

# How to support Horseplay

By GARY EISENBERG

**Question:** Why are fundraisers, donations, and grants crucial to the operation of Horseplay?

**Answer:** Rider tuition covers only one-third of our operating costs, which include boarding, veterinary care, farrier costs, new equipment, and instructor salaries. In addition, we offer partial riding scholarships to riders from lower-income families. Tuition simply does not cover the total cost of operating Horseplay.

**Question:** Is there an easy way for me or my friends, family, and co-workers to donate to Horseplay?

**Answer:** Yes! On the Horseplay website, [www.horseplayriding.org](http://www.horseplayriding.org), there is an orange Paypal donate button on the bottom of every page. Horseplay is now a verified Paypal charity, which means Paypal only takes a minimal fee from each donation.

**Question:** My rider loves Horseplay. How can I support Horseplay and spread the news of what a great program it truly is?

**Answer:** The best way to share your appreciation for Horseplay is through social media and online reviews. You can write a Google review by going to [google.com](http://google.com), typing in Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center and then on the business side of the page, find "reviews" and type one in. You can also go to [yelp.com](http://yelp.com) and leave a review there.

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**Our September Horse Show happens in two parts this year, on Saturdays, September 14 and 21. A volunteer appreciation barbecue is planned after the September 21 show.**

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Photo by Kathy Kliever  
Volunteer Cat Del Rio spends some quality time with Chester.

## Volunteer spotlight Cat Del Rio

By DEBRA DeANGELO

Cat Del Rio started volunteering with Horseplay in November 2021 as an opportunity to be near horses. Her favorite thing about Horseplay is the Tuesday morning classes.

"The energy is positive," she says, adding that she appreciates "the riders, the horses, and the volunteers all work together making it successful."

She says Horseplay proves that "it takes a village" is true.

"The horses need care, and the riders need support."

Although horses were her original attraction, Cat says working with the riders turned out to be very rewarding.

"I didn't realize how much the riders would touch my heart. To see them excel each week is amazing. To see them have empathy for each other, and the horses, is an incredible gift."