

Truman State University seeks adoptive homes for the retirement of the following horses:

[Gay Bars Rosa](#) (Rosa) is a 14.1 hand, 2007 AQHA registered chestnut mare. Rosa has been with the university for numerous years primarily as a broodmare. She has produced 4 foals during her time at the university with her late being in 2023. Her 2021 foal was the high selling weanling at the auction he was sold at and has since gone on to win prize money through the RITA buckle incentive. Rosa has not had any issues foaling, often doing so unassisted, and is an attentive but not overprotective mother. She has gotten pregnant with regularity, is tested 5 panel clear, but has produced early twins in the past so any future pregnancies would need to be monitored closely in the beginning. She is an easy keeper, easy to catch in the pasture, and stands well for the farrier and veterinarian. Rosa is lower in the hierarchy of the herd and gets along well with other horses. She is safe to be ridden but only very lightly as she does not really enjoy it much past a walk due to an old hip injury.



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For questions about these horses, please contact Emily Costello (Horsemanship Instructor and Equestrian Team Coach) at 660-785-7204 or [ecostello@truman.edu](mailto:ecostello@truman.edu). All horses come up to date on yearly EWT, west nile, and rabies vaccinations and deworming. Adoption applications will be accepted until July 15, 2025 and should be submitted to Makaila Rouse at [mrouse@truman.edu](mailto:mrouse@truman.edu). Please include the name of the horse you are interested in within the body of the email. Applications will be evaluated according to the criteria in the published rubric. Applicants will be ranked by rubric score and then contacted in that order to see if they want to proceed with the adoption. The successful applicant will be responsible for transportation from the university farm (1816 W LaHarpe). Ownership will be transferred upon payment of the adoption fee and prior to transport.

[TSU Supernova](#) (Nova) is a 14.3 hand, 2009 AQHA registered bay mare. Nova was born and raised on the university farm and spent years as part of the riding program for all levels of riders in both english and western disciplines. Over the past few years, she has developed some soundness issues that seem to be due to ringbone in her front feet. She is an easy keeper, easy to catch in the pasture, and stands well for the farrier and veterinarian. She does much better with front shoes and will likely need additional support to keep her comfortable as the ringbone progresses. Nova lives in a herd and generally gets along with others but can be a little bossy with horses lower in the hierarchy. She is safe to be very lightly ridden, but not consistently sound in harder work.



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[Sayler's Creek](#) (Sayler) is a 16.1 hand, 2010 brown JC registered Thoroughbred. Sayler spent many years on the racetrack before retiring and completing the retired racehorse project. While friendly and easy to catch in the pasture, he is not well suited for a beginner handler as he is fairly large and can be reactive to his environment. He is a reasonably easy keeper for his breed but does best when supplemented with grain through the winter. He also does not grow a very thick winter coat so he is generally kept blanketed when outside during the colder months. He can be rather playful, but not aggressive in the pasture, and does best with others who are quite calm. He has mild to moderate stringhalt in his left hind leg which flares up at times especially when he gets excited. He has made some progress in this training, but consistency is a struggle around the flare ups and he can be reactive undersaddle. He has an old scar on the right side of his face which does not seem to cause any issues.



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