

Hunter has been a special part of HRHF since the winter of 2026. When he first joined the sessions, he quietly listened and gave his full attention to the horses, volunteers, and staff. With his prior horse knowledge, he had the ability to read the horses' cues and act accordingly. Olive, our horse with a tendency to set the strongest boundaries, instantly connected with Hunter. He was mindful of how she was feeling and gave her the space she needed. Once Olive saw that he respected her boundaries, she opened up to him more and allowed him to groom her.

Without even realizing, Hunter is a role model to other participants. He demonstrates the quiet strength needed to connect and communicate with each horse. Whether he is grooming, leading, or trying a new activity, he remains calm and focused. The horses respect Hunter and his ability to be their leader, because they can sense his confidence and mindfulness.

Hunter has gained trust from the volunteers, participants, and horses, by showing his responsibility. He stays focused on activities, asks questions when he needs to, and carefully handles each horse. He can be trusted with new tasks, including leading over obstacles and demonstrating activities for new participants. However, he is always happy to go back to basics, by grooming and caring for the horses.

Hunter is reliable and someone we can always count on. He has made the farm a better place in so many ways, and continues to be a role model. We are so lucky to have Hunter's calm energy and quiet strength as part of the farm.