Walking the Walk: Pat Parelli’s Mission to Change the World

Pat and Wendelin, adoptable horse from the SPCA of TX

The Parelli Foundation is humbled to carry the Parelli name and promote Pat and Linda’s mission to change the world. This past weekend Pat put on a private demo with Wendelin, a previously feral and now adoptable horse. This demo was a partnership between 2018 Horse Welfare grant recipient SPCA of TX and the Parelli Foundation with the goal of showing how incredibly effective natural horsemanship methods can be on equine in horse welfare programs. We are so proud of this project and cannot wait to show you the inspiring video!

In addition to this support the Parellis show in kind to the Foundation, Pat continues to show his support through securing donations to further our program areas. Already this year, Pat has brought nearly $25,000 in funding to the Foundation! We are grateful for this dedication and generosity from Pat.

Pat and Harlow

These funds allow us to expand our giving, reaching more horses and the people who love them through grants and scholarships. Pat’s generosity and his immense impact on Harlow’s story led Bridlewood Farm to donate her training fee to the Parelli Foundation!

Harlow was un-ride-able prior to arriving at Pat’s Performance Barn at the Florida Parelli Center. Pat played with Harlow for the first week, and then coached his Mastery Students through the sequence of developing her foundation. After only 5 weeks in Pat’s Performance Barn Harlow starred in the Two Worlds Together Dressage Summit as an example of foundation before specialization and the power of natural horse development. We are grateful for the generous contribution from Bridlewood Farm toward our Career Scholarships and, of course, to Pat for making this a reality. See more about Harlow.

Inagaural Heroes and Horsemanship Grants Honor Edwin Alderson
The Parelli Foundation is incredibly honored to have received a donation in honor of Edwin Alderson to fund the 2019 Heroes and Horsemanship Veterans Initiative grants. The donor of these funds, though wishing to remain anonymous, has asked that others close to Edwin consider also donating in his honor; continuing the impact of his legacy through natural horsemanship education for people and horses.

One of Edwin’s greatest passions was riding horses with his cowboy friends in New Mexico. He rode in many trail rides in New Mexico and Arizona, and was known as an outstanding horseman, campfire entertainer and bartender.

Edwin’s love of natural horsemanship led him to serve on the board of the Parelli Foundation since its inception, where his countless contributions will never be forgotten. Edwin was integral in providing leadership in a variety of areas which contributed to the continued success of the Foundation. He is missed, but his legacy continues to help others, truly making the world a better place for horses and humans.

We are honored with this donation is Edwin’s name, as well as the opportunity to assist the following therapeutic horsemanship programs with these funds.

2019 Heroes and Horsemanship Veterans Initiative grantees:
- $2,500 grant to S.T.E.P.S With Horses in support of their request to provide equine assisted counseling services
- $5,000 grant to Heart of Horse Sense in support of their request to provide PRRC and Substance Abuse Sessions
- $1,500 grant to Waypoint Ranch in support of their request regarding their Parelli For Patriots program, specifically to provide volunteer mentors with training in natural horsemanship
- $1,000 grant to One Step Closer Therapeutic Riding in support of their request regarding the OSC Veterans Program - Equine Assisted Therapy, specifically to provide volunteer training in natural horsemanship

Horse Welfare Grant Applications Now Open!
Grant applications will be accepted now through July 15th and will benefit centers with a mission to help improve the lives of horse and other equine through natural horsemanship. Apply here.
Pictured: 2* Parelli Professional Nancy Slater

Visit us at the Loveland, Colorado Tour Stop!
Are you attending the Loveland Tour
Join us for our 2019 Western Derby Gala during Savvy Summit!

Come celebrate with us!
Friday evening, September 6, 2019 at 7PM at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse during Parelli Natural Horsemanship’s Savvy Summit, Pagosa Springs, Colorado

Door Prizes a chance to stand in the Winner’s Circle!
Special event perk for all “Running Walk”- “Gallop” level partners!
Live and silent auctions including incredible services from Licensed Parelli Professionals, experiences and outstanding items!

Regular admission $65 per person - includes dinner, drinks and entertainment. Table for eight $500 – Music and Dancing – Limited Seating

Tickets not available at the door!

Get your tickets to party with us!

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