



Danny Robertshaw (left) and Ron Danta
Photo by Julie J. Prickett



LIFE IN THE DOG HOUSE

“The moment we take a dog into Danny & Ron’s Rescue, he or she becomes a part of our family. We make that dog a solemn promise — ‘You will never be in another shelter again. One way or another, we guarantee you a better life!’ ”
— Danny and Ron

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Before Danny & Ron’s Rescue, purebred dogs were the status symbol of the horse show world. Purebreds, particularly Jack Russells and Corgis, pranced through the tack rooms and sat ringside with their owners. The trend has changed dramatically and now the horse show dog population includes an eclectic group of mixed-breed canines all adopted into equestrian families. The canine world has two heroes to thank for this — Danny Robertshaw and Ron Danta.

Danny & Ron’s Rescue has consistently been a voice for the voiceless, saving over 7,500 dogs since its inception in 2005, and changing the way the world looks at mix-breed rescue dogs. Today, dogs parading through the show grounds sporting yellow “Adopt Me” bandanas are very likely to be scooped up and adopted into their forever homes.

Danny and Ron have an innate talent — the ability to understand dogs and adopters and to find the perfect match. The pair has been well known in the equestrian community since long before they embarked on their rescue mission. They operate Beaver River Farm in Camden, South Carolina and have trained, as well as ridden, many successful show hunters throughout the years.

It is their illustrious reputations within the horse world that has helped to spur the success of their 501(c)3 organization, Danny & Ron’s Rescue. The pair works to save abused, abandoned and starving dogs, while also emphasizing the importance of spaying/neutering, housing and caring for them.

Their efforts go above and beyond for the canine community. Danny & Ron’s Rescue has not only saved more than 7,500 dogs, but they also emphasize the importance of educating all

dog owners. They have provided medical attention for those who cannot afford veterinarian bills and would otherwise be unable to keep their beloved pet.

“Growing up, there were crates of Corgis and Jack Russell Terriers. Those were really the popular breeds and you saw them all around the horse shows,” said ASPCA Board Member and Equine Ambassador Georgina Bloomberg. “Many people don’t see the great rescue dogs that are available for adopting, but Danny &

