

The Ponies (& Marvin)

A lady driving through the mountains of Jasper/Ellijay found a group of ponies standing on the side of the road near her home. She lured them into a pen with food, they were all starving which made them inclined to enter the pen out of sheer starvation. A local rescue took them in; all of them were very young and extremely underweight.

Victory's Gait went out to do a community service project at the rescue where they met Billie, Millie, and Willie the three little ponies and Marvin the Donkey. At first Ms. Vicki only wanted Marvin to be a herd protector for the horses. But the rescue wouldn't give us Marvin unless we took them all with us.

After some consideration Ms. Vicki decided that not only would the untrained ponies be a good learning challenge for the team, but having ponies would be great for little kids. So we took Billie, Millie, and Marvin, leaving Willie to bring later because he was the biggest and the most afraid. They became our Saturday project, we would work with them to build trust and train them to work with little kids.

One of the Victory's Gait families adopted Willie and renamed him Shiloh which means peace. Before Shiloh could come to the farm we had to build a new paddock and covered shelter for all of the ponies (& Marvin). Over the summer after Billie, Millie, and Marvin came we worked on fencing of the paddock and building a covered shelter. Seven months after they came, the paddock was finished and Shiloh came to his new home with his herd waiting for him!

That same summer the ponies were able to be part of Victory's Gait's first Pony Pals summer camp! Billie and Millie were stars as they worked with the kids! Shiloh's training has helped his confidence and has greatly progressed after just four months. All of the kids who come love the ponies (& Marvin) so much! As does the team who is very grateful to have had the opportunity to train and be a part of these fellas lives!



Billie Boy



Marvin the Mustang



Millie May



Shiloh (Peace)