



The 'Go Fund Zee' Story

By Zee's Sponsor (Human :)

Zee is a VERY special horse. Zee and I have been partners for 5 years with many ups and downs. Zee is very willing to do activities on the ground like jumping, backing up, or even going sideways. We have been through so much together - we've been there for each other through various trials. Through it all, our confidence has grown.

Zee is an 8 year old Arabian who was born and raised at Victory's Gait. As we started to train him Zee progressed well although there were little bumps along the way. In the progression of his training, Zee had a traumatic experience that has affected his confidence with people mounting or riding him. After this experience, we began to try and build his confidence back up. Through this process I was bucked off. My recovery was difficult but I chose not to give up and live in fear of not getting back on. After I spent a year on the ground rebuilding ground and confidence skills, I was able to get back on him. Slowly both Zee and I began to improve our confidence. I was able to ride him periodically when he was calm and willing.

There have been a few more incidents with Zee, but we are working through them. Because his confidence is not completely developed to ride him, Zee tends to explode, forgetting someone is riding him and sometimes he will buck and spin.

Victory's Gait and I have come to a difficult decision regarding Zee's future - to either sell him or find a trainer. Some of the horse-sense counsel we have received is that there is a good chance Zee would be euthanized or sent to a slaughter if he is sold with his bucking issues.

We feel it is in Zee's s best interest to find the right trainer - someone who is compassionate, strong, yet gentle to work his fear out of him. Zee needs a consistent and very confident trainer to do this. To allow for Zee to go to a trainer, we will have to raise funds. The 3 trainers we've inquired about indicate their fees to be around \$750 a month (full board, daily training). Our goal is to raise the fee for 2 months plus a small amount for transportation.

Join with us in our desire to give Zee a hope and a future. We ask that you pray to help us find a trainer and consider participating in one of the fundraising campaigns for Zee or make a donation to GO FUND ZEE!

"A righteous man does regard the life of his animal." Proverbs 12:10