

## Dr. Gail Conway Memorial Ride at River Run

In February of 2023 at River Run, Gail Conway DVM rode his last endurance ride and vetted his last time as Head Veterinarian. If we had known we would have hugged him longer and tighter. Everyone who knew Gail, experienced his kindness as a human being and his knowledge as a vastly experienced veterinarian. He brought both to our many endurance rides. If you were lucky enough to share his campfire stories and sense of humor, you were blessed for sure.

Along with Kay, he was my mentor decades ago when I changed to gaited horses and they were already riding their Missouri Fox Trotters. Gail knew my horse wasn't "four-legged lame" at the checks, but was sure to check if they were sound to continue. Fortunately, we also shared many endurance miles, as did many of us, throughout Texas and the Southwest. He loved to vet a day and ride the other. What could be better? As an endurance vet he was concerned about the welfare of the horse and would carefully explain a situation to the rider. I could always count on him to take the time to share with new riders what they need to watch for on ride day. He cared.

River Run's name will now be changed to honor Dr. Conway. We can share stories on Friday night.

*Dr. Gail Conway will be deeply missed.*

The new ride date is March 2 & 3, 2024. Entry form posted later.

