

HIDDEN K STABLES RESCUE & REHAB PRESENTS

ACE *in the* HOLE





hidden K Stables Rescue & Rehab is proud to present our first rescue horse, Ace in the Hole, now available for adoption:

Rising 16.1hh four-year-old American warmblood
Hunter or Eventing prospect
Strong ground manners, easy to lunge and free lunge
Currently under saddle walk/trot/canter
Started over cross-rails and small cross country jumps
Started in advanced and adult lessons
Show experience
Huge personality and heart — very willing,
never says no to working
Good for vet and farrier, easy to trailer
Easy keeper

Adoption fee:
\$5,500 firm

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Rescue horse is a blue-ribbon winner

By Lisa O'Donnell



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Regular visitors to the Hidden K Stables in Pfafftown often look twice at Ace, a reddish-brown American Warm Blood horse. Can the robust, strong-bodied horse with the outsized personality really be the same horse that arrived at the stables several months ago, malnourished and afflicted with a variety of maladies?

Indeed, in eight short months, Ace has gone from pitiful to prizewinning, thanks to the efforts of volunteers with Hidden K Stables Rescue and Rehabilitation, a new nonprofit organization that wants to train and find new homes for neglected and abused horses.

A volunteer with the nonprofit found Ace in Pennsylvania last August, just one month after the group formed, said Dawn Longman, the chairwoman of the board of directors.

“We weren’t thinking about getting a horse yet. We were just getting our feet wet when we found Ace,” Longman said. “He was headed for a slaughterhouse in Canada.”

Little is known about Ace’s early life — the organization bought him from a broker, not his owner. Not yet gelded, Ace was about 2 years old, more than 300 pounds underweight with bad feet, bad teeth, worms and an upper respiratory tract infection. Despite those ailments, Ace emitted a spark. “There was something in his eyes. And he was still a well-put-together horse,” Longman said.

While quarantined, Ace was treated for his illnesses and fed a healthy diet. Once he regained some of his physical prowess, volunteers with the organization began training him.

Among the most enthusiastic trainers were students from Salem College and Wake Forest University.

They were recruited by Michelle Hargreaves, the executive director of the rescue group and the owner of Hidden K Stables. Hargreaves is also the equestrian coach for Salem and Wake Forest’s equestrian teams.

Since January, Kellie Younger, a junior at Salem College, has spent nearly six days a week training Ace. The training involves introducing Ace to a saddle, bridle and rider and teaching him how to behave around people. Ace thrived, blossoming into a spirited, lovable horse.

As a way to gauge Ace’s progress and behavior around so many distractions, the board decided to enter him in a show in April. Shows are also a good way to market him to potential buyers.

On April 21, Ace was entered in the Thoroughbred Trainer Center’s Hunter Show in Mocksville with little expectation that he would place. Instead, he wound up finishing second in the long stirrup under-saddle division and first in the hunter under-saddle division. Amanda Tilchin, a member of Wake Forest’s equestrian team, rode Ace.

“It was amazing,” Longman said.

Now that he’s a prizewinner, Longman said she hopes Ace will become more marketable. Interested buyers can look at his performance in the show and see that he has great potential as a show horse and has a good temperament.

The rescue organization will work with Ace through the summer. After placing him in a home, the group hopes to find another horse to rehabilitate and train.

hKS Rescue and Rehab Center, Inc. is dedicated and committed to providing rescue service to horses that are found to be in need of healthcare, nutrition, and rehabilitation. HKS Rescue and Rehab Center, Inc. is also committed to educating the public, especially the youth, about the responsibilities of horse management and care. HKSR&R strongly believes that education will prevent negligence and decrease the need for rescue. We want to change the lives and welfare of horses through education and rehabilitation.

Action Points:

Rehabilitate and retrain horses so that they can find their place and job in the equestrian world;

Supply after care and training services to those who adopt horses from the Rescue Center in order to decrease the likelihood that they will return to a rescue state or center;

Build an Education Center non affiliated with any one organization in order to increase the availability of education;

Provide education to the general public at an accessible Education Center;

Make available education and opportunities to learn about horse management to middle and high school students, especially students who may not otherwise have any experience with horses.

