

Thursday, July 21, RTT lost a dear friend and partner to our program, Mr. Baker. He was euthanized after learning that he had ruptured a portion of his small intestines. Special thanks to all who helped out during this final journey—RTT's staff, Lila Solomon, DVM from Equine Veterinary Service and the staff of New England Equine Medical and Surgical Center in Dover, NH—Baker knew that he was surrounded by caring people through the end.

The entire RTT staff has been remembering the many wonderful times spent with Baker--the riders, volunteers, horses and staff whose lives he touched. These memories have been comforting and we all know that the pain in our hearts pales in comparison to the joy that he gave to so many of us over the years. He has left an indelible mark on all of our lives and RTT is richer for the gift that Baker gave to all of us. RTT won't be quite the same without him.



Baker's ashes will return to a final resting place here at the farm where he spent most of the past 13 years. Our thanks to Patty Carton, who found this pony and brought him to RTT back in 1998--he has been a true champion from the start and finished out his time here with a great schooling lesson on Tuesday night, a therapeutic lesson on Wed. morning, and was waiting at the gate in the afternoon looking for work....he was strong and vital to the very end and we can't ask much more than that.

We will be adding a Celebration of Baker's life to our Sunday Show and Volunteer Recognition event during Open Farm Day on July 24, 2011. The Celebration will be an opportunity for people to share their memories of Baker and will begin around 1:00-1:15. There will be a lunch barbecue beginning at 11:30. Following our Celebration of Baker's life, we will present our Volunteer Recognition Awards and we will end with sending off wishes with "Bubbles for Baker."

May the green pastures be spectacular on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge, Mr. Baker. You have changed so very many lives for the better. You are so missed.