

# Meet Grace



**Age:** 13 years

**Sex:** Female

**Rescue:** Yes, Kill Pen

**Breed:** Thoroughbred

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## Grace's Story

Grace came to us in January of 2017. She was our very first rescue horse. Animals and Kids had just gotten established, and we were still unsure of precisely the route we were going to get called to take. That January, we had gotten word of two off-the-track thoroughbred pregnant mares sitting in a kill pen in Louisiana. They had been what they call "bailed out," which means they no longer were in the group that was heading to slaughter. Their new home had fallen through, and they required a place to go before they were put back in the group that was awaiting their undeserved fate. We agreed they could come to Animals & Kids.

When Grace arrived that late January night, she was covered in mud, underweight, had large, open wounds on her legs, and was just beat down and exhausted. As the days went by, we cared for her daily. She was challenging to handle at times; anxious and nervous. We just were not sure how she was going to behave once her foal was born. She did not trust us entirely yet, and we did not know how much time we had to gain her trust since no one knew when she got bred. On April 2nd, just about two full months since Grace arrived, she gave birth to a perfectly healthy little colt who we named Dash. From that moment on, Grace trusted us, and allowed us to help her raise her little guy.

During the short time she was with us at that time, we were able to look up her racing history along with her past ownerships. We got a hold of her most recent owner, who told us she had been boarded at a training/breeding barn states away from where he lived. They were shocked to hear that Grace had gotten sent to auction and more shocked she was supposed to get sent to slaughter. They told us how she had raced but got hurt, so she became a broodmare. Grace was also one of the meanest horses in the barn, but today is our alpha female in the herd. She is the first to greet any visitor that comes by. Grace is soft and gentle and leaves you feeling like you are so special every time she walks up to you. Grace will always be a special part of the beginning of Animals & Kids. She has helped shape and teach many of our young peer mentors and has touched the hearts of countless children and adults.

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