

B NOBLE FARMS:

No Longer a DIAMOND in the Rough

by Steve Gamel

What used to be an unknown blessing in the community has become a popular beacon of hope for not only neglected animals in need of a forever home, but for other people who want to help make a difference.

In June, Argyle Living Magazine featured B Noble Farms and Rescue, a non-profit organization that works in cooperation with local shelters to rescue and rehabilitate abused and neglected animals from all over North Texas and beyond. The 7.5-acre property – located off Country Club Road in Argyle – is a multi-purpose ranch home for a slew of animals, including horses, dogs, donkeys and ducks.

With the help of their amazing staff, specifically ranch manager Ashlyn Allen, owners Suzanne and Gary Bryant have been running this quiet treasure for roughly three years. But at the time of the last article, their reach wasn't as strong as they wanted – even though they had placed two horses and approximately 12 to 15 dogs in new homes. = That has all changed.

Over the last eight months, there has been a growing awareness of who the Bryant's are, what B Noble does, and more importantly, what they need to keep their passion alive.

"We took in a rescue from one of the top sheriffs in North Texas who is in charge of animal cruelty. They had heard of us," Suzanne said. "Obviously, we are getting a good reputation. That makes us feel good."

Suzanne added, "We want to create more awareness and educate the public."

Suzanne said they continue to field requests

to either take in new animals, or adopt out animals. B Noble has received donations in the form of hay, blankets and other essentials, and is currently one of the recognized charities for Belks department store. It was also recently recognized by the Highland Village Women's Club for its contributions to the community and the love they show to their extended family.

There isn't a dog, horse, or donkey living at B Noble Farms that doesn't have its own name and heart-tugging story. And they are cared for at all times. Ashlyn was originally a regular staff member, but since taking over as the ranch manager, she now lives on site.

The facility is completely irrigated and features a 13-stall stable, all new fencing around the perimeter, a giant shaded dog run that looks more like an old-fashioned hotel with its own misting system, a tack room and a two-story living quarters for the staff.

"I can't say enough about Ashlyn and our assistant ranch manager, Fiona Wagner," Suzanne said. "They do such an amazing job, and you can tell they love each and every one of our animals here at the farm."

The success stories of B Noble Farms and Rescue, and the generosity of its staff, could go on for days.

Six months ago, the Bryant's were at D&L Feed Store in Argyle for Trade Days, an event designed to raise money and awareness for nonprofits in Denton County. A lady approached them about possibly adopting her older horse that

she couldn't sell and no longer had the resources to take care of.

That female mare, named Wild Rage, used to be a race horse but hadn't been ridden and was showing signs of neglect – it had lost weight, its feet hadn't been trimmed and it was club-footed on its right front leg.

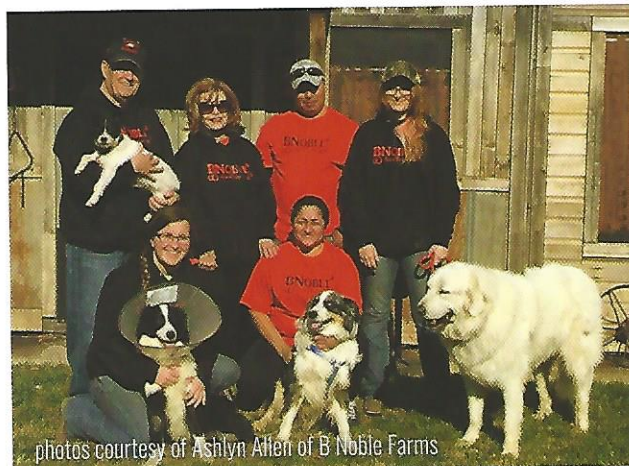
Suzanne said it was one of the worst cases of neglect she had seen, and said Wild Rage didn't even know how to go out on the grass and graze when they first got her. But after several months of care and attention, they've seen a miraculous turnaround. They even renamed the horse, Rose.

"The guy who trims our horses' feet said her feet looked like they hadn't been trimmed in years," Ashlyn added. "I had to hand pick the grass and feed it to her because she just didn't understand."

Within the last month, B Noble Farms was part of an animal relocation project called Operation Happy Day where it took in several dogs that had been abused and neglected. There were over 100 dogs in various stages of emaciation and neglect, and those taken in by B Noble were understandably skittish of humans.

It's been a huge undertaking, but all these animals are safe now and B Noble Farms continues to grow its family. After all these years, and with a little added publicity, all the hard work is paying off.

"All of it makes us feel so good," Suzanne said. "These animals are our life, and our passion."



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