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Walking Horse Trainers' Auxiliary awards \$1,000 grant to Saddle Up!

Franklin, Tenn. – The Walking Horse Trainers' Auxiliary of Shelbyville has awarded Saddle Up! a 1,000 grant to sponsor "Lady," a 23-year-old Shetland/Quarter Horse cross, through their WHOO (Walking Horses Overcoming Obstacles) Program.

Saddle Up! is Middle Tennessee's oldest and largest therapeutic riding program with a mission to provide children and youth with disabilities the opportunity to grow and develop through recreational activities with horses. It is one of only two programs in the state of Tennessee to have earned Premier Accredited Center status through the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA), the national organization that sets teaching and safety standards for more than 700 programs throughout the United States and Canada. Therapeutic riding incorporates specially trained horses, trained volunteers and NARHA Registered instructors to enable challenged children to learn how to care for and ride horses as a form of recreation. For more information about Saddle Up! visit www.saddleupnashville.org

The Walking Horse Trainers' Association is a national nonprofit organization that began in 1971 as the Trainers' Wives Auxiliary. The name and by-laws were changed in 1977 to allow members other than trainers' wives to join. It supports challenged riders throughout the nation and provides financial support through its Money Tree Classic Charity Horse Show and other Auxiliary events. For more information, go to www.walkinghorsetrainers.com.

The Walking Horse Trainers' Auxiliary has awarded a grant annually to Saddle Up! since 1995 to support the work of the program.

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