

## Dear Friends,

The past two weeks have certainly been challenging for our foothills and mountain communities. We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones have weathered the storm and are safe. Hurricane Helene came in uninvited, leaving behind quite a mess for us all to clean up—how rude! Our thoughts are with everyone affected.

As we focus on rebuilding, we at FRC feel that it's only right to pause our fall events out of respect for our friends in WNC who cannot join us. While we were looking forward to hosting our final show and seminar of the year, we believe our resources are better directed toward supporting relief efforts. Unfortunately, this means we are canceling our October seminar with Yarden Cohen, the Halloween Spooktacular Show, and the November clinic with Charlotte Cannon.

Though we won't be gathering for the show, we're organizing a drive for animal feed and fencing supplies. You can drop off donations at the FENCE showgrounds on October 26th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Our mountain friends have lost so much, and this is one way we can lend a hand. After collecting the supplies, we'll deliver them to either TIEC or the WNC Ag-Center in Canton. Below is a list of needed items:

## Animal Feed

- Dog○ Goat & Chicken
- o Cat O Chicken & Duck
- o Cow o Pig
- Horse

## • Fencing Supplies:

- Poly wire
- Wooden 6-
- Poly tape
- inch posts
- Insulators
- Metal T-posts
- Gates
- Step-in posts

If you signed up for the show, you can either get a full refund or donate your entry fee to help with our relief efforts. Our show secretary has already contacted those who submitted an entry. We also encourage everyone who planned to attend to consider using your show budget for our supply drive instead. For example, if you were going to spend \$40 on a stall for the weekend, you could use that money to buy a bag of feed or \$40 worth of fencing supplies. If you'd like to donate but can't drop off items in person, just email me at <a href="mailto:president@foothillsridingclub.com">president@foothillsridingclub.com</a>, and we'll work out how to get your donation shipped to us.

We've also put together an Amazon Wishlist with items you can donate. If you prefer, you can have these shipped to my house, and I'll ensure they're added to the collection. Please note that we don't endorse any specific products on the list—it's just a guide, and you're welcome to source these items from anywhere you find best. Click Here to view the Amazon Wishlist.

On a brighter note, we're still planning to hold our **Annual Meeting on November 14th, 2024,** at the FENCE house to give a club update and celebrate our amazing volunteers. Dinner will be provided (and no, it's not pizza this time!). Mark your calendars for that and our **Year-End Competitors Banquet on January 18th, 2025**. More details will follow, but we'd love to see you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to us at <a href="mailto:presidentefoothillsridingclub.com">presidentefoothillsridingclub.com</a> or <a href="mailto:foothillsridingclubegmail.com">foothillsridingclubegmail.com</a>.

We look forward to seeing you back in the saddle soon!

Warmly, Erin and the FRC Board

