eileen Palmer for referring her chiropractor, Christine Labadi, who is now back in school to add horses and dogs to her practice, to come and donate her services to work on our horses tired backs
- James Steck for his donation in honor of his mom, Lee Steck
- Keith Pey and Alan & Katie Hotard for their donations made through Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign
- Gaye Ragen for writing our thank you notes and supplying us with name tags
- Thank you to Volunteer Jody Delf for referring EAT to her cousin who happens to film PR videos. Sarah Trulask and Judy Silk have been working tirelessly on creating a beautiful video that EAT can use at presentations, on our web site, and at any special event.
- Jody also referred EAT to her friend Liz Baisch of Wydown Fortnightly. They give $2000/year for 3 years to worthy charities and EAT is now a proud recipient. Yay Jody!!!
- Thank you to Maryville University Business Ethics Social Change Project class members, Pam Schneithorst (EAT volunteer), Aleksander Ivanov and Jamie Stanton for making their project all about EAT. They rewrote our current progress notes for our participants to fit more accurately to our specific abilities and, even after the project was over and graded, they committed to help us organize and use our new computer program.
- Norma Ambrose for donating her sweet horse, Sarge, a 22 y.o. Missouri Fox Trotter
- Amanda Hudspeth of Griffin Farm for donating Gylian and Picasso to use in our classes.
- Scott Pitzer, (EAT's Equine Specialist) for turning in all the hours he so generously gives to EAT to his place of business, Boeing, which then donates $10 for every hour Scott serves through their Community Volunteer Program
- Aimee Bilyeu for so kindly creating beautiful horsehair memory bracelets in remembrance of Yoda and Dewey
- Helen Gilbert
- Scott Pitzer & Scott Jaycox for spending a Sunday afternoon with our Wildwood therapy herd.
Kierstin Birmes, a Junior at Eureka High School sent the following letter to EAT and crafted a beautiful horse statue after volunteering with EAT.

Dear EAT,
I just wanted to say thank you so much. The experience of being able to work side by side with such amazing people is just great. As I end my Junior year at Eureka High School and begin my Senior year I want you to know that I hope to stay with EAT as long as I can. Working with the other volunteers has taught me the importance of everyone who works here and it has taught me the value of unfaultered love for the kids with whom we all work. So in today's society we need so many more people like the outstanding people at EAT to truly show the world that we can be unique and yet show there is much more love in the hearts of people.

~Kierstin Birmes

Statue created by Kierstin Birmes, Junior at Eureka High School with the following inscription - “if people would only listen and follow the advice they give to others, the world could be the place we know it can be. It could be unique”

A big thanks to Living Word United Methodist Church as they blessed EAT with another year of their service on National GODay! EAT volunteer and Living Word member, Denise Bertrand, headed up this team of 25-30 church members who arrived with work gloves, safety goggles, chainsaws and rain coats, ready to do anything needed. Even in the rain, these wonderful people cleaned our trails of fallen trees and branches and ran them through a chipper, stacked all of the old privacy fence into a dumpster and reorganized our glass house to efficiently hold our craft area and activity center. It was a full day and they all worked tirelessly. Thank you all so much!

Then, after they had all left, Gary and I headed out to get the most from our rented chipper and started to work on the big piles of branches in our new pasture. Before we knew it Matt Ecklekamp and Caryn Mundell joined us in the rain and cut our work in half. EAT just has the BEST people mankind has to offer!

EAT Easter Egg Hunt

EAT's Annual Egg Hunt was postponed due to weird weather but went off without a hitch on Saturday March 30th.

Special thanks to:

Ω Anne Rabenberg
Ω Ellie Rabenberg
Ω Marla Wild
Ω Abigail Moss
Ω Chris Wiehl
Ω Caroline Alfaro
Ω Mary Ann Coleman

Ω Julia Ross
Ω Karen Gladden
Ω Nanci Kallaus
Ω Sunny Kallaus
Ω Keith Weber
Ω Logan Weber
Ω Betty Keithly
Ω Bunny: Janette Coleman

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You may have noticed a few new faces in EAT’s pastures recently. At our Town and Country location we have allowed ol’ Shoes to retire. He is enjoying his “rocking chair” years at Crescent Farm with our other retirees Bubby and Smokey Joe.

In his place we have brought in Picasso of Griffin Farms. Picasso is a sorrel, 20 year old warmblood / Belgian that stands at 17.1 hands. Picasso seems to have taken a liking to our little Goose – they look a little like Bert and Ernie together!

Picasso was imported in 1999 as a 6 year old from Hamberg Germany. He was a show jumper and competed at the Grand Prix and Amateur owner levels. As he aged and was no longer able to compete at high level he taught lessons at Griffin Farm and was revered and loved by all who rode him.

At Wildwood, we have another retired member of the Griffin Farms herd, Glylian who is a sorrel, 23 year old Westphalian that stands at 16hh. Glylian was imported from Hamberg in 2002 when he was 12. He competed in the Amateur Owner division as well. Glylian developed a condition that ended his jumping career at 13 so he also taught lessons and was a super star. Glylian likes to show off his tricks for treats, ask him to show you his Elvis and he lifts his lip and ask to stick out his tongue and he does (just be sure to have a treat as he’s smart and won’t perform without payment displayed). Glylian has chummed up with our other new guy, Sarge, named by our Pathfinder group of Veterans. Sarge is a sorrel 21 year old Missouri Fox trotter, donated by Norma Ambrose, who will be perfect for our smaller participants.