



Moving!



New Home for Square Pegs

Joell Dunlap, Program Director

After three and a half successful years in our current location, Square Peg Foundation is excited to announce that we are taking a giant step forward in leasing our own facility at 2399 Purissima Creek Road, Half Moon Bay, California starting August 1st! Here are just some of the tremendous advantages of our new home:



- 12 acres of lush pasture for all of the school horses
- A six stall barn with wonderfully appointed tack and feed rooms
- Electricity!!!!
- A beautiful location with lawns, ample shade, meeting areas and flowers galore
- A meeting and clubhouse facility with a full kitchen and bathrooms
- Fantastic trails
- A lovely arena with a sophisticated drainage system that will keep us riding year-round (We plan to add lights very soon too!)
- We are able to add 5 more horses to the school and almost double the number of students!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH
from the Talmud

“Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.”





Needless to say, leasing our own barn entails a completely new level of responsibility. We have been so fortunate that the Pastorinos have done a great job of taking care of the feeding, cleaning and arena and facility maintenance. We will now have that job to do ourselves. See our section regarding volunteers to see how you can help.

The move will also bring some new faces into the school. Carrie Nelson is joining the team with some of her horses from her riding school in Vail, Colorado. How we lured her away from a beautiful spot like Vail I will never know. Some of you might have met Carrie when she spent spring break with us in April. She brings loads of energy and smiles to Square Pegs, as well as her experience in jumping and trail riding. Carrie is an expert at horse camping, (she's also certified in back country medicine) and we can't wait for the many adventures on which she will be taking Square Peg riders. Carrie is also an EMT, a member of the horse rescue board, an accomplished skier and snowboarder and a wonderful photographer.

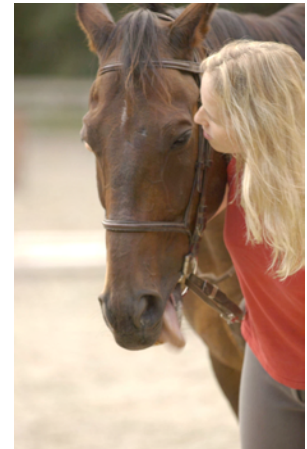


photo by Paul Van Allen



Next on our list of new faces will be our live-in ranch manager, Bill Sadler. Bill is our hands-on guy for fixing and maintaining the ranch as well as a wonderful host and live-in prankster. There is never a dull moment when Bill is around. His wife Diane is a nurse and a heck of a cook. She'll be on hand with a ready smile and is always willing to fix you "a little something to eat." Oh, and in case you are wondering, yes, there is a bit of family resemblance - Bill and Diane are indeed my mom and dad.

For more photos, go to <http://web.mac.com/joelldunlap>

Get Ready to Volunteer!

Taking on our own facility entails a whole lot of work to maintain the property and take care of our dear horses. So here's our call to the Square Peg team to sign up for projects around the barn.

Ideally, we need volunteers who want to work a 2 hour shift on a weekly basis. Morning and Evening shifts are available and chores include feeding, watering, raking and of course, stall and paddock cleaning. There are 14 shifts available, and we need you to sign up right away. Click [here](#) to sign up or email joell@squarepegfoundation.org. Please remember that this is a commitment. If you can't make it out to do your shift, please be prepared to ask someone else to cover your shift for you.



GET INVOLVED!

We also need volunteers on our committees that meet monthly and report to the Board of Directors via the internet workspace.

Committees are working units that work together to ensure the success and viability of Square Pegs. Committee participation is not limited to adults. Students are encouraged to join and participate! Volunteers are needed in the following committees:

- Grants
- Fundraising
- In-Kind donations and Procurement
- Volunteer coordinator
- Horse Rescue
- Community Relations
- Landscaping Committee
- Barn Management
- Events
- Hospitality



These tasks may seem small but they are incredibly important to the care and feeding of our beloved horses.

Workability Program

The San Mateo County Office of Education Workability Work Experience Program is a placement and training program for students with disabilities. The primary purpose of Workability is to provide students with entry level employment experiences which will enable them to develop appropriate work habits and vocational skills to enhance the smooth transition from school to work.

We are pleased to be a part of this exciting program. Currently, two San Mateo County high school students, who love the idea of working closely with horses as well as the outdoors are working for Square Pegs once a week. We hope to expand this opportunity with the move and hope that you will join us in welcoming these hard



working students!

contact [Joell](#) for more information on any of these committees. Don't wait, we need you now!

SQUARE PEG OPEN HOUSE PLANNING

Let's celebrate this momentous move and growth of Square Pegs! Plans are underway to put together a wonderful Open House Celebration. But we just can't do it alone. The first meeting about the Open House will be at the new facility on Friday, August 4, 2006 at 7 p.m. A potluck dinner will be shared by all so contact Joell to

reserve a spot for this first meeting. We will discuss options, scope and PR opportunity for the Open House. Bring your ideas, your enthusiasm and something to share (food/drink) and let's get this party started!





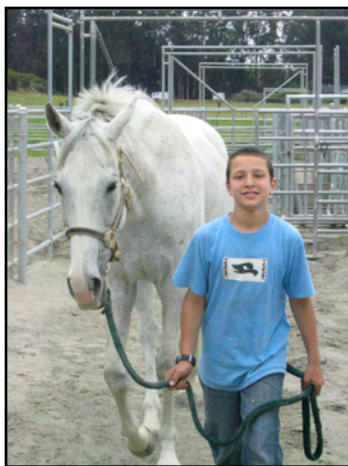
BUSINESS STUFF

- Late cancellations: As of August 1, 2006 You will be billed for any lesson that is cancelled with less than 24 hours notice.
- Rate hike for private lessons: as of August 1, 2006 a 90 minute private lesson is \$70
- All other lessons remain \$45 each.



Finding homes and second-chance careers for all breeds of horses is critical. More than 86,000 horses, 15 percent of them thoroughbreds, are slaughtered each year in America and sold as horse-meat to be eaten in Europe and Asia.

GRANT NEWS!



TCA is the largest non-profit organization in the thoroughbred industry.

Square Peg Foundation received a generous grant from the Thoroughbred Charities of America to help fund the day-to-day costs of caring for our off-track Square Peg thoroughbreds.

After submitting our grant proposal to Liz Harris, Executive Director of Thoroughbred Charities of America, we were excited and honored to learn that we had the highest percentage of off-track thoroughbred horses of any school that they have funded in the past.

Of the nine horses currently under the care of Square Pegs, all but two are former thoroughbred racehorses. Our most important partners at Square Pegs are our horses and they have all been donated after they could no longer compete due to injury or illness, which makes each of them unique and Square Peg'd in their own right. From the beautiful gelding, Red Power, who was retired from racing just last fall, to the elegant Classica who, after her racing career also competed among elite polo ponies in Palm Springs, their stories are a meaningful link to our motto of "Everyone Fits."

Thoroughbred Charities of America(www.ThoroughbredCharities.org) is the largest non-profit organization of the thoroughbred industry. The TCA's sole mission is to raise money for distribution to more than 150 organizations involved with thoroughbred rescue/retirement, retraining/adoption, education, equine disease research, backstretch/jockey programs and therapeutic riding.



Moving Calendar

- July 30th, 2006**
Clean up day at 2399 Purissima Creek
- July 31st, 2006**
Pack it up day at Pastorino Hay
- August 1, 2006**
Moving Day
- August 4th, 2006**
1st day of lessons at 2399 Purissima Creek
- August 4th, 2006**
Open House Planning Meeting, 2399 Purissima Creek (Clubhouse)



Wish List

Moving means change and we are going to need some "stuff"

Your donations are so important as we take this giant leap forward. Please search your heart and your garage and see if any of these items are something you can donate to Square Pegs. Your donations are tax deductible .

- truck and horse trailer
 - 4 ton grain silo
 - tack trucks
 - kitchen table and chairs
 - Coffee maker
 - [Nalgene water bottles](#)
 - bookshelves
 - cabinets/storage boxes
 - kid's desk
 - equine wall charts
 - DVD player/TV
 - bathroom supplies
 - cleaning supplies
 - art supplies
 - horse books and videos
 - vacuum cleaner
 - BBQ
 - 2 computers (Mac OSX)
 - wireless router
 - outdoor speakers stereo
 - outdoor solar garden lights
 - [arena lights](#)
 - [paving tiles](#) for the barn aisle
 - planter boxes and flowers
 - patio furniture
 - picnic table/park bench
 - Adjustable fit [helmets](#)
 - Shovels, pitchforks and wheelbarrels
 - jumps
 - polo equipment
 - tack
- Gift certificates to local vendors such as Cunha's Store, Safeway, Feed and Fuel, Ocean Shore Hardware, Ikea, Shaw's Saddlery, Target, local restaurants etc.

MEET THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER

This is Dan Thurston and he's in charge procurement. He's smart, on the job and ready to outfit the new facility so that it is the Square Pegs that we have all dreamed of. Email Dan [here](#) if you have something to donate or want to help out.



Best of Luck

GENNA GLINER



Our dear Genna is spending the summer in Jackson

Wyoming as a working student for Zero Gravity Polo. We love and miss you Genna but we know you will be back soon to show us your new killer near side back shot!

SILKY



In her new home with the ladies of Wildfair in

Upland, Ca. Nice view from her arena!