

Milestone Equine Rescue

Every horse we save makes a difference



HELP US MATCH A \$10,000 GRANT!

2021 Help A Horse Day



Jiminy says, "Did you hear the great news? We've been offered a \$10,000 grant - and you can match it and help the horses!"

Can we count on you to help us meet our match?

We are so fortunate again this year to be offered a \$10,000 match for our 2021 Help a Horse Day event. Although Help A Horse Day is officially April 26, all donations made in the month of April and marked for Help A Horse Day will be matched up to \$10,000! The funds raised will go towards the care of our rescue horses.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we are not able to hold a physical event this year at Horsemen's Outlet. But thanks to their wonderful generosity, the store will be doing a promotion for Help a Horse Day to benefit Milestone. They will be collecting items from our wish list in the store. (See page 3.)

Covid-19 has presented us with many challenges again this year. Between the loss of volunteers and our ability to hold events, fundraising for the rescue horses has been extremely difficult. In these economically challenging times, our general donations and sponsorship are down, and that is why this match is so important to us!

More than ever before, we need your monetary support to be able to meet this match. Please be sure to mention that your donation is for Help a Horse Day to insure it is counted towards the match. And look inside for more ways to help! Thank you so very much for helping us make a difference.

MAGGIE'S ULCERATED EYE REQUIRED REMOVAL

Maggie has been in foster care locally since rescued from an auction 9 years ago. She recently developed an eye ulcer in her left eye and despite her sweet nature overall would not allow her foster mom to easily treat her eye. The meds needed to go in her eye several times a day and each time was a fight to get them in. When she started to rear up we knew we had to move on to another form of treatment.

Maggie did not have full vision in the eye, but Dr. MaryBeth wanted to save what she had. Maggie was sent to our vet's barn for daily treatment. They put a catheter in Maggie's lid with a tube that went back through her mane. They could put medication in her eye from the catheter without having to touch her face and eye. Maggie was good for treatment but the eye ulcer was not healing as it should have been.

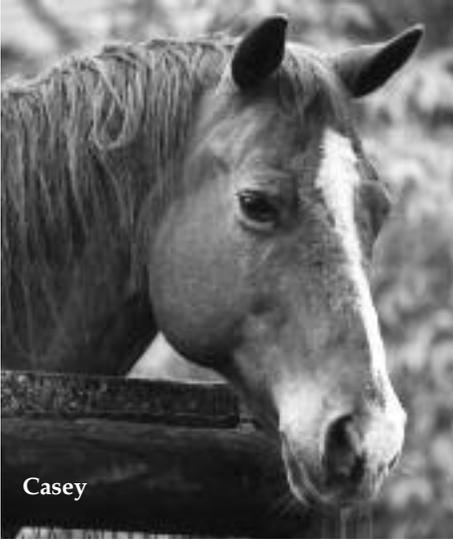
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Maggie is an Appaloosa rescued from auction, and one of Milestone's many senior residents.

MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

- *Susankelly Thompson*



Casey

After this snowy winter we are looking forward to the warm sunshine of spring and hints of green blossoming around us. The horses will be happy to have their winter blankets off.

Hard to believe a year of dealing with the pandemic has gone by. Our world on the farm has stayed small; our focus is on insuring the horses' daily needs are met no matter what the weather.

We had a rough two weeks in February with Scout becoming very ill and Casey colicking. We were up around the clock in the bitter cold and the vets were here regularly. It was a challenge getting Scout, who weighs roughly 2000 pounds, up and walking when he just wanted to lay down. Scout is rarely ever sick, but he

was ill for about 5 days. Several other horses had issues as well, but thankfully, we were able to pull them all through it. Scout was soon back to his playful self, banging his stall door looking for food.

Throughout this past year my youngest son, Austin, and I have also been volunteering at our local food pantry to ensure that those in need of food are helped. We make up bags of food every week for the other volunteers to hand out on Wednesday mornings. Our horses are fed 4 meals a day and it bothered us to think that there were people around us who didn't have enough food for 2 or 3 meals, so Austin and I have kept busy balancing the farm and the food pantry.

We are hoping spring will be a quiet transition because in just February alone we spent a quarter of our annual budget for vet bills. We also lost several monthly sponsors for the horses. This is why your continued support is so important to us, especially with the \$10,000 match opportunity. Large or small, we appreciate all donations - please help us meet our match! Thank you.

*Stay well and enjoy the warmer weather,
Susankelly*

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Pop-leeze?

We've never actually known our Poppy to beg ... unless it was for food, of course. Yet here she is ... putting on her best 'Won't you please?' face.



Poppy would like to remind you that it was Mylestone that saved her life and that of her best friend Mini Pearl so many years ago. They were in a terrible situation, living for over two years in the bedroom of a foreclosed home. (They'd been kept in the basement until it flooded.) It was only because of Mylestone that they were rescued and came to live a good life here on the farm. Because that's the kind of wonderful work Mylestone does.

And that's why Poppy is begging - won't you please help us meet our match?

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

- * Donald Pendley in honor of Deborah Polacek's birthday.
- * Valerie Ryan in honor of Nancy Ryan
- * Donna Rottengen in honor of Kathy Pritchard's birthday.
- * Judy Graef in honor of Kathy Pritchard's birthday.
- * Phyllis Gordon in honor of Linda Mansfield
- * Alice Picking in honor of Lori and Larry Dabkowski
- * Betty Archer in honor of Janis and Bill McCracken

GRANTS/FOUNDATIONS

We are very thankful for the continued grants for Mylestone's work and care of the horses from the following foundations:

- ⇒ The Tyler Foundation
- ⇒ The Berry Family Foundation
- ⇒ The Fournier Family Foundation
- ⇒ The Copper Beech Foundation

You Shopped & Helped the Horses!

What great news! We just received a quarterly donation from AmazonSmile of \$357.00, and at no cost to you or us - it's simply because you shopped on AmazonSmile and picked Mylestone as your charity. How's that for a big win?

In addition, Mylestone has received a total of \$3,437.49 since we enrolled in the program, and that's all thanks to you who've been doing exactly what you always do - shop on AmazonSmile for everyday purchases.



So we'd like to thank you and just add a few words KEEP ON SHOPPING!!



MAGGIE (cont'd.)

Being away from home at our vet's barn, Maggie became depressed and missed her buddies. Maggie was also not used to being stalled; she lived out 24/7 and it was stressful for her.

After a week it was decided that the best course of action was to remove her eye rather than put her through 2-3 more weeks of treatment. Dr. Koster and Dr. Hamorski removed Maggie's left eye in a heavily sedated standing procedure.

Today Maggie is back with her buddies though they weren't quite sure what to make of her bandaged face and big plastic eye shield. She is on Gastrogard for stomach ulcers and now finishing her grain. Maggie is very happy to be back home.

Thank you to her devoted foster mom Laurel.



HORSEMEN'S OUTLET HELPED FOR THE HOLIDAYS ...



Horsemen's Outlet did a Giving Tree last holiday season to benefit the Mylestone horses since we couldn't set up in the store. Their customers took a price tag off from the tree and purchased that item for the horses. All the tags were purchased and we ended up with over \$700 worth of barn supplies that we use regularly.

It was a great way to help the horses for the 2020 holiday season. We thank Horsemen's staff and patrons for helping out the rescue!

AND IS HELPING US MEET OUR MATCH!

Horsemen's Outlet is holding an in-store event for the month of April to promote Mylestone's Help a Horse Day that will include a \$500 Horsemen's Outlet Gift card giveaway.

Items will be collected from our wish list that people can purchase in the store. Horsemen's will also be collecting food donations for the Finesville Church's food pantry where Susankelly and Austin volunteer.

For all the wonderful help that Horsemen's Outlet gives to Mylestone, and because they are simply so good at what they do in providing horse and rider with everything they need, we hope you will bring your business to Horsemen's Outlet!

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Looking for Love ... Let's Hear It for the Boys!



Emmett - was saved from slaughter several years ago. Emmett has had chronic lameness issues over the years. Part of his issues are caused by his getting up from laying down by pressing off his knees instead of normally getting up from his hind legs first. This has caused callouses on his knees that require constant care. Emmett is a real character and enjoys playing with the other horses. He is quite goofy and makes us laugh. He'd love to be loved by you!



Marley - is an older gelding in his late teens, early 20's. He came to us starved and has now filled out beautifully. Marley loves to gallop up and down the fence line playing with the other horses. He has a feisty streak especially at feeding time. But he'd be nothing but sweet if you were his sponsor.



Tango - is a very handsome and photogenic horse. He came to us starved, and has made a wonderful recovery. His buddy is Marley, though Tango does tend to be bossy. Tango is older, mid 20's in age. He likes to flirt over the fence with Cleo and Piper who live out in the paddock next to him. Tango thrives on routine.



Tommy - has been together with his best buddy Livy for 20 years now. They are extremely bonded and only separated when Tommy is fed (as Livy will eat his food if together!) Tommy loves to play with his horse friends Emmett and Woody, often galloping up and down the fence with them. He is in his early 20's.

Jiminy - (featured on the cover) is a spunky pony despite his older age, mid 20's. He was abused in his past but has come a long way. He was also injured a long time ago in a cart accident and has a funny gait. He tends to be high strung and easily gets riled up, but you can't help but be drawn in by his big brown eyes. Jiminy is curious and likes his horse friends Phebe and Dakota. He also loves sponsors!

It's finally Spring! And as the weather turns warmer, our hearts turn to love. And that's just what a few of our beautiful horses need ... love! Not just any love, but the special kind that a sponsor brings through the ongoing care of our sponsorship program. So let's hear it for the boys and share some of that Springtime warmth!



Starry Night - is a handsome older gelding who turned 24 this year. He came with his buddy Casper. Starry does have a tendency to be bossy to Casper at times. Starry is very outgoing and loves other horses, especially playing over the fence with them. When they walk away from him he will start whinnying for them to come back and play. He is very inquisitive. He's curious - would you sponsor him?

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: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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 Jiminy Marley Tango
 Tommy Starry Night

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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How Helping Us Meet Our Match Helps the Rescue Horses

Gus has had a wound on his left front leg for months now that isn't healing as well as it should be. We kept it wrapped for a few months, and once healed, Gus didn't have to wear the bandage. Soon the wound was forming granulated tissue again and the vet had to scrape off this tissue. Back to bandaging his leg again. Gus is a good patient. We are watching to see if Gus is banging the wound when he is playing with the other horses, affecting its ability to heal.



Emmett has chronic callouses on his knees because he doesn't get up from lying down by pushing off from his hind legs and stretching his front legs in front of him. Instead, he pushes off his front knees causing constant irritation. At right, the vet was cleaning up Emmett's knees. We put medication on them daily, and he just came off antibiotics. There is no simple way to protect his knees. We try and keep his stall well bedded but this doesn't help when he is outside. As you can see by his photo (he's sticking his tongue out), Emmett is not thrilled with his vet visit. He is such a character.

One of the greatest expenses here at Mylestone ... and on any horse farm ... is veterinary care. Rarely are these expenses anticipated ... living creatures can get in all kinds of trouble, as you well know.

Featured here are just a few of the cases requiring recent veterinary services. In the month of February alone, Mylestone's vet bills were \$9,000. This is why your helping us meet our match is so important. Thank you.

**As we go to press, Patty is dealing with a neurological issue; we are awaiting blood test results. The vet has administered IV DMSO and she is on pain meds in hopes of some improvement. Logan went off his feed and we are treating him for ulcers again. He has an extremely sensitive system.*

Scout, who is rarely sick, was terribly ill for about 5 days. The vets were not able to provide a definitive diagnosis but suspected a virus that upset his stomach and caused



him to go off his feed and feel colicky. We mainly provided him with supportive care. Above, the vet putting a tube into Scout's nose and down into his stomach to check for reflux to make sure there wasn't a stomach impaction. This was followed by giving him fluids.

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!

SPECIAL THANK YOU

◆ Thank you to the Alexandria Equestrian Association for their generous support of Mylestone.

◆ We are grateful to all those who helped us get through this winter, our barn help and a small group of volunteers.

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.

In the month of April, your gift will be applied to help us match the \$10,000 grant opportunity.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

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

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ to be applied to the Help A Horse Day match challenge!

Send to:

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Your gift is tax deductible

Let's take a tour of the farm - we miss you!

We miss you all - we miss your visits and miss holding an annual event here at the farm, but with continued restrictions due to the Coronavirus, we need to stay home and safe. However ... we thought you might want to take a little visit here and see some recent shots of the farm in celebration of Help A Horse Day.



Lucy having a great time in the snow.



Marley and Phineas playing over the fence. Cloudy grazing in forefront, Tango on left grazing, Casper and Starry in back.



The farm always looks gorgeous in the snow ... negotiating it to clean, feed, and water the horses is another story, but no one ever misses a meal or some time for a little affection.



Tyler all bundled up to enjoy some time in the snowy outdoors.



Logan, adorable as ever, coming through the drifts to greet the photographer.

MEMORIALS

- ▶ The de Lambert and Taylor families in loving memory of Elizabeth Ann de Lambert
- ▶ Peter and Annetta Benedict in memory of Matt LaRosa
- ▶ Kathleen Pritchard in memory of Randy Pritchard
- ▶ Bernadett Kelly in memory of Ted Rubitz
- ▶ The Holochwost Family in memory of Thomas Holochwost
- ▶ Chandler Hall Continuing Care Community Auxiliary in memory of Mary Margaret and LeRoy Lawton.
- ▶ Betsy Bayardi in memory of Mary Margaret and LeRoy Lawton
- ▶ Ellen D'Andrea in memory of Mark Bond
- ▶ Kenneth Wlazlo in memory of Patricia Wlazlo
- ▶ Christine Heimsch in memory of Charles Thompson
- ▶ Deborah Michelsen in loving memory of Phebe Palmer Bishop
- ▶ Mary and Jim Allen in memory of Lou DeHart
- ▶ Dorothy Quail in memory of Kathleen Quail
- ▶ Kimberly Moore in memory of her dad W. Robert Hentges
- ▶ Noemi Alberu in memory of "HotShot"
- ▶ The Zaccheo Family in loving memory of their horse "Ringer"
- ▶ Darlene Velenchenko-Transky in memory of her "Pony"
- ▶ Robin Hill Farm and Stable in loving memory of "Kohl" and "Jefferson"
- ▶ Anonymous donation in loving memory and honor of "Rebel"

***** 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!*****

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.