

Fall is upon us and the pumpkins are in abundance here on the coast. This edition of our newly redesigned newsletter brings both wonderful news and sad. Our feature story on page two talks about Square Peg Ranch being visited by the amazing Dr. Jane Goodall. Page six memorializes our beloved mare Sugar, who we lost on October 11.

Autumn is a time to reflect on the silly days of summer – and what a summer we've had here at Square Pegs! This issue will give you a few different accounts of our Jack Brook Horse Camping adventure, reflections on our Summer BBQ and updates about new opportunities for our programs. So put on a sweater, curl up and enjoy this edition of our newsletter. Then get some rest and head on out to our Second Annual Open House this Sunday, October 28.

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Event Chair Leah Basset gives thanks to those who helped make this event a rousing success!

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Square Peg has a very special visitor. Read the story on page two or go directly to the [photo album](#)



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JOIN US ON SUNDAY FOR OPEN HOUSE

- Cider & Cookies
- Costume Parade
- Tack & Supplies for Sale
- **FREE** and fun for the whole family!

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You've probably heard one version of the crazy summer camp out, but have you heard three?

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Square Peg remembers the gentlest of mares and mourns her passing.



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Summer '07 BBQ Recap

Leah Basset - Event Chair

Square Peg held its inaugural BBQ Fundraising event this past August, and what a heartwarming day it turned out to be! One always hopes for bright blue skies and perfect weather on the day of an event, and we were indeed gifted with one of those unique and special days. Jeanne Freiburger and Paul Jones truly moved everyone with their heartfelt speeches about how the program so importantly affects their children Max and Aled in such amazing and positive ways. Their reminder of what the program is all about completely had an impact on every person at the event, from the vendors to the guests.

The incredible ambiance of the afternoon was thanks to the many wonderful volunteers, the donors, the committee, the horses (we can hardly forget to mention these beautiful animals who create such enjoyment to anyone who is fortunate enough to be around them) and the guests!



Event Committee (left to right) Leah Feliz, Leah Basset, Megan McCullough and Executive Director Joell Dunlap

The Square Peg Foundation would not have been able to have such a great event without the many generous donations and support, and I would like to thank these important donors! Thank YOU to KL&P Marketing (for the Square Peg tee shirts), Gordon Biersch, The Old Pro, BBI Engineering, Thomas John Events, Blue House Farm, Helen Schardt, Lenny Mendonca, Pescadero Community Church, Duarte's, Doug Mosher, The Feliz Family, The

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One of my favorite quotes applies perfectly to such an incredibly touching day...

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our-breath away."

— anonymous



Dr. Jane Goodall Visits Square Peg

“Only if we understand can we care. Only if we care will we help. Only if we help shall they be saved.”

– Jane Goodall

On Saturday, October 6, 2007, Square Peg Ranch hosted a very special riding guest: the great, the mighty, the humble and the brilliant Dr. Jane Goodall.

Sponsored by Giant Steps Foundation, supporters of the Jane Goodall Institute had the unique opportunity to ride Square Peg horses in the redwoods with Dr. Goodall. Afterward, she and the intrepid riders met with 30+ more supporters at the Ritz Carlton for a fantastic dinner and a fireside chat.

Square Peg Foundation was so proud and grateful to Giant Steps for the opportunity to be a part of this very special event.

Dr. Goodall or “Jane” as she insists on being called, visited us at the ranch before and after her ride. She was gracious and kind. She was especially enamored of our

barn goats. So much so that she autographed Cinnamon’s horn.

Jane’s message of hope for the future resonated with Chris and I very deeply. She feels, as we do, that the hope for our future is in the children. That kindness to the animals and to our planet inspires the younger generation to become invested in their future. Only then can the children be creative

enough to start to solve the problems that they are inheriting from us.

It is with great excitement that we tell you that Square Peg Ranch and the [Roots and Shoots](#) program of the Jane Goodall Institute look forward to joining our efforts to achieve great things! If you would like to get involved with this project, please [e-mail](#) us right away.

Dr. Goodall ascribes her success to advice from her mother and grandmother: “Live your dream and never give up.”

Best advice we’ve ever heard.

Thank you Lady Jane.

– Joell Dunlap



JGI Celebrates it’s 30th anniversary with a special fundraiser in Half Moon Bay sponsored by Giant Steps Foundation



Open House Sunday, October 28

It's the perfect time of year for us to get together with our neighbors, friends and the community to show you what Square Peg Ranch is all about. We'll have cookies and cider, a costume parade with the kids and horses and a nice selection of new and used tack for sale. It's FREE so bring some friends and join us for a magical afternoon at the ranch. [E-mail](#) us if you have any questions or want to help out with the event.

WHAT?



Fresh cider, home made cookies, costume parade and tack sale.

A chance to meet other students, parents and volunteers who make Square Peg Ranch the special place that it is. It's fun, it's for the whole family and it's FREE, so bring some friends!

WHY?

To raise awareness of Square Peg Ranch, our work and volunteer opportunities to our friends, neighbors and the community-at-large.

To meet and greet other students and volunteers, and to show off our horses to all our friends.



WHERE?

Square Peg Ranch
2399 Purisima Creek Rd.
Half Moon Bay
2½ miles east of Hwy 1



Parking will be limited and on the street so please plan accordingly

Using a variety of rescued and donated horses, Square Pegs offers an adaptive horsemanship program based on the needs and abilities of each individual student. Please join us in our mission to turn "I Wish" into "I can!"

Jack Brook Horse Camping Adventure

You may have heard some of the stories from our horse-camp adventure. Here are a few renditions of the story straight from the campers themselves. Enjoy!



Farris Scott, age 11

On July 24, 2007, Joell, Katie, Aidan, Rachel, and I all headed out for Jack Brook for a three-day, two-night camp. We only took our stuff like sleeping bags, clothes, and feed for the horses and us when we left. When we arrived on Tuesday we just unpacked everything and went on a hike on a great trail. First we looked at a sign as entered the start of the trails. It had had a thick piece of plastic, and inside it talked about the trails and the area, also about the animals and insects around. Then there was a piece of paper that said, "Sleeping bats, do not disturb." I just thought there was a cave some where that we could just go and check it out. Before I had seen the paper, there and been clumps of brown things, then they started to move! We found out they were just baby bats that had gotten into the sign but they could still get out! After the hike we came to the campsite and made burritos and when it got dark we made s'mores around a big bonfire!

It was also exciting and scary when we saw raccoons only about fifteen feet away. In the morning Debbie and I woke up early and went to give all the horses two scoops of food. (Today was the day I always will ember, and the day the horses really showed their personalities.)

Debbie Bray, age 16

Jack Brook? Where do I begin? We got back to the camp and did all of our chores, even the dirty ones. Once everything was done and the horses were settled in we relaxed and just hung out together, cracking jokes and having a blast. When night fell we had a couple lessons in outdoor cooking. The raccoons surely helped with cleanup, eating a whole chicken breast we forgot to put away. We made s'mores and had fun watching Mia fall asleep. After watching her we all felt sleepy and decided it was time to head off to bed. After a few minutes of laughing and giggling it was silent except for the wonderful sounds nature has to offer.

We woke the next day rested and ready to ride. What we didn't know was what awaited us on the trails to come. We saddled up again and headed off. Everything was going great. I don't think I've ever seen anything more beautiful....



Aidan B., age 11

I was riding Tina, the horse I love. I think we jinxed ourselves because right before we found the nest, we were just saying "this is the best trail I've ever been on." Then Gigi started acting weird like trying to stomp something. Before I knew it Tina was running up the hill. Joell shouted "everyone get off. I don't know what's going on just keep your horse tight next to you." I was thinking "oh my god what's flying around?" Soon we realized it was *yellow jackets*! The horses were running all over the place and I really had to do something that I didn't want to and go straight through a huge spider web but I think that I would rather get bit by a spider then getting run over by our horses. It

was very crazy just like a blur in my mind. I have never been stung by a bee (knock on wood) but it is a horrifying experience hearing the screams and cries of Rachel and Katie the ones that were taking the most stings (Katie 16 or more and Rachel 11 or more). I was talking to Farris while she was holding Cometa and right as she said "I didn't get stung yet" a bee came right up to her neck and got her too. I felt sooooo bad because of the faces of Rachel, Katie, and Farris as they stood there freaking out while I went and got Tina and saw that Debbie was calmly sitting on Jag. I got to Tina and shouted "where's my stirrup?" Mia was standing there with it. When we got everyone on their horses we knew we needed to get out of there. Before that we realized that Sola was missing and that Gigi, Tina, and Pearl were so forgiving and sweet and they came back after running away. When we finally got to the point where there was no more bees on us I realized that Mia was gone in a search for help. When we finally got up to the main road we were all thankful and Joell said "pray to anyone you believe in - Buddha, God or even Bob-the Builder to find Sola." After I was finished praying to Bob the Builder, Sola came around the corner with two runners! We got back to camp and treated Farris Katie and Rachel for their stings then went out for a search for Mia. We kept waiting for someone to say they have found Mia until about 9:30. It was the hardest hours of my life and by that point I just wanted to go home. I felt like how you feel like ticks are crawling on me except bees, it was horrible.

They found Mia and we all went home. It was I great trip with all my friends and my best horse friends. I want to thank Joell and Mia for taking us on this trip. I also want to thank the San Francisco Horseman's Association for all their help. Also Tina even though you can't even read this, I thank you for the stings you took for me and how well you took care of me.



Ever wonder what it costs for capital improvements and general projects around the ranch? Click here to find out...

Wish List

Without the support of our local community, Square Pegs would not be able to do the work we do. Please browse this list and see if there is anything you are able to contribute.

Thanks in advance!



- ◆ Digital Camera
- ◆ Tack (in good condition)
- ◆ Building supplies such as lumber, decomposed granite, sand, gravel
- ◆ Tack trunks, storage bins
- ◆ Grass/flower/vegetable seed
- ◆ Equine wall charts
- ◆ Bathroom and cleaning supplies
- ◆ Eco-friendly laundry products
- ◆ Art supplies
- ◆ Horse books and videos
- ◆ BBQ Grill
- ◆ Computers (Mac OS)
- ◆ Horse clippers
- ◆ Solar powered outdoor lights
- ◆ Paving tiles for the barn aisle
- ◆ Planter boxes and flowers
- ◆ Patio furniture
- ◆ Adjustable fit helmets
- ◆ Shovels, pitchforks, wheelbarrows
- ◆ Jumps
- ◆ Polo equipment
- ◆ Carrots!
- ◆ Cat food
- ◆ Commercial-size washer and dryer
- ◆ All natural fly sprays such as Larry's or Eqyss Marigold Spray
- ◆ Wood chips

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Farewell to Sugar

A tribute to our dear mare Sugar, who we lost on October 11, 2007

Sugar

– Joell Dunlap

Born “Yucca Chichita” in 1983, the mare we came to know and love as Sugar began her life as a successful halter horse (a sort of beauty contest for horses). She was prized for her sturdy build and dramatic color. Later, she was bought by my mentors, Lew and Jeanee Conner as a brood-mare where she produced some fantastic babies, among them are some of the best horses I have ever ridden.

Sponsored by the Froley family of Half Moon Bay. Sugar came to Square Pegs on September 11, 2006. Together with her best friend Feathers, the pair became cornerstones of the Square Peg riding program. “Shugie” stepped gallantly and yet gently into the giant shoes of her predecessor, Legacy. Sugar was a horse who took her job of turning “I wish” into “I can” very seriously.

Arthritis is a progressive disease and we knew this when we brought Sugar to Square Pegs. The regular, light exercise that she received as part of our riding program along with special feed and medicines plus regular body work at the healing hands of Ms. Jacquie Becker helped her be productive and relatively comfortable until the end.

When Sugar was unable to rise after laying down the morning of October 11, 2007, we made the very difficult decision, based on her distress, to end her pain and panic and let her go. Dr. Ashton Cloninger was there to help ease her way.

Yucca Chichita (“Sugar”)

04/20/1983 to 10/11/07



“Sugar had 11 foals and was a willing lady her entire life. May she be in sweet clover, clear skies, and warm days.”

Lew and Jeanee Conner

The Circle of Life

It is ironic, or maybe it’s not, that on October 10, a pitifully underweight and elderly gelding named King ambled into the barn at Square Pegs He is in desperate need of feed care and Square Peg Love Please help us in honoring Sugar’s life, by giving new life and hope to King. Click [here](#) to help.



Volunteers Needed

Square Peg Ranch could not operate without our wonderful volunteers. We are currently searching for additional dedicated people to help run our program and help to take care of our horses and other critters.

As a volunteer you will be making a difference that will have a very positive impact on the lives of children, adults and horses. There are opportunities to grow with our organization and to learn new and useful skills. Volunteers must commit to at least one 2-hour shift per week.

Can you help in any of these areas?

- ◆ Help Around the Barn
- ◆ Lesson Assistance
- ◆ Desktop Publishing
- ◆ Special Event Planning
- ◆ Marketing and PR
- ◆ Grant Research and Writing
- ◆ General Cleanup
- ◆ Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing
- ◆ Fence Building / Maintenance
- ◆ Gardening

Volunteering at Square Pegs is hard work, but it’s a great way to learn new skills, to meet new friends and we are always having a good time. Please [e-mail](#) us if you are interested in joining our team.

Horse Course

The education series at Square Pegs is finally underway. Beginning in November, we will offer a series of once a month classes on horsemanship taught by equine professionals. The classes are hands-on real life training and volunteers at Square Pegs are urged to attend as many classes as you can.

The Seminars will be held on the second Sunday of each month from 3:30 to 5:30pm at the ranch. All sessions will be open to the general public, however, class size can be limited for a particular session to ensure a hands-on experience for all

Our first session will be held at the ranch on Sunday, November 11. This first session will be about barn safety. All ages are welcome to participate and there is a \$10 suggested donation. Class size is limited to 20 people for this session so [e-mail](#) to pre-register and reserve your spot. Check the website for details.

December’s class will be about bandaging and boots, a necessity for new horse owners. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 9, 2007

Carrots, apples and pears - yes!



It’s that time of year again. Time for apple and pear trees to bear a lot of fruit all at once. Our horses (and goats) LOVE your bruised fruit. So if you have a tree, or a neighbor that has one, don’t be shy to bring us bags and boxes of fruit for the horses.

The animals thank you!

