



Molly

Below you will find a snippet of a letter we received from the parent of our Rider Molly back in January 2014. She was given the opportunity to try a new therapy in Florida that would increase her gait, motor control and overall physical confidence. She was able to attend and we personally cannot wait to see her and watch as she gets back on her horse Patches! Molly has been riding at Chakota for 6 years now and we are confident she will become an independent Rider within the next few years.

This means that she will no longer require a Horse Leader to lead her horse through a lesson. Patches will be wearing a bridle and Molly will have full control over her 1,100 pound horse using the reins and her legs to put her through her paces!!!

From Molly's Mom, Sandy:

"Molly and I often think of the heartfelt support you gave us in the early days of Molly's recovery and throughout the years following. We are so grateful for that. As you may realize, on March 3, 2014, Molly will begin her ninth year of recovery after her electrocution and cardiac arrest in 2006. As you know, the resulting brain injury caused deficits in nearly every aspect of her body and mind. With the help of many different therapists, teachers and trainers, Molly has improved greatly over the years and she continues to do so in all directions. Her cognitive skills and memory have recently re-surged impressively as she works hard in college, taking 2 courses per semester. Through physical training, therapeutic horseback riding and restorative yoga, core control of her body is now much steadier than it was and her physical confidence is beginning to return. However, she still has many difficulties, especially with motor skills and motor planning. While Molly does walk, she does so only with assistance and with a fearful, stiff and inconsistent gait pattern. There are times when 'normal walking' appears out of nowhere and we want to encourage this to happen more and more. After nearly eight years of struggle, we are now in a position to build in a serious way on the huge strides Molly has made."

Can't wait to see you, Molly! Your Western saddle is waiting for you!