



2019 Back Cover – Lady

“So teach us to number our days that we
may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Psalm 90:12

Lady is one of True Vine’s senior citizens. She faithfully carries riders just learning to ride, as well as special needs students. You would never know to look at her that she is thirty-one years old!

Lady was donated to True Vine Equestrian Center by a local family in 2015. Julie had two horses and when one passed away, Lady became very lonely. Not wanting to purchase a second horse to keep Lady company, the hard decision to rehome Lady was made. Julie decided to see if True Vine would like to have her. Julie knew if Lady went to True Vine, not only would she be with other horses, but she would receive lots of attention.

A week later found True Vine Staff going to meet Lady, a beautiful bay Arabian mare. Mikayla, one of True Vine’s volunteers, went along to ride Lady. She was friendly and rode well at the walk, trot, and canter. Even at age twenty-six Lady was healthy with no lameness issues. Normally True Vine doesn’t take horses over 25; however, Lady did not look or act her age. After praying, we called Julie and made arrangements to pick Lady up and bring her to True Vine.

As True Vine staff drove in the drive next to Lady’s pasture, Lady cantered up to the fence. Vickie wondered if Lady thought we were bringing her a friend. Julie put the halter on Lady and led her up to the trailer. Lady seemed somewhat disappointed there was not another horse. Julie loaded her into the trailer, the door was closed, and Lady was off to her new home.

Lady was so happy to be in with other horses. There were snorts and squeals, but soon Lady found her place in the herd. Some of the volunteers worked with Lady and soon she became a steady horse in True Vine’s lesson and clinic programs.

Just as an older person who has walked with the Lord has much wisdom to impart to the younger generation, older, well-trained horses are great teachers for children learning to ride. Lady is one of those senior horses and does her job well. “Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?” (Job 12:12)

