

Milestone Equine Rescue

Every horse we save makes a difference



Meet our newest intakes, Starry Night and Casper. They actually arrived late summer but due to the tragic situation they were coming from we felt it best not to publicize that we had them. The owners were being court ordered off their property and there was no one to care for the horses. It was a dire situation for the horses and we agreed to take them. Since the horses were relatively local two friends of Milestone were able to trailer them to the farm on short notice. The horses had been alone together for a long time, so it was a bit of a shock for them to come to the farm and see all the rescue horses. They have settled in well. Starry Night is a very handsome gelding in his early 20's. He may be lightly rideable. He is extremely social and loves the other horses. He whinnies to them often. He can be bossy to Casper which we have really had to watch. Starry will push Casper away from hay and grain and even water. Bruce made three small stalls into two larger ones so we could give them their own stalls in the barn. This allowed Casper to have time by himself away from Starry to eat in peace. He is a harder keep-



Casper, left, and Starry Night grazing peacefully together in their own field, all their cares finally behind them.

er and was on the thinner side. We are able to feed him an extra meal at late night, too. He and Starry go out in their own field during the day and then come in at night.

Casper is a beautiful palomino gelding in his early 20's. He is not sound for riding. He has been good to work with but he is a tad on the grumpy side. His first thought is food and he is solely motivated by that. He really isn't overly interested in anything else, including people. We know he was at an auction at one point in his life and went through another rescue group before being adopted out. We think that his constantly being pushed away from food has affected his attitude, and we are hoping once he realizes that he will no longer have to worry about competing for food he will relax. Starry Night is the more outgoing of the two. We were very fortunate to have received financial help with their care when we first took them in. Both boys are now available for monthly sponsorship starting January 1st. For color photos of Starry and Casper, see the Gift Sponsorship flyer enclosed in the newsletter, and please consider sponsoring Starry or Casper in the new year!

OUR WONDERFUL DENTISTS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!



Bill Schultze working his dental magic with Tango.

October 21st was our annual dentist day. No one looks forward to the dentist, but we are so grateful to Bill, Jim, Brian, and Dianne who come annually to take care of the dental needs of our horses. Dr. Mary Beth and Dr. Simone from Califon Animal Hospital helped throughout the day sedating horses. As horses age, their teeth wear down to smooth nubs which is why so many of our rescue horses (Cont'd. Pg. 4)





Tango, one of our many companion horses available for adoption.

This year was full of transitions; we lost devoted volunteers - several moved away, others due to medical issues and job changes had to stop coming to the farm; we lost devoted and longtime donors. Change is never easy but it is a part of life whether we like it or not. It opens new doors and opportunities, but we shed many tears, as well.

This year we were blessed by the generosity of many and we thank you. Our Equine Relief Fund gave out over \$25,000 to help other rescue horses all over the country. We paid for castrations of several neglected stallions; now they have a chance to be adopted into good homes. We helped with the vet bills for a large scale rescue involving over 30 horses. We were able to help other rescue groups with urgent rescue cases they took in needing immediate vet and farrier care. We were able to help other groups purchase hay and grain for their rescue horses. It was so wonderful to be able to make these kinds of transformations outside of what we do daily on the farm.

We are limited on how many horses we can take in here, but that limit doesn't stop us from making a difference beyond our fences to other horses in need. We wish you a blessed Holiday Season and thank you so much for your continued support of Mylestone Equine Rescue!

- Susankelly

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Shop AmazonSmile for the Holidays and Earn Funds for the Mylestone Horses!



We know you love to shop on Amazon ... who doesn't?

Please remember when you do your Christmas and holiday shopping on Amazon to log in to AmazonSmile and earn donations for the horses with every purchase! You don't have to do anything special - just log in with your existing password, and if you haven't already, choose Mylestone as your charity. From there, it's Happy Shopping! And the horses get a portion of every purchase you make.

As of August 2019, Mylestone has received \$2,043.53 through AmazonSmile, so every little bit adds up. Thanks for shopping with Mylestone in mind.

TRICK OR TREAT! A BIG TREAT FOR THE HORSES



We were beyond thrilled with the success of our Trick or Treat fundraiser for the Mylestone horses. The above picture is just a sampling of some of the items we have purchased for the horses. We were able to get new blankets for Shadow, Cleo and Tommy, new buckets, supplements, hoof trims, and more all thanks to your generosity. This fundraiser helped us make up for the lost revenue for not having Open House. Special thanks to devoted volunteer Mary Holmes for helping me put together this fundraiser; it far exceeded our expectations! The horses are especially happy with all the horse treats. We were able to stock up on a lot of different varieties for them to enjoy! Thank you again, what a blessing.

OUR MISSION

Mylestone Equine Rescue ("M.E.R.") is dedicated to helping abused and neglected horses. M.E.R. works to educate the general public about these unspeakable sufferings and promotes the plight of unwanted horses.

Our goal is to place these once magnificent creatures in homes that will give them the love and care they deserve. If suitable homes are not found, M.E.R. will be a permanent home for these horses.

Mylestone is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

IN HONOR OF

- * Linda Barucky in honor of Nancy Ryan's Birthday
- * Linda Bittel in honor of Nancy Ryan's Birthday
- * The Segals in honor of Lily Rudelson's 7th Birthday

GRANTS/FOUNDATIONS

- * Alison Marie Wildman Foundation
- * Anonymous Grant

SPECIAL THANK YOU

- ❖ To Nancy S. for her continued devotion to Mylestone!
- ❖ Gregory Thomas for the donation of a laptop computer.
- ❖ Colillio ShopRite for their generous donation of gift cards.
- ❖ To the Berry Family for their very generous support of the horses.
- ❖ To Lauri R. for remembering our rescue horses and allowing us to help other horses in need.

MYLESTONE'S CALENDARS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

The holidays are fast approaching and our 2020 Mylestone calendars make wonderful gifts! We are happy to mail them to your family and friends for \$19.35 each which includes shipping. If you wish to pick the calendars up at the farm PLEASE email us to set up a time to pick them up. All proceeds of the calendars benefit the ongoing care of the horses. Any questions, please feel free to call or email us at info@mylestone.org

Thank you for your support.

While calendars ship Priority Mail for 2-day service (in most areas) @ \$ 7.35 for a total of \$19.35 per calendar, if you order a second calendar, both can ship in the same envelope for a total of \$31.35!

Don't wait - order now! Just send your request with payment to: Calendars, Mylestone Equine Rescue, 227 Still Valley Rd., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 or you can order through PayPal with your PayPal account or any credit card. These beautiful images of our rescue horses by Jen Wenzel will have you looking forward to every month of the year.



VOLUNTEERS - BE A GIFT TO THE HORSES

Mylestone is currently looking for more dedicated volunteers to help with events or with care of the horses. If you are interested, please fill out an application online www.mylestone.org or call us at 908-995-9300. Volunteers must be 18 years or older.

No horse experience required. Thank you!

DONATION FORM

Your support of Mylestone is greatly appreciated. Please use this form if you wish to make a straight donation to help the horses. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

- Please sign me up to receive occasional e-mail updates from Mylestone

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

Send to:

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Your gift is tax deductible



Thank you to Kineticvet for their generous donation of hoof dressing and wound salve for the rescue horses. Mini Pearl was checking out (and approving of) the products. They heard about Mylestone from our good friends at Horsemen's Outlet.

THANK YOU!

* Donors and Sponsors

* Devoted Volunteers

* Califon Animal Hospital, Dr. Mary Beth Hamorski,
& Dr. Simone Koster

* Equine Dentists Bill Schultze, Jim Edwards,
Brian Shaw & Dianne Frack

* Farriers Todd Huber & David Delli Santi

* Horsemen's Outlet for their continued support

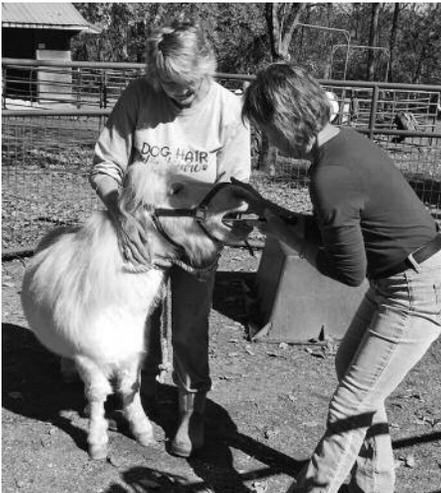
* A special thanks to all those who have donated items for the horses, plus blankets, tack and assorted items for us to put on consignment at Horsemen's Outlet

Your generosity is very much appreciated!

If we have accidentally omitted anyone, please accept our apologies - we are so very grateful for all you do for the horses!



Brian works with Sundance insuring his mouth is now problem-free.



Dianne (r.) works on Mini Pearl, assisted by volunteer Lori Dabkowski.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays



From our farm to your home, wherever that may be, please know that we are extremely grateful for anything and everything you've done for the horses. We wish you every happiness over the holidays and in the New Year.

OUR WONDERFUL DENTISTS (Cont'd.)



Shadow is usually worked on by Jim, so he has some level of comfort despite his blindness. Also helping out is Lois, a Board Member and volunteer.

of his dental papillae (the gums between each incisor), feed accumulates and gives the green light for infection in the gingival (gum) pockets. The vets had to take X-rays of Scouts tooth and then Bill, Dianne and Dr. Mary Beth had to remove Scout's tooth. It took a lot of man power and Scout was sedated. This is a very painful disease. Dr. Simone came back to re-check Scout because I thought his mouth smelled; he actually had a small piece of tooth left that was easily removed. Bruce had the difficult task of washing out Scout's mouth twice a day, and Scout was not cooperative.

The horses have all recovered from dentist day. Many thanks to the wonderful people that helped us pull off this day -- Mike, Ed, Lois, Lori, and Nikki! It truly is a group effort with so much work that needs to get done in a short amount of time, and the dentists are really amazing!

are fed mashes. They are older and no longer able to chew as well. Cleo lost a molar in back; Phebe also lost a tooth. Scout by far had the worst dental issues of the day. A lower tooth had developed Equine Odontoclastic Tooth Resorption and Hypercementosis (EOTRH). This process occurs in older horses when their body resorbs the bone and tissue surrounding the incisor (and occasionally canine) roots. As a horse loses more and more

HORSEMEN'S HELPS MER DURING RESCUE WEEK



Horsemen's Outlet celebrated Rescue Week by supporting Mylestone Equine Rescue. In the spirit of giving, Horsemen's chose an item each day off our wish list and for everyone that came in the store and bought that item, Horsemen's Outlet matched it and donated it to us. We received muck rakes, grain, shavings, along with a variety of donated supplies! We are so grateful to Horsemen's Outlet and their staff for all they do to support Mylestone!

The Thompson family with the amazing amount of goods and supplies donated by Horsemen's Outlet.

MEMORIALS

- ◆ Dorothy Quail in memory of her sister Kathleen Quail
- ◆ Kenneth Wlazlo in loving memory of his wife Patricia
- ◆ Mary McCarthy in memory of Shannon Helm
- ◆ Karen Davidson in memory of Sandy Trstensky
- ◆ Amy Shields in memory of Sandy Trstensky
- ◆ Evelyn Crawford in memory of Sandy Trstensky
- ◆ Marie Liston in memory of Sandy Tstensky
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- ◆ Heather Smith in loving memory of her mom, Marieliese Mihok
- ◆ Karen Hepworth in loving memory of Jackie Smith
- ◆ Jessica Wexler in loving memory of her mom, Pam Clifford