

# OUR STAFF



## BUDDY

Buddy is registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. He is a 9 year old buckskin gelding. Buddy was previously a cattle horse. Buddy was donated to Spirit Therapies by Ed DeFreeze and Jamie Boisselle. Buddy is in training to become a therapeutic horse. He is very playful, curious and loves attention. We have great hopes for Buddy not only for our children with special needs, but he will make a good therapy horse for the veterans program that we are researching.

## DOC

Doc is a registered quarter horse gelding; 25 years old. He was a team roping horse, trail horse and western pleasure horse. After an injury, he became a child's pleasure horse. Doc is a very cooperative and loving horse. He has adapted to the therapeutic program very well. He aims to please and will do anything you ask of him.



## DOIT

Doit is the elder of our group at 28 years of age. Doit is a quarter horse gelding. He was a barrel racing champion in his younger days. Doit is a registered quarter horse. Doit has been in the therapeutic riding program for 16 years. He really loves people and the children with special needs. Don't be surprised if he actually snuggles with you. He also loves to test every new volunteer to see what they can do and what type of skills they have. Doit is our Houdini of the group. He loves to open the gates if the opportunity arises and let all the horses out for a romp. He is very playful even in his older age. One thing about Doit is his response to the emotions of the people and children he comes in contact with.

## DUSTY

Dusty, actually named Go Dusty Vegas, is a registered quarter horse gelding, 14 years old. He is a very stocky horse which was needed in the program for larger individuals. Dusty was donated by Toni Gillespie. He is a good trail horse. Dusty is very playful, full of energy and likes to play games with you; the more interaction the better. Dusty is in training as a therapeutic horse and doing very well. He is also another Houdini.





### GRACIE

Gracie is an 13 year old pure black miniature horse. Gracie is a nice mare who has had several foals in her younger days. She was donated by Julie Wallbright, The Tack Shack. She loves kids and due to her size, has a calming effect on the children. When she is turned out in the arena for exercise, she runs like the wind. She also thinks she is a big horse and it is hard to convince her she is any different. She likes to be loved and petted, but don't touch her ears!!! Gracie is also our mascot and official Welcoming Committee member.

### PABLO

Pablo is a Mustang from the Tonopah Wild Horse Range. He is also registered with the American Indian Horse Registry. Misty Becker donated Pablo to Spirit Therapies. He is 8 years old, a gelding, and the youngest of our therapeutic horses. Pablo loves to play. He is the herd leader. Pablo is still in training, but doing very well and learns very fast. He is a very smart horse. Pablo is fitting in as a therapeutic horse nicely.



### PASSEM

Passem, formal name "Better Passem", is registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. Passem was previously a cattle horse. He is an 18 year old gelding donated by Ed DeFreeze and Jamie Boisselle. Passem is a very loving horse and loves attention. With his personality and training, we have been able to put him right into the program.



### STRAWBERRY

Strawberry is a registered quarter horse mare, 19 years of age, a pinto. She was donated by the Heart Ranch in California and carries the "heart" brand on her left shoulder. She is a very special therapeutic horse. Strawberry is very unique because she can be ridden by any child with special needs, good natured, and has the "patience of gold". She was previously a schooling horse and participated in beginning dressage. Strawberry is the "Queen" of the herd and knows it!



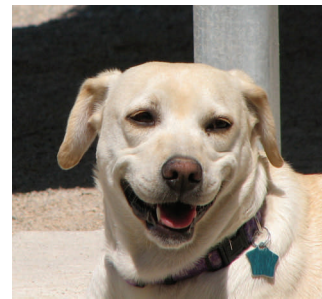


#### SHELBY

Shelby is a 4 year old black female Labrador/Sheppard “hound dog” mix. Shelby was rescued, along with her mother and siblings, from the local desert. She especially has a connection with Autistic children. Shelby loves people, is very playful, and loves to hunt the field mice that like to come to Spirit Therapies for a snack and shelter. She is also one of our mascots and official Welcoming Committee member.

#### TOBIE

Tobie is a 6 year old blond Labrador female who was rescued from the Dewey Animal Shelter. Tobie may be blond, but she is very smart, friendly, loves people and especially our children with special needs. She is also a lover of snacks! She is one of our mascots and official Welcoming Committee member.



#### TINKER BELL

Tinker Bell is one of our barn cats. She is part Abyssinian and was given to Spirit Therapies when her owners were giving kittens away at a park. She just turned 1 year old on Valentine’s Day. Tinker Bell is always on the “hunt”. She has turned into a very good mouser for Spirit.

#### PETER PAN

Peter Pan is 7 months old. He was left in a dumpster when he was a small kitten. Luckily he “hollered” loud enough and a kind policeman rescued him. He was given to Spirit Therapies and is now a healthy cat. He is very lovable and loves to be with people. He even plays with the horses and sits in their food bin while the horses are eating. He has Russian Blue characteristics.

