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Top Equine Therapy Technicians Offer Advanced Care at The Sanctuary
Equine Sports Therapy & Rehabilitation Center

Ocala, FL (October 29, 2014) — The Sanctuary Equine Sports Therapy &
Rehabilitation Center of Ocala, Florida, is well-known for its state-of-the-art
conditioning and rehabilitating equipment. Horses and riders travel from
across the nation to receive the incredible treatments available at the facility.
Even more sought-after than the therapeutic equipment is the experience,
superior knowledge, and concern that The Sanctuary's staff offers every
horse that it encounters. "The thing that puts them a cut above is the
knowledge and the people they have working there," explains international
eventing coach, Sara Kozumplik-Murphy, who uses The Sanctuary faithfully
for her competition horses.

Brenda McDuffee, General Manager of The
Sanctuary, has been involved in the equine
industry for decades and understands that
equestrians’ beloved horses deserve the
absolute best care possible. “Providing the
top level of care, service, and sports
therapy technology offered by The
Sanctuary requires highly trained, certified,
experienced, and caring staff— ones who
understand what is necessary to achieve
the best possible outcome for each

individual and how best to achieve that goal,” McDuffee states.

“When we hire technicians, The Sanctuary looks for people who have a
degree in one of the Animal/Equine Sciences or Equine Therapy degrees.
They also must have a background with horses and a lot of hands-on
experience. They are trained on all of our different pieces of equipment by
me and the staff, and they take certification courses on certain pieces of
equipment, as well,” McDuffee explains. The Sanctuary is devoted to staying
up-to-date with changing technology and medical practices in order to
always offer clients the most advanced care. McDuffee says “Continuing
Education (CE) is part of our commitment to allow our staff to continue to
learn and excel through seminars, webinars, certification programs, and
hands-on training.”
McDuffee’s own history in the equine industry prepared her well for her position at The Sanctuary. She has a bachelor’s degree in Range Animal Sciences with a minor in Business, and spent over thirty years as the co-owner of her training, showing, and breeding facility McDuffee Quarter Horses. McDuffee was hired as General Manager of The Sanctuary when it opened in 2007. She has completed the Hyperbaric Medicine Team Training course and the Veterinarian Hyperbaric Medicine Training through International ATMO, is a Certified Laser Technician through the American Institute of Medical Laser Applications, and is a certified MagnaWave practitioner.

The rest of the highly-qualified team at The Sanctuary includes the Equine Therapy Technicians Erin Shaffer, Sarah Doran, Shannon Nail, and Melissa Copeland. All four are Certified Laser Technicians through the American Institute of Medical Laser Applications.

Shaffer has a dual concentration bachelor’s degree in Equine Studies and Equestrian Studies, and a strong equestrian background (including reining, eventing, and western pleasure). She has completed Hyperbaric Medicine Team Training through International ATMO, and is a certified MagnaWave practitioner.

Doran has a degree in Equine Studies. Her equestrian background includes owning and showing Hunters/Jumpers and Arabians, and working with eventing horses. Nail has a degree in Equine Reproduction, and is skilled in reproductive services. Her thirty-six years in the equine industry have included training Quarter Horses and owning reiners. Copeland earned a degree in Animal Sciences. She has been an active part of the equine industry for over twenty years, working with both Hunters and Quarter Horses. The MagnaWave certified practitioner is also certified in Equine Ultrasound for Reproduction, and has spent five years working in reproduction services.

“Everyone at The Sanctuary comes from an equine background, so we understand from the owner, trainer, and competitor’s perspective how important the best outcome is in being able to return to the top level of heath and fitness,” McDuffee explains. For more information about The Sanctuary Equine Sports Therapy & Rehabilitation Center and what its experienced and knowledgeable team can do, visit www.sanctuaryequinerehab.com.

*Photo: The Sanctuary’s staff works with a horse on the Aqua Pacer Treadmill. (Photo courtesy of The Sanctuary)*