

Leap into the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation

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The Lipizzan Rescue Foundation was started in 2010 when the need to assist and rehome Lipizzans in need became a greater task than the “one off” occasional situation that had previously been the case. An official and non-profit organization was now necessary to assist our beloved breed. Going on ten years strong now, the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation has an impressive track record. **One hundred and forty-two horses** have been monitored by the LRF. Of those, not all ended up coming through our program or needing LRF assistance. An impressive sixty-nine horses have been helped in some form by the rescue and forty-two were adopted via the LRF into loving and forever homes. The number of Lipizzans and Lipizzan crosses coming into and out of the rescue is ever-changing and fluid. We’ve had as many as fourteen horses needing adoption at one time, to as few as one. The goal and amount of love and effort put forth by our volunteers is the same no matter how many horses need us at any given time.

As mentioned above, our organization is a 501c3 non-profit rescue, which runs entirely on volunteers and donations. Thanks to you and your help, the LRF has been able to assist our Lipizzan community, as well as be very successful in our adoptions and follow-up of all placed horses. The Lipizzan Rescue Foundation consists of eight dedicated board members and twelve very active volunteers. Intake of horses and adoptions are the constant moving parts of the rescue, but there are other programs offered by the rescue we are proud to include. Did you know that the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation has a Bequest Program where you can leave, by will, your Lipizzan to the LRF to either care for permanently or adopt out to a wonderful home? To know your

horse is cared for and monitored throughout its life upon your passing provides such a sense of comfort, as most of us consider them a member of our family. How great is that!?! The LRF also has a Permanent Foster Program. This program is designed for the long-in-the-tooth horses - wink, wink. These senior citizens are no less deserving of a happy forever, which is why this program was created. Through donations, we are able to provide continued, long term support to those horses. Currently there are two Lipizzans in the Permanent Foster Program. One of the horses is partially supported by donations and the other horse is without donations at this time. Maybe you would like to help be her support angel by donating to her continued care?

There are several ways you can follow the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation remotely. First and foremost is our website, www.lipizzanrescuefoundation.org. Here you will find information about the organization and how you can help, success stories, and available horses. You can also find us on social media. We are on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and most recently, YouTube. The LRF has just begun our own YouTube channel where we will highlight horses available for adoption as well as highlight some of our successful adoptions. We hope that you will visit!

As you know, the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation is funded entirely by donations and there is no amount too small to help. One way is by shopping through **Amazon Smile**. Simply choose the LRF as your charity, and shop as usual. One half of one percent of everything you spend comes straight to the rescue: it’s as easy as that! We have also had donation success from the generous people who have set up Facebook fundraisers for the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation. We are very appreciative of those of you who have done so! On your next birthday please consider adding a Facebook fundraiser for the LRF, so horses in our program can celebrate as well.

Leapin’ Lipizzans



Favory Fantasia III-1
(sire: Favory III Sabadilla
dam: Fantasia III)
is a former Lipizzan
Rescue Foundation horse
adopted by Lauren Self.
He is always “the life of
the party.” Here, he is
showing off one of his
party tricks. Caspar is
always happy to be the
center of attention,
especially if a carrot is
involved.

Photo by Jan Galland