



## 2019 – May - Cosmo

“Not that I have already obtained it or already have become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I laid hold of by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:12

Cosmo is a half Arabian and half Paint thirteen-year-old gelding. Unlike many of our other rescue horses at True Vine Equestrian Center, Cosmo didn't come from a kill pen. His two previous owners fell into unfortunate circumstances. When his first owner was diagnosed with terminal cancer, she began a search for someone who would love and train him to become a therapy horse. A promise was made and Cosmo went to a new home as a yearling. Ground work training followed and at age five, Cosmo was taken to a “Sermon on the Mount” message with Lew Sterret. Cosmo was Lew's demonstration horse that had never been ridden. Lew worked with Cosmo while sharing God's Word and by the end of the second day, Lew was riding him out of the round pen in front of a large crowd. At one point Lew had the crowd all stand up, clap, and shout. Cosmo just stood there looking at everyone, but never offered the slightest spook.

A year later found Cosmo's second owner in a position where she was forced to move and downsize the number of horses she owned. Remembering the promise made to Cosmo's first owner, she offered him to True Vine. After praying, the team decided to accept Cosmo. In March of 2012, Cosmo was donated to True Vine and his training to become a therapy horse continued.

True Vine volunteers began ground work training with Cosmo and in May he was sent to a trainer where he was started under saddle. Once back at True Vine, some of our more experienced volunteers continued with his training.

Cosmo is a horse that looks happy all the time. He is very forward moving. Those who ride him enjoy his eagerness. He is also great for teaching ground work activities to students. When you ask him to move his shoulder, he does it. When you ask him to move his hip, he does it. When beginner students ride him, he slows down. Cosmo has even gone on an overnight camping trail ride. The promise made to his first owner has been fulfilled; Cosmo is also a therapy horse! He is ridden by some of our special needs students! A fun fact about Cosmo: When he is wet, you can see his paint markings!

2019 plans for Cosmo are for him to continue his role in our volunteer, clinic, and lesson programs, along with training to slow his canter with a rider.

Please consider sponsoring Cosmo! Monthly needs: \$120