

# Milestone Equine Rescue

*Every horse we save makes a difference*



## **THE WORLD CHANGES ... THE HORSES' CARE REMAINS ESSENTIAL**

Several of the horses have had extensive lameness issues. Casper has been very lame recently. The vet came out and took some X-rays and determined he has ring bone and side bone which are forms of arthritis in his pastern. He is also very flat footed and this makes him more prone to issues as well. We gave him bute for pain and decided to try front shoes to see if that relieved some of his discomfort.



**Our farrier, Dave Delli Santi, making adjustments to Casper's new front shoes to help him walk more comfortably.**

While we hoped for a vast improvement with the shoes, there wasn't one. We are back to square one and are going to try making adjustments to the shoes to make the breakover easier when he is walking, in hopes that will make him more comfortable.

Dakota also became very lame and we struggled to find the cause. Thankfully, he was not having a bout of laminitis. He doesn't grow a good amount of hoof wall which makes it difficult to nail his shoes on. This round we ended up putting him in glue-on shoes on his front hooves. At first he was still quite lame but after about 4-



**Dr. Simone Koster takes X-rays of Dakota's front hooves to help determine the cause of his lameness.**

5 days he was walking much better. We still don't know the exact cause of his acute lameness but he is thankfully much better. It is a constant balancing act managing the horses' medical concerns and keeping the horses comfortable, but we continue to make progress.

## MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

- *Susankelly Thompson*



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This year has tested us all with challenges, i.e. dealing with our "new normal" around COVID-19. However, to the horses, life must go on and they expect the same care regardless of what transpires around them. It is hard not to envy their peacefulness, as they have all their needs met on a daily basis -- food, water, shelter and friends.

Perhaps this is a good reminder to us, to remember that what really matters are the very basic things. While we have been limited in taking any more horses at the farm, we have reached out to help hundreds of horses through our Equine Relief Fund this year. We have helped provide very basic needs for horse owners and food to feed their horses. It is heartbreaking to hear of people struggling to feed themselves and so worried about feeding their animals. With your help we have been able to really make an impact aiding all these horses.

We are so grateful to all of you that support Mylestone's horses and our efforts. You give us hope for the new year! We want to wish you and your families a healthy and happy holiday season.

- *Susankelly*

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## TRICK OR TREAT FUNDRAISER A HOWLING SUCCESS!



Thank you so much to all those that participated in our Trick or Treat fundraiser since we were unable to have Open House. This Halloween fundraiser allowed us to purchase an array of items for the horses - new winter blankets, new rain sheets, a pickup truckload full of grain, bags of bedding, new buckets, brushes, fly spray, many varieties of horse treats, halters, eye medication for Jackson, supplements, upcoming hoof trims for the horses, and new shoes for Gus, Dakota, and Tucker. Poppy the goat really hit the jackpot; she got so many boxes of granola bars! She gets medication for arthritis and we stick the medication in pieces of the granola bars. This picture doesn't include all the items, and we have more items on order. We were truly blown away by your generosity especially during this difficult time the world is facing. We thank you so much for remembering our rescue horses!

## IN HONOR OF

- \* John Bishop in honor of Emma Cotter's birthday
- \* Adrienne Auerbach in honor of Jennifer Fournier's birthday
- \* Floyd Saums in honor of Barbara Reisenfeld's birthday
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- \* Ginevra Haven in honor of Joan Cully

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## 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.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to Nancy S. for the many blessings you have given Mylestone and for your longstanding friendship.

Thank you once again to the riding students from River Edge Farm Riding Camp and farm owner Mercedes Rolandelli. The students had a lemonade stand this past summer and raised over \$800 for the rescue horses. We greatly appreciate all the support of River Edge Farm in Bedminster NJ!

Thank you to Mary Holmes for her dedication to the rescue horses and helping to make the Trick or Treat Fundraiser such a success!

Thank you so much for all those that are dropping items off for Mylestone at Horsemen's Outlet. Whether we use the items here on the farm or consign them at Horsemen's Outlet we thank you for thinking of our rescue horses!

We are greatly touched by all those that have had birthday fundraisers for Mylestone on their Facebook pages. These funds have been such a blessing, we thank you so much!

Thank you to all those donating items from our wish list! It is always fun to get an unexpected package in the mail.

## MEMORIALS

- \* Dorothy Quail in memory of Kathleen Quail
- \* Kenneth Llazlo in loving memory of Patricia Wlazlo
- \* Rick Troy in memory of Max Palmer
- \* Mary McCarthy in memory of Matthew Chamberlain
- \* Mary McCarthy in memory of Shannon Helm
- \* The Thompson Family in memory of Mark Juhlin
- \* Shelia Allen in memory of James Finch
- \* Susan Gardner in memory of "Danny Boy"
- \* Barbara Caruso in memory of "Danny Boy"
- \* Mary McCarthy in memory of "Ghost"
- \* Kathy Pope in memory of "Ghost"
- \* Gail Martin in memory of her beloved horse "J.B."
- \* Ellen Zimmer in memory of "Pip" beloved bunny of the Suchodolsky family
- \* Alana Middleton in memory of her beloved horse Penny



## Helping Beyond the Farm - Mylestone's Equine Relief Fund

Mylestone's Equine Relief Fund is making a difference for Joe. Joe is an older gelding who has been boarded for several years at a local barn in Philadelphia PA. His owner passed away a year ago but the barn owner, Misty, stepped up to care for Joe since his owner's family could not.

When Covid hit, Misty's business took a huge hit and it was hard for her to keep up with the expenses of her lesson horses plus Joe's added costs. She reached out to us for help in finding Joe a home. Once she told me that he was having dental issues and it was painful for him to eat, I felt we needed to get that resolved first. She agreed and it turned out she already used one of our equine dentists, Dianne Frack. Dianne very generously donated her services to help Joe. The Equine Relief Fund helped with the vet bills since Joe had to be sedated for the work. Dianne said it was quite an ordeal but that the painful teeth were able to be removed.

Misty contacted us to say that Joe was eating much better now and doing well. You can see first hand your donations to the Equine Relief Fund at work.

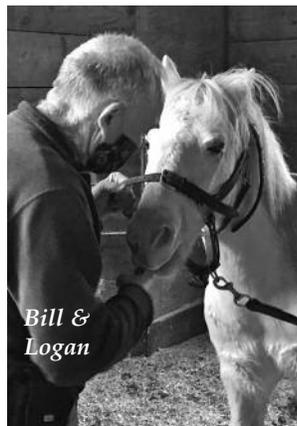


Two of Joe's problem teeth which required removal. He is now feeling better and eating well.



PHOTO COURTESY: MISTY GODFREY

## OUR DENTISTS ARE HEROES ONCE AGAIN!



Bill & Logan



Brian & Cleo



Dianne & Gus

October 26th we held dentist day at the farm. Our devoted group of equine dentists, Bill Schultze, Jim Edwards, Brian Shaw, and Dianne Frack generously donate their time all day to care for the rescue horses' dental needs. Our long time vet Dr. MaryBeth Hamorski sedated the horses and her vet tech Robin Dietz assisted with caring for the horses.

We greatly appreciate the help from Lois Commander, Mike Mara, Ed Saultz, Nikki Griffiths, and Lori Dabkowski with making the day go smoothly. It is a huge production to get all the horses done. This year Woody needed a tooth pulled which Brian did. Piper had a broken tooth that needed to be filed down. The dentists were able to get done in record time this year. The services the equine dentists donate save the rescue thousands of dollars a year and it is a huge blessing!



Jim & Sundance

## REMEMBERING SWEET DANNY BOY



Sadly, we lost Danny Boy earlier this summer. Danny came to us 4 years ago. He gained over 100 pounds and was a happy soul. He loved attention and thrived on interaction with the other horses. He was especially fond of Tommy, they used to gallop up and down the fence line playing.

We learned Danny had cancer several months after he arrived. We had been able to manage his genital cancer with regular vet cleanings. Danny had always been an easy keeper but we knew the cancer had metastasized when he started losing weight. The cancer became more aggres-

sive and we had no choice but to humanely euthanize this wonderful old gelding. Danny was 34 when he left us, and was dearly loved by many. We miss his cute face, covered in mash, when he'd pop his head over the stall door.

## GREAT TEENS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Above, Willow swimming a mile in Cupsaw Lake to raise money for the horses.

Willow Phelps has dedicated her life to making the world a better place for animals and people. Mylestone was fortunate enough to be chosen by this teen to benefit from her 13th birthday fundraiser! Willow swam a mile for the horses for her online fundraiser. Her goal was \$1300 and she raised \$1445! We greatly appreciate the support Willow!



Charlee McGatha generously donated her Breyer horses and assorted toy barns to Mylestone to raise funds for the rescue horses. We gave all the items to longtime friend and supporter Laurel Fox to be auctioned off through her and her partner Mike's business, M.J. Stasak Auctions. We were all thrilled to learn that \$471 was raised from the proceeds of the sale. Charlee has been involved with

helping Mylestone through her local 4-H group for several years now. Thank you Charlee for making a difference!

## 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!*

## GRANTS/FOUNDATIONS

We were honored to have received another grant from the Alison Wildman Foundation. Alison died on 9/11/2001 in NYC.

Don't forget!

Log in to AmazonSmile when you shop and earn funds for the horses!



## DONATION FORM

Your support is greatly appreciated. Please use this form if you wish to make a donation to help the horses or the Equine Relief Fund. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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