



## Meet Our Arabian Horse Caregivers

Each day, Charles and Lana Dinkins leave their home and take a short trip to a wide, spacious pasture where they care for Arabian horses. This is nothing new for the Dinkins; the couple has been supporting and managing horses for the past twelve years through The Humane Society.

In February 2008, the HSPCA received a cruelty complaint involving twenty-three Arabian horses on a barren pasture in Eastover, SC. With the assistance of the Richland County Sheriff's Department, Dr. Michael Privett (equine veterinarian) and his staff, the HSPCA seized the horses. The following week 5 additional horses were seized on other property owned by the suspects. These horses were severely neglected, emaciated and wading in feces inside of a dark barn. Subsequently, information lead to the seizure of seventeen additional horses in Hopkins, SC. Several of the forty-five horses seized had halters embedded in their skin; one particular horse had a bridle so tight it prevented it from eating.

Twelve years later, Charles and Lana Dinkins are still caring for the health, welfare and maintenance of 5 horses from the 2008 case. Through the years, they witnessed the horses evolve from nervous, shy, and malnourished animals to healthy, friendly, peaceful creatures. Several were adopted, some naturally grew old and passed away peacefully. According to Lana, who has spent a large amount of time with the horses, the hardest part of long-term care for these horses is that they eventually reach the end of life due to aging. She has developed a strong bond with the horses over the past twelve years and hopes to continue to care for them for as long as possible.

The HSPCA has ensured that Charles and Lana receive adequate funding to sufficiently care for these beautiful creatures since their seizure in 2008, investing over \$700,000. We wanted to shine a light on Charles and Lana and give them the appreciation they deserve for their dedication to these horses after more than a decade.






WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR CHARLES AND LANA DINKINS AS WELL AS SHOW OUR SUPPORTERS THE RESULTS OF THEIR VALUED DONATIONS. BECAUSE OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUPPLY THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE CARE AND MAINTENANCE FOR THESE HORSES THAT WERE RESCUED FROM A TERRIBLE SITUATION.

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