

MYLESTONE EQUINE RESCUE

Every horse we save makes a difference



SAVED FROM GOING TO AUCTION - BLUE AND LITTLE BUDDY

Mylestone worked with a longtime friend to rescue Blue, a blind Standardbred gelding, from ending up back at an auction. Blind horses are not supposed to be run through the auctions, but it does happen. He was used as an Amish buggy horse until he lost his sight.

Blue is very well adjusted to his blindness. He is about 10 years old and is currently in quarantine at a friend's farm. We are hoping that Blue will be able to go to a rescue for blind horses in VA in the coming months as a companion for another blind gelding. I was concerned about Blue being alone in quarantine so we purchased a small older pony who is named Little Buddy to be a companion to Blue. Little Buddy is in his 20's, probably has Cushing's disease, and has foundered in the past. He also has an old injury to his left eyelid which didn't heal properly.

Eventually, Little Buddy will come to our farm and hope-



Blue, above left, is kind and gentle, and has adjusted well to his blindness. Little Buddy is also sweet, and a great companion to Blue in quarantine.

fully be able to go out with Lucy and Tyler. Both Blue and Little Buddy are doing well in quarantine and have been evaluated by a vet. We are very happy to be able to help Blue and Little Buddy get a second chance.

TRICK OR TREAT FUNDRAISER A HOWLING SUCCESS!

Our Halloween Trick or Treat Fundraiser for the horses was a wonderful success! The horses got everything on their lists and then some. Thank you to everyone who participated! A special thanks to longtime volunteer Mary Holmes for creating the flyer for the fundraiser. A few highlights from the Halloween fundraiser are as follows: the horses got 113 hoof trims for the next several months, 76 bags of grain, 16 pairs of shoes for the horses that need them, 18 new rain sheets and blankets (which is wonderful because now we can buy extras, as several of the horses rip them, and go through more than one blanket during the year), assorted medication, barn supplies as well as over 100 bags of assorted horse treats which will make the horses very happy! We are also very appreciative of all the monetary donations we received - thank you one and all!!



We have many more items on order that are not included in this photo. Thank you so much for your generosity towards the horses!



A ghost (identity to be revealed in the near future) appeared on Halloween ... ate some of the horse treats and disappeared! Thank goodness for our fundraiser!



As we close on another year, we are grateful to our supporters, whose generous donations allow us to continue caring for the rescue horses. We are proud of the work we have been able to accomplish with the Equine Relief Fund this year, helping over 1,000 horses from all over the country with various needs. We have been challenged to return to a more normal existence with COVID, and are thankful that several of our volunteers have returned, but we still remain at two-thirds the number we had pre-COVID. We have welcomed a few new volunteers this year who we are happy to have along with our group of dedicated longtime volunteers.

We also have a small staff to aid with the horses' daily care. The first feeding starts at 5 am and the last feeding ends around 9:30 pm, and they are a

tremendous help. Each horse has different and special needs and challenges that we deal with every day. That takes time, which is why we are so grateful for the help. Bruce has only had 2 days off this year and works harder than anyone I know. Our youngest son Austin has been a huge help to us as well, helping at several of the feedings during the week.

This year we were also challenged with a difficult rescue case. We hope to share this with you in the future, but can't now due to legal reasons. This horse touched us all here, especially Bruce. I believe this is why we started the rescue 27 years ago, to make a difference in the lives of these horrible abuse cases. To see improvement, to see hope returning ... it is a gift to be able to transform these 4-legged lives, and we thank you for helping us make that possible.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season!

Susankelly

EQUINE RELIEF FUND - WATER FOR MUSTANGS



Mylestone's Equine Relief Fund was used this past summer to provide urgently needed water to the mustangs out West in drought-ridden Arizona.

Working with Fleet of Angels, the ERF purchased numerous large water troughs as well as helping rescue organizations get water to the horses.

Pictured are the mustangs drinking from the trough provided to Equine Well Being Rescue for the Black Mesa/Heber mustangs.



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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.

In Memory of Cloudy

We suffered the terrible loss of Cloudy this summer. He had recurring fevers in the previous months which the vets thought were tick borne, but the fevers never completely stopped. In fact, they became much worse. I also noticed in early July that Cloudy's right eye looked different. There seemed to be changes daily. Dr. Mary Beth arranged for a specialist, Dr Gardner, from a large equine hospital to come out to ultrasound Cloudy, thinking he had an internal abscess causing the high fevers. I told Dr Gardner about the eye and she examined his eye with the ultrasound and found a mass. She was shocked at the daily difference and how fast the tumor was growing. We arranged for a surgeon to come out on 7/12 to remove his right eye and take out the tumor. Our vets, Dr Gardner and Dr Fugaro, collaborated on getting a diagnosis for Cloudy. Cloudy was so good through all these procedures.

After his surgery Bruce and I were caring for Cloudy around the clock. He was adjusting to just having one eye, but the fevers became relentless. Our vet gave us the horrible news about the biopsy results of the tumor, a very aggressive type of cancer. We could no longer control his fevers that were caused by the cancer, and they were reaching 104-105 daily.

Cloudy's passing is extremely difficult because he was not that old and before this, he was healthy. It was such a shock to all of us because his illness happened so quickly. Cloudy is greatly missed on the farm.



GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF NEW JERSEY TROOP 82405 HELPS OUR HORSES!



The Mylestone horses were visited by a few of the Girl Scouts from Troop 82405 from Franklin Township who dropped off some items from our wish list. Phebe, held by Bruce Thompson, was checking out the bags of horse treats the girls had purchased.

Mylestone is always very grateful to kids who want to help the horses, but this year brought helping the horses to a whole new level thanks to the Philanthropic Recognition program of the Girl Scouts of NJ. Through their cookie sales and kind hearts, they raised \$4,000 which was used to purchase a Horsemen's Outlet gift card to buy food and supplies for the horses! Project leader Stephanie Quinton describes how this amazing accomplishment came about:

"Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey took earning cookie recognitions to a new level and introduced Philanthropic recognitions!

Each year our Cookie program has a new mascot and mascot themed items that girls can earn as they sell different level of cookie packages. This year our mascot was Hope the Horse (photo left)! Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey introduced our inaugural year of Philanthropic Recognitions and went on a mission to find Mylestone Equine Rescue, an organization in GSHNJ's geographical footprint to support. As girls hit milestones in their cookie program, they were given the opportunity to earn a recognition that would be delivered to them OR opt-out of the recognition and instead donate to help Mylestone!



"Girl Scouts from Hunterdon, Somerset, Hudson, Essex, Union, southern Warren, and northwestern Middlesex counties all had the option to participate in Philanthropic recognitions. In total, our girls helped donate \$4,000 in food and supplies for Mylestone to continue in their mission. Over 150+ Girl Scouts opted to donate instead of receive a recognition themselves, and as they sold more, they donated more in goods!"

We can't thank Stephanie and the participating Girl Scouts enough for their hard work, dedication to our cause, and kind hearts in choosing Mylestone's horses over their own personal recognitions. Thank you!

IN HONOR OF

- * The Gallagher Cousins in honor of Nancy Neary's 60th Birthday
- * Congregation Beth El in honor of Hanna Buchalter
- * Floyd Saums in honor of Barbara Riesenfled
- * Mal Bochner in honor of Marion Bochner
- * Judy Miller in honor of Deborah Polacek's Birthday



THANK YOU!

- * Donors and Sponsors
- * Devoted Volunteers

- * Califon Animal Hospital, Dr. Mary Beth Hamorski
- * 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!



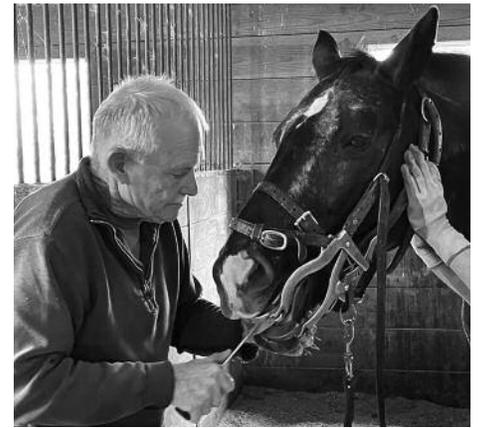
IT'S DENTIST DAY AT THE FARM!



Jim Edwards working on a very sedated Livy.



Brian Shaw working on Tommy.



Bill Schultze working on Holly.

October 25th was dentist day at the farm for the rescue horses. Bill Schultze, Jim Edwards, and Brian Shaw came to the farm to take care of the horses' teeth. The day went very smoothly and they were done in about 3 hours. Our vet, Dr. Mary Beth Hamorski, sedated most of the horses while they had their teeth done. Only Scout and Mini Pearl did not need to be sedated.

Susankelly is typically the only one who can catch Shadow, but had gone to pick up pizza for everyone's lunch, so Shadow was set to be rescheduled. We also wanted to wait on Yaz because he had a cut behind his ears that required a couple of staples. He is scheduled to be done in November when Bill Schultze and Dianne Frack would come back for Shadow and another rescue pony.

We greatly appreciate all the help we had the day of our horses' dental work, including Mike, Ed, Lois, Lori, Robin, and Nikki. Our horse dentists generously donate their time taking care of the rescue horses' teeth, saving us thousands of dollars every year. We are extremely grateful for their generous support.



Brian removing a tooth that fell out but was wedged between two other teeth in Dakota's mouth. Jim was holding up Dakota's head while Dakota was sedated to remove the tooth.

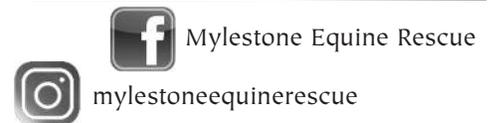
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* Alison Wildman Foundation

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- * Karen Chase for the Murray Muldofsky print to benefit the rescue horses.
- * Alana Middleton for the donation of blankets and sheets.



MEMORIALS

- * Vicki Casey in loving memory of her mom, Bobbi Casey
- * Michael, Susan, Christopher and Vicki in memory of Bobbi Casey
- * Don De Lambert in memory of Elizabeth De Lambert
- * Patricia Clayton in memory of Ellen Meade
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- * Mary McCarthy in memory of Shannon Helm
- * Kenneth Wlazlo in memory of Patricia Wlazlo
- * Terry Heide in memory of Jean Stamey-Whitmore
- * Audrey Magee in memory of Victor H. Gordon Jr.
- * Joanna West in memory of her beloved horse "Greco"
- * Cindy Woodhall in memory of "Buzzy"
- * Joan Dobbin's in memory of "Fezz Kavka"
- * Patty Falzarano in memory of Mylestone's Logan
- * Eva Ogens in memory of "Scooter"
- * Cheryl Kavka in memory of Lynn and Trudy's mare "Gracie Gracie"
- * Mary McCarthy in memory of "Henry" a beautiful pony
- * Hannah Shipley in memory of Mylestone's Cloudy
- * Judy Miller in memory of Jose Villasenor

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