

# Milestone Equine Rescue

*Every horse we save makes a difference*



## LIFELONG LESSON HORSE GUS JOINS MILESTONE FOR RETIREMENT

We welcomed Gus to the farm in May. He had been a longtime lesson horse for many years at a stable in NJ. Unfortunately, the stable had to close for financial reasons. We had originally agreed to take on a different gelding who had been there for many years too. We were paying board for him until he could come to the farm, but happily, he ended up being adopted with his pasture mate to one of our supporters. So we offered to take Gus and give him a home here.



Gus is in his early 20's and is a beautiful chestnut gelding. He settled in fairly quickly here and goes out with Phineas (a horse rescued and whose expenses are paid for by our kindhearted eldest son, Samuel.) Gus has a large stall in the barn with a window where he enjoys hanging his head out. He is about 15.1 hands high and a stocky Quarter Horse. He does need special shoes due to navicular disease. He taught many people over the years to ride and is now going to enjoy retirement. We hope the school children will be able to return for the grooming program. Gus will be a wonderful addition for the students to groom. We appreciate any support for Gus!

★★★★★★★★★★★★★ **WOO HOO!** ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

## WE MET OUR MATCH FOR HELP A HORSE DAY!

Mini Pearl is jumping for joy, as are we, over meeting our Help a Horse Day \$10,000 match! We raised over \$30,000 for the rescue horses and the Equine Relief Fund.



Since being under lockdown for the past three months due to Covid19 and having to cancel our event at Horsemen's Outlet we were really unsure how successful the \$10,000 match would be overall. We are thrilled and grateful because we have recently had large vet bills; we have our new rescue horse Gus; and we have been able to allot funding for our Equine Relief Fund. Just because New Jersey is able to open back up doesn't mean every-

thing will quickly go back to normal -- horse owners are still struggling, many have lost jobs and/or faced cutbacks. Many of our events are still cancelled. It remains a challenging time.

We are happy to be able to help out other horses with the Equine Relief Fund as well as all the horses in our care. We thank everyone who donated towards the match -- thank you all for making such a difference to the horses. We also must say a very special thank you to the donors who offered this extremely generous match and made this fundraiser possible!



How our world has drastically changed in such a few short months as we still come to terms with COVID-19!

To the horses, nothing has changed. They expect to be fed 4 times a day, turned out, have clean stalls, and their normal routine day after day. As for Bruce and I, we are thankful the pandemic didn't occur in the winter months when we manage the farm without the help of most of our volunteers.

Slowly, as New Jersey has begun to open back up, some of our volunteers are returning. We are grateful for the help from our devoted staff and volunteers. At this time we don't know when we can resume tours. We miss the students coming for the grooming program, and don't know if they will be able to return this fall or not. So much of our lives is in flux but our focus is on the horses and meeting their needs.

We know many of you may be struggling in this uncertainty as are we with our fundraisers and events cancelled. You have helped us to make a difference in the lives of our rescue horses. For example, Logan came to us terribly abused, afraid of everything, and has come such a long way. He hangs his head over his stall door looking for attention now. Tango and Marley, once starved and mentally beaten down, look wonderful. Starry Night and Casper are thriving after being rescued last summer. The horses are so fortunate to have your support and dedication -- you have made it possible for us give them a second chance. Thank you!

Take good care and stay well,  
Susankelly

**HORSEMEN'S OUTLET MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR HELP A HORSE DAY**



PHOTO COURTESY: HORSEMEN'S OUTLET

**Bruce Thompson with a truckload of donated horse supplies thanks to the efforts of our wonderful supporters, Horsemen's Outlet.**

During our Help a Horse Day Match event, Horsemen's Outlet found a way to help the horses despite the store being closed and only available for curbside pick up during the month of April. They encouraged people to purchase items from our wish list for the horses. We so appreciate their continued support and all their patrons that participated. Bruce went down to the store to pick up all the donations!

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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

- \* Carol A. Cooper in honor of Darla Kalman
- \* Pamela Ahlstrand in honor of devoted volunteer Steve Marone's Birthday

## GRANTS/FOUNDATIONS

- ◆ The Fournier Family Foundation
- ◆ The McCrane Foundation
- ◆ The Lewis H. Bochner Wildlife Trust

### Send In Proof-Of-Purchase Seals



This is still a great way to help feed the horses. Please save 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. Be assured that while we are still coping with the pandemic we will take all necessary measures to handle mail carefully, and you need not worry about sending us anything. Sharing this information with your horse friends and at your barn further helps the horses. Thank you.



**The following is a letter we received from Mountainview Horse Rescue. When we hear this, we know all our efforts are worth it and the funds are well-spent.**

"How can I thank you all??? My heart is full! As we understand you all know, rescue funding is for us a struggle. With this virus it has just hit us so hard. We have so many animals and have been struggling so much ... when you all graciously sent this donation ... oh my gosh, we were losing hope! We will send pictures and a more formal thank you. Hay has been ordered and will be delivered as soon as possible.... I just wanted to acknowledge your donation. My heart is full. I was actually in tears. We cannot thank you enough and will send another thank you and pictures... Stay well, stay safe...

All at Mountainview Horse Rescue"

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

The pandemic has been wreaking havoc on so many lives, forcing people to struggle to feed themselves and their families, let alone providing for their horses. As rescue groups, we have seen a huge downturn in donations due to cancelled fundraising events and people forced to cut back in their giving.

We have been working closely with a group called Fleet of Angels. They are helping horse owners in need as well as rescue groups with micro grants. Our Equine Relief Fund has been able to donate funds to help feed over 250 horses and still counting. They purchase the hay directly for the recipient; rescue groups receive grants. We have been trying to help local folks as well. We have purchased grain, donated funds for grain and hay to help horse owners in need. We have also helped rescue groups with vet bills, grain and hay as well.

The need is great -- we are doing what we can to help but we have limited funds. We have been able to give out over \$11,000 to help other horses in need and we are so thankful to be able to make a small difference. Please consider a donation to our Equine Relief Fund!

Here are a few photos and responses we've received from those who have benefited from the Equine Relief Fund.



PHOTO COURTESY: STARFISH EQUINE RESCUE

*"It was such a nice surprise and relief to receive this hay grant. We can't thank everyone enough. We just got our load of hay yesterday morning. We unloaded 330 bales of hay."*

**Ashley White  
Starfish Equine Rescue**

**Abby Marie Revoir, who started this rescue, used to volunteer with us when she attended Centenary in 2014.**



PHOTO COURTESY: FLEET OF ANGELS

**Thanks to a grant from Fleet of Angels with the help of Milestone, hay was delivered to feed horses in need.**

## IN MEMORY OF GHOST

Sadly we must share with you that Ghost was humanely put down.

Ghost was very majestic and proud. We saved him from ending up at an auction and gave him 16 good years here. He'd been on his way to auction because he couldn't jump the level his owner's trainer wanted and he was simply discarded for another new horse. Unfortunately, offers of adoption fell through over the years, but we continued to care for him for more than half of his life. Ghost was 29-30 years old.

Ghost had many melanomas both inside his body and out. In the past couple of months his behavior dramatically changed; it became erratic and fearful. He was bonded to Bruce and was usually good for him and that changed, too. We tried many different solutions to manage his behavioral changes; the vets did blood work and various other tests. We did not feel Ghost could handle going to an equine hospital for a scan of his brain. He had not been off the farm since he arrived many years ago and was attached to the horses here. We wondered if he had a melanoma pressing somewhere near his brain causing these behavioral changes.

As an ex-racehorse, Ghost was high strung and needed a lot of extra attention. But these recent changes were difficult to manage and dangerous, and Bruce feared he was going to get hurt. After much discussions with our vets, we finally had no other options.

Ghost was adored by many and will be missed.



## MEMORIALS

- ❖ Ellen Falduto in loving memory of Arlene Falduto
- ❖ Timothy Dineen in memory of Mary Arlene Falduto
- ❖ Mary Goodman in memory of Mary Arlene Falduto
- ❖ Mary Rea in memory of Mary Arlene Falduto
- ❖ Rick and Carol Detweiler in memory of Mary Arlene Falduto
- ❖ Christine Heimsch in loving memory of Mary Arlene Falduto
- ❖ Audrey Magee in memory of John Brennan
- ❖ Lori Trimble and D. Todd Sidor in memory of Amelia Trimble
- ❖ Rebecca Banemen in memory of Matthew LaRosa
- ❖ Jim Celico in loving memory of his wife Dee Celico
- ❖ Kenneth Wlazlo in memory of his wife Patricia Wlazlo
- ❖ Heather Smith in memory of Marieliese Mihok
- ❖ Feli and Bruce Carter in memory of Val Ryan's horse "Mariah"



## ONE GENEROUS YOUNG LADY & COACH STOP SADDLERY HELP OUR HORSES



PHOTO COURTESY: MARIN RESNICK

### Jerri with her extensive collection of Breyer horses.

Jerri Barrett generously offered her Breyer horses for sale at Coach Stop Saddlery in Bedminster to benefit our rescue horses. Her family has been a long time sponsor of Sundance. Jerri actively rides and shows herself and wanted to help spread some love for the rescue horses. Thank you to Coach Stop for all your continued support of Mylestone and allowing Jerri to sell her Breyer horses for our horses.

Find out what's available at Coach Stop - (908) 735-5192 or on Facebook @coachstopsaddle

## 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a special donation towards Mylestone's Equine Relief Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:

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Your gift is tax deductible

## A BRIGHT SPOT ON THE FARM DURING THE PANDEMIC



Austin walking Scout to the front field.

During this pandemic we have been short the majority of our volunteer help. Bruce and I have been so extremely blessed to have our son Austin's help. He helps us with feeding dinners, moving the horses, as well as doing some of the late night feedings by himself. He helps Bruce with mowing and other chores around the farm. He is very devoted to the horses; Sundance and Scout are his favorites.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

- ◆ To our vets Dr. Mary Beth Hamorski and Dr Simone Koster for making sure our rescue horses' needs are met despite this challenging time with COVID-19!
- ◆ Margrit McCrane for your long time support of Mylestone's efforts.
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Wagner for their generous support of Mylestone's horses.
- ◆ Robyn Rasmussen proprietor of Coach Stop Saddlery for fundraising for Mylestone.

## 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!

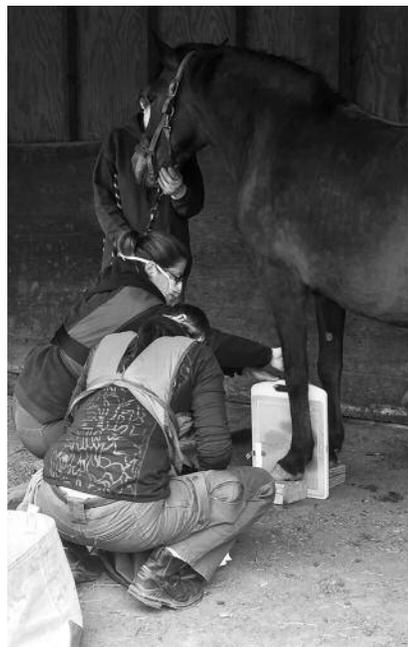
## OUR HORSES' NEEDS CONTINUE TO BE MET BY OUR WONDERFUL VETERINARIANS

*We are extremely grateful to our wonderful vets who haven't missed a beat when it comes to the care of our rescue horses despite the challenges of the pandemic. Thank you to Dr. Mary Beth Hamorski and Dr. Simone Koster for ensuring our horses are comfortable and well.*

Tyler has various lameness issues - arthritis in his left knee and now some issues with his stifles in his hind legs. We have found that the acupuncture treatments seem to make him more comfortable. Dr. Koster performs the treatments about once a month. They are about an hour long and help to relieve soreness in his muscles. Tyler is such a character, always looking for a horse treat. He constantly makes low nickering sounds to us and is very social. He enjoys attention. We want to make him as comfortable as we can, given his issues. Tyler is about 27 years old now.



Dr. Koster treating Tyler with acupuncture to relieve muscle soreness.



Dr Koster had to X-ray Piper's front hooves because she has been sore. We wanted to make sure she wasn't having a bout of laminitis. She had also been sore in her neck. These concerns led us to test Piper for Lyme disease which came up positive. We subsequently treated her for Lyme disease. She has definitely improved and is less stiff. She no longer seems painful in her neck. Often times with the horses we don't have clear cut answers and have to do more testing to get answers to be able to provide the proper treatment.

**Dr. Koster takes X-rays of Piper's front hooves to determine why she's been feeling sore.**

*Sponsoring a horse is a very special gift - for both you and the horse. You will receive a photo of your horse each month plus a letter keeping you up to date on happenings at the farm. Your selected horse is the recipient of the most competent and compassionate care that any horse could ever receive. Thank you for considering sponsoring one of our rescue horses.*



## Summer Sweethearts



Casper arrived last August with Starry Night. He was the thinner of the two, but has since filled out beautifully.

### **One Tiny Step ... Can Make A Big Difference to the Horses!**

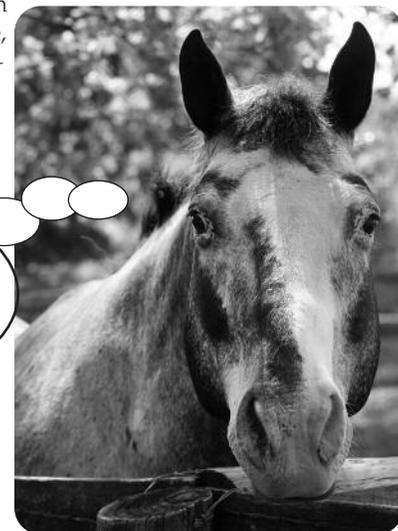


One of the most massive changes that has come about in the global pandemic is how people shop.

We all shopped online before, but never like this. We are buying *everything* online from groceries to major appliances.

And the largest shopping destination by far is Amazon.

You can help so much with **one tiny step** ... when you shop on Amazon, log in to AmazonSmile instead of "plain" amazon.com. That's it. The first time you go in to AmazonSmile, you will log in same as always, then be asked to select a charity - pick Mylestone. It's as easy as that! From that day forward, just log in to AmazonSmile and with every purchase you make, Amazon donates a percentage to Mylestone.



*Emmett says ...  
Shop AmazonSmile and  
help feed me and all  
my friends!!*

### 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

Gus  Tyler  Piper  Mini Pearl  Casper

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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