

Operating out of Barn E-8 at the
Prince George's Equestrian
Center as a guest of the
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Dear PETS' Riders and Friends,

Who are Big Red, Blue, Dancer, Herbie, Romeo, and Ivy?? They are not the new dance team in town, or the stud muffins adoring the only lady of the bunch, Ivy. All are the faithful horses providing riding opportunities for persons in Prince George's County with special needs. They are all donating their services, and in return they expect the best horse care that they deserve. While residing at the Prince George Equestrian Center /Show Place Arena during Spring and Summer, the horses are given tender loving care free of charge by the riders and staff who love them, and by a horse caregiver provided by the Equestrian Center. During the Fall and Winter months things change! They must leave the Equestrian Center to reside at their winter Horse Farm Home. While there, they also receive TLC, but now, they must pay for that care! This means that each horse must come up with \$350.00 a month for room and board!!! Additional expenses for farrier and veterinary services can add \$250 to \$450 per horse.

This is where YOU come into the picture. As you can see, winter boarding is a huge expense. Definitely, it is a huge expense for a riding program that provides **free** hour long lessons for its riders. Research of charges for riding lessons found that group lessons by a trained instructor are \$40 to \$55 per hour and private lessons are \$50 to \$80 per hour. Some therapeutic riding program charge \$35 for a half hour group lesson.

The Progressive Equestrian Therapeutic riding program asks for your help in meeting our winter care expenses during the long 7 months when the horses are not with us. Consider these calculations. Each horse needs \$2,450.00 for winter board. A minimum of five horses will need \$12,240.00!!! Please, then, consider a donation to assist the PETS program to continue their excellent level of service.

Your support of \$50___ \$75___ \$100___ other \$___ is tax deductible.

PETS is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 organization and a *PATH, Int'l Premier Accredited Riding Center

Make Check Payable to: Progressive Equestrian Therapeutic Services, Inc (PETS)

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Thank You for your support,

Kim Molhoek, Program Director

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