

# Stirrups 'n Strides Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.

## Meet the Herd!

Citra/Orange Lake and Hillcrest School

### The horses at Stirrups 'n Strides - Citra...



#### Amigo

Breed: Mini

Year Born: 2002

Amigo has personality plus! He is leased to Stirrups 'n Strides and has been with us for many years. Amigo drives our wheel-chair accessible carriage and helps out with our equine assisted learning program and kids group visits. He also has a very special place in our Veterans program. This little guy makes a big difference for all ages.



#### Black Jack

Breed: Mini

Year Born: 2005

BLACK JACK came to us from the Melbourne area, having previously been a certified therapy mini visiting hospitals and nursing homes in Kansas City for many years. When he made the move to Melbourne, he was retired and then donated to Stirrups 'n Strides. Blackjack does great work with our Veterans program and is a joy for all the kids to learn with.



#### Stewart (Willowick Southern Style)

Year born: 2002

Breed: Morgan

STEWART came to Stirrups 'n Strides at the age of 5. He was shown in the Morgan Hunter Division until he suffered a leg injury and was retired at an early age from competing and donated to Stirrups 'n Strides. Stewart is a great program horse a favorite of many. Stewart always takes our riders to top ribbons!



Photo: K. Wignall

## **Bodi** (Bodi's Smokin' Blue Diamond)

Breed: Quarter Horse

Year Born: 2006

BODI was owned by his original owner all his life and was used only as a trail riding horse until he came to us where he has turned into one of the best program horse's ever! Bodi loves his job and loves the attention he gets from doting volunteers and riders. His laid back and welcoming demeanor draws many to his side.



## **Lilli** (Look At Me Sail)

Year born: 2002

Breed: Quarter Horse

LILLI came to us from Merritt Island on the Florida East Coast. Lilli was previously a 4-H horse, winning many championships. When Lilli's rider went off to college, she was donated to Stirrups 'n Strides. Lilli does extremely well with our riders in the program and at show competitions.



## **Denny** (GL Guys Jet Too)

Year born: 2010

Breed: Quarter Horse

DENNY was a professional barrel racing horse, but after injuring his hind leg, he was unable to continue with the demands of barrel racing. He rides well in both English and Western. Handsome Denny is a favorite of many riders and volunteers alike.



## Ben (True Religion)

Year born: 2001

Breed: Warmblood

BEN was imported from Europe as a Hunter show horse. He was shown for many years until he had a leg injury and could no longer jump. Ben came to us from the Jacksonville area and has been with us for several years. He is a big horse with a super sweet disposition and is special to many.



## Signey

Year born: 1999

Breed: Fjord

SIGNEY came to Stirrups 'n Strides from the Brooksville area. She had previously been mainly a driving horse, but did a lot of trail riding. Signey, is a steadfast horse with an extremely calm attitude. She is paired often with our "walk only" very disabled riders. riders. She has an adorable teddy bear appeal and unique look of the Fjord breed.



## Jasper

Year born: 2001

Breed: Quarter Horse

JASPER was previously an obstacle challenge and trail riding horse. His past owner won many trophies with him. With his sweet disposition, quiet demeanor and small size, he is perfect for our younger riders. Jasper is very popular and also is a favorite in our Equine learning and Veterans program.

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## Tater (DC French Jessie)

Year born: 2013

Breed: Quarter Horse

TATER came to us from Weirsdale. He was previously used as a trail horse and just arrived in July 2022. His super quiet demeanor and smooth trot is sure to make him the perfect horse for our program.



## Dallas

Year born: 2004

Breed: Quarter Horse

DALLAS came to us from the Ft. Myers area. He was previously a driving and riding horse. He is a great horse with a personality all his own. He is fondly nicknamed "Big D" around the farm. Dallas has become one of our best reliable horses and a favorite for many.

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## Rocky

Year born: 2003

Breed: Morgan

ROCKY came to us in April 2022 after being retired as a CDE driving horse. Rocky was also a great trail riding horse. Rocky has that mischievous Morgan attitude! With his smooth trot he is fast becoming a favorite for many riders and volunteers.



## Royal (Skip Over Royalty)

Year born: 2001

Breed: Quarter Horse

ROYAL came to us from Ocala in March of 2022. Royal was used as a pony horse on the track for many years! He then was in a therapeutic riding program in the St. Pete area. He has a broad body and stands 15.2 h. He fits in very nicely with our programs.



## Regis (Whispering Suite Image)

Year born: 2001

Breed: Morgan

REGIS was previously a World Champion Western Pleasure show horse. After he injured his leg, Regis could no longer handle the rigors of the show world. He was donated to Kathy Gray who leases him to Stirrups 'n Strides for use in the program. Regis has lots of style and personality plus!



## Mac

Year born: 2009

Breed: ½ Morgan, ½ Irish Sport Horse

MAC came to us from New York where he was used for dressage and endurance riding. One of our instructor's raised him and decided he would make a great therapeutic riding horse. He is big (16.1h), with a sweet disposition and personality, great at the farm and at horse shows. He is smooth to ride both English and western. Everyone loves Mac.

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### Buttercup

Year born: 2013

Breed: Mini

BUTTERCUP is larger than life! Our little mini who isn't quite a mini, but we don't say that in front of her. She loves being with everyone and doesn't want to miss anything! Buttercup always wants to be the center of attention and is wonderful with the students.



Photo: K. Wignall

### Boomer

Year born: 2004

Breed: Quarter Horse Pony

BOOMER is everyone's favorite! He is the most hugged horse here and he is a talker. Once a student rides him they do not want to ride anyone else. The kids bond with him instantly. He is small with a mighty personality.



Photo: K. Wignall

### Justice

Year born: 2006

Breed: Quarter Horse

JUSTICE is a smooth ride and a sweet horse. He was a recent addition to the riding program. He is the kindest horse and very loved by all. If there is such a thing as a push button horse, this is it!



Photo: K. Wignall

## Willy

Year born: 2012 (approx.)

Breed: Quarter Horse

WILLY was found wandering the streets outside Ocala and is a Humane Society rescue horse. He has flourished with the love and attention he gets at the program and has the sweetest demeanor and welcoming personality. What a find for us! He is wonderful, safe and reassuring with the kids and shows us every day why he belongs with us.



Photo: K. Wignall

## Chip

Year born: 2003

Breed: Quarter Horse

CHIP is Mr. reliable, calm, cool and collected. He is our boy for most of our wheelchair riders. He is very attentive to his riders and seems to know what they want and need. He is extremely patient and a wonderful boy!



## Goody

Year born: 2007

Breed: Quarter Horse Paint

GOODY is a wonderful horse loved by many Hillcrest students. His calm and amiable personality is a great fit for our challenged students. Fancy and well trained describes this horse. He will perform for the beginner or very advanced. Super fun for the riders!



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## Doc

Year born:

Breed: American Saddlebred

DOC loves interacting with everyone. Mr. personality, he looks you in the eye when you talk to him. His big trick is when asked to stick his tongue out -- he does it and wants you to grab on to it! We're not sure how he learned this. He's fun to ride and a confidence builder for riders.



## Mel

Year born: 2002

Breed: Quarter Horse

MEL is new to us. He is great for those kids that are walk only...he will walk all day, and nothing bothers him ever. He loves visiting with the wheelchair kids when they come out and is the 1<sup>st</sup> one to get to the door for some loving.



## Robin

Year born: 2013

Breed: Quarter Horse

Robin is Batman... and this horse is a true superhero. He loves the kids and is absolutely push button. He knows and responds to verbal commands readily and easily. Robin loves to please his rider and is a joy to have at the program.

If you would like to Sponsor one of our horses, please contact Betty Gray at [execdir@stirrupsnstrides.com](mailto:execdir@stirrupsnstrides.com).