

Mylestone Equine Rescue

Every horse we save makes a difference



2020 Help A Horse Day



A DIFFERENT EVENT
FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD
HOW WE'RE DOING
HELP A HORSE DAY NOW



Help us match a \$10,000 grant!

As you might expect, with all that's going on in New Jersey, our country, and the world, Mylestone's Help A Horse event is not going to be held on Saturday, April 25th, as planned at Horsemen's Outlet.

Due to the spread, and need to contain, the Coronavirus, not much is going as planned in all our lives at present; however ... we are still going to celebrate the rescue horses and hoping you will help us celebrate!

What is staying the same? Once again, very generous donors have offered a \$10,000 match for Help A Horse Day. That means all new sponsorships and donations



**"Does touching noses bring good luck?" asks Emmet.
"Don't know," says Casey, "but let's give it a try!"**

made in April marked "Help A Horse Day" will be matched up to \$10,000 to help the rescue horses. This is a wonderful opportunity for the horses, and we are deeply grateful that this match is still being offered! Please support us in this way!

What's different? While the physical event will not be held on the date planned, our very wonderful and generous partners at Horsemen's

Outlet are still hoping to hold this event for us once we are past the current crisis, whenever that might be. So please be sure to check our website and Facebook for the latest news on the re-scheduled Help A Horse Day event. Meanwhile
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Can we count on you to help us meet our match?

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU ...

Just like people, horses are prone to problems with their eyes, particularly as they age. Marley and Jackson have both had their eyes treated recently to help preserve their sight.

Marley, after his eye surgery

Over the winter Marley's left eye began to look different from his right eye. The nictitating membrane, also known as the third eyelid, became enlarged and began to protrude out of the orbit. Marley seemed comfortable and his vision was fine, but the eyelid continued to grow. After careful examination and confirmation that the swelling would not change with antibiotics or steroids the most likely diagnosis was cancer.

Cancers of the third eyelid are relatively common in horses. Generally speaking, the best way to diagnose and the best
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MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

- *Susankelly Thompson*



Teddy and Susankelly

As all of us adjust to this changing world in battling this virus, and with our daily lives vastly disrupted, the horses still expect to be fed their 4 meals a day and turned out. Their lives haven't changed in the least.

Despite the chaos of the world around us the horses thrive on their routine. We are currently rarely leaving the farm. We have hay, grain, and bedding delivered. We have our paid help but less volunteers coming, and thankfully, being outside makes it easier to practice social distancing. For now we are going along as we normally would taking care of the horses.

Our rescue horses have no one else to care for them, and many have been with us for over 15 years. Tommy and Livy have been together here for over 18 years, and this year we have had Cleo for 25 years, which is pretty amazing. I rescued Teddy (above) 17 years ago. He was my own personal horse, and losing him left a hole in my heart; he was so full of life and such a handful. He brought me a lot of joy, and he loved me unconditionally.

The Coronavirus will affect our ability to fundraise and that is why we are so thankful to have a matching donation still available to us for the month of April despite postponing our Help a Horse Day event. Please consider a donation towards the match!

Knowing the horses depend on us for everything, we are doing our best to meet all their needs. We greatly appreciate your continuing support of Mylestone during this tumultuous time. You can view pictures of the horses on our website, our Facebook page, and Instagram while you remain at home.

*Stay well and take care,
Susankelly*

HORSEMEN'S OUTLET HELPS MER AT THE HOLIDAYS



Board member and volunteer, Nikki, with the wonderful array of prizes that was available to bid on in Horsemen's Outlet, beautifully decorated for the holiday season.

One again Horsemen's Outlet invited Mylestone to set up during the holiday season to raise funds for the horses. The store was beautifully decorated and we had a table up front near the registers. There was a wonderful array of prizes for people to win.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered manning the table and to all the patrons who participated in the event. Thank you to all the staff at Horsemen's Outlet for putting on this fundraiser for the rescue horses.

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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 HONOR OF

- * Jack and Mary Desmond in honor of Marie Cirelli
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Although the percentage they offer seems small, it adds up and Mylestone has earned over \$2,404.58 as of February 2020. Thanks for shopping with Mylestone in mind!

DID YOU KNOW
Mylestone was featured in the February issue of

2020 Help A Horse Day (cont'd.)

Due to the current state of emergency with the Coronavirus, we have had to suspend all tours and visits to the farm until further notice. However, we thought we might take you on a mini-tour right here to inspire you to help the rescue horses during our Help A Horse Day matching challenge.



Scout and Holly



Tango



Livy



Sundance



Remember, you can mail in your donation or go online and donate through our website - just look for the gold donate button. We need you to help us reach our match! These funds will help us provide grain, bedding, hay, and vet care for the rescue horses on our farm, as well as funds for our Equine Relief Fund to help horses in need off of our farm.

***** Be sure to indicate "Help A Horse Day" on or along with your donation so it will apply towards our \$10,000 matching opportunity. Thank you!*****

MARLEY'S EYE TREATED FOR CANCER (cont'd.)



Above left, Marley's third eyelid with a cancerous growth, protruding out of the eye. At right, his eye after the third eyelid was removed. Marley recovered very well and has suffered no negative after effects from the surgery.

way to treat these cancers is to remove the eyelid. Thankfully, this is an easy procedure in horses and does not have any significant impact on the health of their eyes! We decided to go ahead and remove the eyelid and submit it for testing.

Marley was heavily sedated, but allowed to remain standing. He was given intra-

venous pain killers and an injectable antibiotic. The nerves going to the eye were numbed using local anesthetic and the third eyelid was cut out and sent to the lab. Marley did need some eye ointment for a few days, which he was not a fan of, but he recovered extremely well.

The lab at University of Pennsylvania determined that the tumor was a lymphosarcoma and that the bulk of the tumor had been removed but the margins might still have some cancer cells in them. While there are further treatments available to kill the last few tumor cells they involve administering eye medications four times a day for several weeks. Since Marley hates to have his eyes touched and since the chances of the tumor coming back are fairly small we decided to not pursue any other treatments. We will continue to monitor him closely but at the moment he does not seem to be missing his third eyelid at all!

- Dr. Simone Koster

JACKSON TREATED FOR EYE ULCER ... ON TOP OF GLAUCOMA, CATARACT



Jackson has been dealing with eye issues since we rescued him several years ago. His left eye was removed because it was painful and damaged from lack of treatment. His remaining (right) eye has a large cataract and is prone to uveitis. He has glaucoma and limited vision. Jackson gets eye meds 3-4 times a day on a regular basis.

Recently he got an eye ulcer and had to get medication 7-8 times a day. Thanks to Bruce's diligence in treating Jackson, the ulcer has healed and he is back on drops for uveitis and glaucoma. We are trying to save what little sight Jackson does have because we don't think he will do well being completely blind. We even put up solar lights around his fenced in area so he can find his water and stall at night.

Overall, Jackson has been very good about all this treatment. He enjoys horse treats each time he gets eye medication; Stud Muffins are his favorite.



Dr. Mary Beth checking the pressure in Jackson's eye. His eye is numbed before this testing.

Our veterinarians are here every Wednesday to re-check Jackson's eye. His medications cost \$100-\$150 per month.

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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Send In Proof-Of-Purchase Seals



Help the horses by saving your seals from Legends, Triple Crown, and Southern States feed bags. Each proof of purchase seal is worth 25 cents to help the rescue horses. We collect and submit these seals, and are now given a debit card to purchase grain through the S.H.O.W. program. All you need to do is collect the symbols, mail them to us, and we take care of the rest. It's such an easy way to participate in the care of the horses.

You can also share this information with your horse friends and at your barn.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

► River Edge Farm held a summer riding camp where the riding students held a lemonade sale which raised funds again this year for the rescue horses. We greatly appreciate their efforts, thank you!

► Sophie Carlucci celebrated her 9th birthday by helping the horses. In lieu of gifts, Mylestone received donations in honor of her birthday. Thank you, Sophie, for sharing your special day with the horses!

► Blue Star Webbing for donating assorted supplies, thank you!

► Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies for the horses either at the farm or at Horsemen's Outlet for us to consign. Horsemen's generously gives us 100% of consignment sales in store credit to purchase grain and other supplies for the horses.

► Special thank you to Kathryn and Linda for their generous support of Mylestone and the Equine Relief Fund!

WHAT IS THE EQUINE RELIEF FUND?

Trooper at Traveler's Rest Farm Sanctuary

This is Trooper, a gelding that was in the south Jersey area that needed a home. He is older and was very thin. Travellers Rest Farm Sanctuary in MD had the room to take him in. We sent a generous donation towards his recovery. He is doing very well in their care and will have a home with them for life.



PHOTO SUPPLIED

Trooper will never have to worry about his next meal again.



Chief at White Bird Appaloosa Horse Rescue



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Chief, enjoying a brushing, and above right, just looking amazingly handsome.



SPONSORSHIP FORM

Sponsors are the life blood of Mylestone's efforts - we truly could not do it without you. To become a sponsor, forward this form with the sum of \$50.00 for two months, or more for additional months, (see below), which will be applied towards the care of the Mylestone horse of your choice, or we can select the horse in the greatest need of sponsors. You can sponsor for two months or for as many additional months as you would like for \$25.00 per month. You will receive a photo and sponsor letter monthly, updating you on the goings-on at the farm.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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E-Mail: _____

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

Enclosed is \$ _____. I would like to become a sponsor for

Emmett Casey Marley Jackson Holly

Horse in Need or _____ (name of horse) for:

(check one) 2 months (\$50.00) 3 months (\$75.00)

6 months (\$150.00) one year (\$300.00)

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Mylestone's Equine Relief Fund was established to provide emergency support for horses in need. We partner with humane authorities, veterinarians, and non-profit rescue groups that are registered charities to provide funding for various veterinary services including coggins tests, which are necessary for trailering horses, emergency care, castrations, and humane euthanasia. Mylestone also provides euthanasia services for horses in desperate need when individuals devoted to their horses are truly unable to afford it and in conjunction with their veterinarian.

Here are two examples of how Mylestone's Equine Relief Fund made a differ-

"Chief is a handsome 9-year-old Appaloosa gelding who came from a hoarding situation in 2014. Raised without any human handling, he was a semi-feral bachelor stallion when he was surrendered by his owner, along with 35 other horses, to the White Bird Appaloosa Horse Rescue. Since that time, he has come a long way. This once fearful boy has discovered that he actually enjoys people. He can lead, tie, pick up his feet, and beg for peppermints! But he has frustrated two trainers in that he just does not fit most standard training regimens, which are designed for better socialized horses. So his friends at White Bird are giving him the time he needs to learn to be a good citizen. But this also means that he will be at the rescue for a little while longer. The folks at White Bird deeply appreciated the assistance from Mylestone for their veterinary support of horses like Chief who cannot or should not be rehomed quickly. The right home is out there, and thanks to Mylestone, Chief will have time to find it." - Jorg at White Bird

THANK YOU!

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* 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!