

# Celebrates Unity in our Adoptions

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As a rescue, our number one goal is finding horses their forever loving home with each adoption. Our dedicated team of volunteers give countless hours of their time, making sure all Lipizzan and Lipizzan crosses are perfectly matched to their new person. Yes, the Lipizzan owns their person. Those of us lucky enough to be owned by our horse(s) understand this phenomenon. They let us *think* we own them, but it is abundantly clear they choose us. Because of this, the matchmaking aspect of the adoption process is crucial to a successful placement. Herein lies the *unity* of adoptions. I would like to take a moment to highlight some of the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation's recent successful adoptions. Thank you to every person that has helped the LRF, whether it be through donated time, expertise, and knowledge in your field; fostering a horse; hauling a horse; shopping with Amazon Smile; or financial support that keeps our rescue up and running. It is because of YOU and your generous donations of all amounts that allows the following success stories to happen. The Lipizzan Rescue Foundation folks thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Our story begins with the perfect adoption of a beautiful Lipizzan cross mare named *Ducky*. Ducky and Lynne immediately hit it off when they met, but only recently did Ducky decide that Lynne was *her Person*. Because of this, their relationship has blossomed, and both have become very connected and close. With the help of her two pasture mates, one another former LRF horse, Ducky now understands the joy and all the perks of having her own person.



Ducky

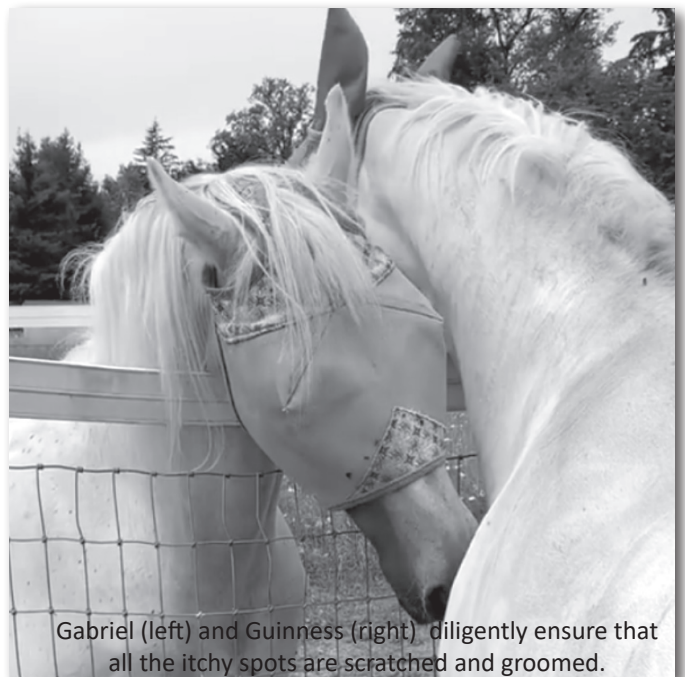
The next spotlight is on a fancy mare named *Castellana*, now called *Lana*. She was adopted into her perfect home with Katie Langdale. As soon as Lana stepped of the trailer, the two of them knew they were meant to be. Lana was immediately trusting of Katie and began to settle into her new home. The other Lipizzans at Katie's house gave Lana a warm welcome and she immediately fit right in. In addition to her forever home, Lana has some very exciting news to share! She's expecting! Katie cannot wait to

bond further with Lana during her pregnancy and throughout the whole process.



Castellana

Moving the spotlight now to a very handsome gelding, Favory II Gabriella II, now called *Gabriel*. Stephenie Frank contacted the LRF after the passing of her horse's best friend. Being the attentive and fantastic horse mom that she is, Stephenie knew that Guinness had a hole in his heart that needed to be filled. After discussing some potential options for a new best friend, she chose Gabriel, who in turn chose the two of them. Not long after his arrival, there was no stopping the strong friendship and bond that Guinness and Gabriel now have. Sharing a fenceline, these two gelding seek each other out to spend a good portion of their day grooming each other. Mending hearts and strong, forever bonds – it doesn't get any better than that!



Gabriel (left) and Guinness (right) diligently ensure that all the itchy spots are scratched and groomed.

Our final spotlight is on another lovely mare named *Arrizona*, whose photo immediately captured the heart of her adopter, Carol Kraft. Here is what Carol has written about her experience and the unity she and her mare share:

“Arrizona came to me for adoption from the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation in July after I filled out an application form back in March. I chose Arrizona from a photo LRF had posted on their website. She was just what I wanted, and I had to have her! But I could not meet Arrizona, due to the pandemic, and due to the border with Canada being closed. Waiting seemed like an eternity. Finally, the border opened for transport and she was on her way to New York.

Arrizona arrived in good spirits. As she came off the trailer, our eyes met as I took hold of the lead rope. A treat was given to her as the gate to the round pen was closed. *Arri* is now the new love of my life. So far, we have worked over the basics and I have ridden her quietly in the outdoor ring. She is all that I hoped and dreamed she would be. She is my second and final forever Lipizzan. My gratitude is with the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation, including all the people who made this wonderful event possible for me.

Thank you.”



Castellana & her pasture mates



Arrizona and Carol Kraft, together in unity.



Ducky (left) and LRF Alumni Maestina (right) in the beautiful sunset at their home with Lynne Glazer.

## ***LRF Mission Statement***

There are an estimated 1,000 to 1,250 Lipizzans in North America. The Lipizzan Rescue Foundation was formed to assist with breed preservation and to provide aid to individual horses.



The Lipizzan Rescue Foundation is a registered 501(3)(c) organization based in Las Vegas NV. The Lipizzan Rescue Foundation (LRF), as the only non-profit Lipizzan Rescue in the United States, joins others who have dedicated themselves to the preservation and safety of the Lipizzan horse breed. The first priority of the LRF is the rescue of Lipizzan/ Lipizzan Cross horses, who suffer from malnutrition or abuse, or are in physically dangerous or neglectful situations.

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