

# Milestone Equine Rescue

*Every horse we save makes a difference*



## Welcome Our New Pony ... Phebe

A fellow rescuer, Dawn, runs Rosemary Farm where she has a lot of rescue horses ... eighty-five! The majority live out in huge fields on her farm in New York. Dawn took in a starved pony about two months ago; she was for sale on craigslist and in bad shape.

Dawn named the new rescue pony Phebe after reading about Susankelly's mom's passing which was very touching. Susankelly got busy with the farm and family and didn't give the pony another thought. But in checking on Dawn's Facebook page to see how Phebe was doing, it stated that she loved attention and was really sweet. We reached out to Dawn and said if Phebe ever needed a home to let us know. Dawn replied saying that Phebe really needed more attention than they could give; they were full up but didn't want to turn her away. And then, that the foster home Phebe was supposed to go to fell through and would Milestone like her!

It is very common for rescue groups to work together like this. Often times we can help more horses



Phebe needs to gain about 100 pounds. She was purchased from craigslist where she faced an uncertain - at best - future. Phebe's paint markings give her a big heart on her side.

overall when we are able to help each other out. Phebe is a pony in her mid-20's. She will continue to recover here at Milestone, and needs to gain about 100 pounds. We hope she will be able to be used for our grooming program. She is very talkative and nickers frequently. She seems to be settling in well.

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## HELP A HORSE DAY EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS!



Reed Dubow was on hand to accept the many generous donations to help a local food pantry.



Everyone came to help the horses! From left, volunteers Nikki, Amy, Cheryl, Cynthia, Barbara, Dawn, and Fezzik the Newfie all added to our great day.

Sarah Prant Ercolano, Mary Ellen O'Toole and the rest of the Horseman's Outlet staff, as always, were wonderful partners in making this event a success. They provided tasty food for sale and had a huge tent sale to entice more attendees throughout the day. The store also held a raffle for a chance to win a gift card if you brought any item for the local food pantry. The food drive

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These past few months have been very difficult for us. My mother was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in mid-March and died April 29th. Her memorial service was May 11th. I dropped everything to go and care for her. I was very grateful to Bruce for picking up all the medical care of the horses as well as all his other chores and keeping our household running. I helped my father by going to every doctor's appointment and trying to absorb the whirlwind ride we were on. The time my sister and I had caring for our mother was precious. My mother's love of horses from a very young age came from her father, my grandfather, Max Palmer, and is what led me to eventually start a horse rescue. I shared my mom's love of horses, and the last 24 years she was who I called to talk to about the horses. She understood the medical issues and had great compassion for the horses. She enjoyed coming to the farm and

walking around to visit them. Over the years she brushed several of them, and got her "horse fix" by coming here.

About 7 years ago we rescued an abandoned pony that had medical issues. Our son Austin was about 4 years old at the time. This pony named Suey immediately attached herself to Austin. My mother was so taken with their relationship she wanted to help with Suey's expenses so we could adopt her for Austin. Suey is a very smart pony and I think she always knew my mom helped her. She adored my mother. My mother made her being here possible, and Austin and Suey to this day have a very special relationship. My mom enjoyed helping us with baskets for the silent auction, baking, and with my dad, helping out at our big events. My mother was a very talented artist and quilter, creating beautiful notecards to sell and raise money for the horses.



I am struggling to get back on track; I spoke to her just about every day. I miss that connection with her dearly. She was so humble and kind and had true compassion for so many. She was a gentle soul who is greatly missed by many. She was devoted to her grandchildren and family. We were very blessed to have her as our mother and in our lives. I hope there are lots of horses in heaven, because I am sure she is taking care of them.

*- Susankelly*

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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.

## **HELP A HORSE DAY (cont'd.)**

was tremendously successful and will go to help many local families struggling to feed themselves and their families.

Unlike some of our previous events, the gods were smiling on us this year for a comfortably warm and sunny Help a Horse Day on April 28th. The day was an amazing success and we had a great turnout. Some of the dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the day to sell merchandise and baked goods while others showcased the many wonderful silent auction items including a hand crafted wooden horse jump donated by Pine Box Woodworking.

All the volunteers shared information about our amazing opportunity to receive a matching gift and handed out flyers with information. The Girl Scouts attended and helped to promote the Purina and Southern States proof of purchase seal program so that Mylestone could receive free bags of grain and funds. We also had therapy dog and Pug extraordinaire Mugsy, and his human Ashley from Cards by Franny selling beautiful handmade cards and sharing Pug love.

Whether you donated auction items or baked goods, volunteered, bid on the auction, bought merchandise or yummy pastries, made a monetary donation or just attended in support of the work we do, we cannot thank you enough and greatly appreciate your support! You not only allow our horses to have a better life, but help local families in



Sarah Prant Ercolano, second from left, and Mary Ellen O'Toole, second from right, continue to make Help A Horse Day possible. Also pictured on outside left and right are Board members Lois Commander and Cheryl Kavka. In center Sophia and friend.

need as well. We are happy to report that we not only reached, but exceeded, our monetary goal, and the anonymous donor who offered to match up to \$10,000 was so impressed with our outcome they even added a little extra for all the hard work! We couldn't ask for a better end to a great day.

Check out our website for many more photos.

## **Welcome Phebe (continued)**

Currently we have her going out by herself because she is being treated for lice. She loves her meals and has already started gaining more weight. She is so good to lead which is wonderful because we will teach the special needs kids to walk her around. We welcome Phebe to the farm and hope you will consider sponsoring our newest girl.

Inside the barn, Emmett is very interested in the new arrival, while Phebe seems more interested to see if we have her next meal.



## **SPECIAL THANK YOU**

\* To everyone who participated in making our Help a Horse Day event such a huge success! We are so grateful.

\* To Maria Buniva who organized a terrific fundraiser at the Clinton Public School for Help A Horse Day. Maria first had 4th and 5th grade students make morning announcements and create posters advertising the fund raiser. Maria then spoke to the group about the Mylestone horses they'd be helping and showed photos. Fellow teachers, Lisa Rizzi and Judy Liptak, plus student Amanda Rizzi, helped with the event called Paint to Help the Horses. About 40 students from 1st through 7th grade participated. Maria demonstrated and showed a model of the painting students created a painting that they could take home. Snacks and a drink were also provided. Together with some generous donations, Maria and the students raised \$500 for Help A Horse Day!

## **THANK YOU!**

*\* Donors and Sponsors*

*\* Devoted Volunteers*

*\* Califon Animal Hospital & Dr. Mary Beth Hamorski  
Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center*

*\* 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 generously donated  
items for the horses, plus blankets, tack and assorted items  
for us to put on consignment at Horsemen's Outlet*

*If we have accidentally omitted anyone, please accept our apologies -  
we are so very grateful for all you do for the horses!*

## In Loving Memory ... Blaze



Blaze with two of his biggest fans, among the many devoted Midland School students who loved to care for him.

had no other option than to humanely put him down. It was very hard because Blaze was such a wonderful personality and really considered himself more like a person than a horse.

He truly was one of a kind and he made so many special kids happy all these years, over 10 years, to be exact. He gave so much love unconditionally. He was so trustworthy and loyal; we were truly lucky to be blessed with him.

Blaze had been on borrowed time for a while ... he'd become neurological from EPM and his terrible sway back was continuing to get worse. Blaze was so determined to keep going that we went against the advice of the vet to put him down and tried different treatment options. He had his good days and not so good days, but he was happy and always looking for food.

Something happened at lunchtime in early June and he didn't want to come for food. We realized he had injured his left hind leg at some point that morning and he couldn't walk well at all. We

Blaze first came to us in 2008, originally taken by the Gloucester County SPCA from a woman who was starving him and not taking paper care of him. He needed to gain a lot of weight, but even when he was at full weight, he could only be adopted as a companion horse due to his severe sway back. Mylestone became his permanent home where he was loved by the volunteers and by the special needs students who came to brush and hand-walk him. He was truly a super-star with our visiting students. He gave back so much to everyone.

Losing Blaze is huge and painful. He was very difficult to let go of, but he can run free now ....

## It's That Time Again!



It's that time when we ask for your help in making our Open House silent auction the best ever. Thanks to you, our silent auction is a major fundraiser each year, and an amazing source of help for the horses. What do we need?

◆ Baskets - You can donate completely made-up baskets on any theme you choose, not just horses. Holidays, food, games, kids, pets, books ... you name it.

◆ Sponsor a basket. Make a donation to Mylestone and we will assemble a beautiful basket for bid with the mention of your name as the basket's sponsor.

◆ Individual items - Must be new! These can be items we can include in the baskets we assemble, or wonderful individual items that our guests will want to bid on such as artwork, fine crafts, jewelry, new and desirable household items, etc. Always a treat are gift certificates for overnight stays at a bed and breakfast, tickets to fun destinations such as theme parks, museums, plays and more. We need all silent auction donations by September 15th. Please contact us at 908-995-9300 or [info@mylestone.org](mailto:info@mylestone.org) with any questions. Thank you!!

## SPONSORSHIP FORM

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## In Loving Memory of Phebe Bishop

- \* Cynthia Barkman and Ron Caruso
- \* Peter and Annetta Benedict
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- \* Deborah Michelsen
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## Remembering Adelaide....



We are very saddened to write that it became necessary to humanely euthanize Adelaide this past April. Early in the month we started seeing changes in her behavior. She had become increasingly agitated and spooky and several volunteers had commented about her weaving outside and seeming to be "out of it". She also became suddenly afraid to go in her stall and would try to bolt out. When the vet evaluated her, she found that Adelaide was losing her eyesight. We thought we could manage this, but over the weekend in late April, Adelaide behaved in a very dangerous manner, rearing up and using her head to hit the vet and the person holding her.

The vet was very upset about this change in behavior, and concerned that she might have a brain tumor in addition to diminishing eyesight. To prevent Adelaide from hurting herself and/or those who handled her, the decision was made to humanely put her down. Thankfully, Adelaide went peacefully,

Adelaide was 16 years old at the time of her rescue in March 2010, a Thoroughbred mare, 16 hands high, and part of a hoarding case. She lived in filth without adequate food or shelter. Under Adelaide's blanket she was skin and bones and she had badly deformed hooves from lack of farrier care. Adelaide made great progress at Mylestone, and once in restored health was made available for adoption as a companion. She was quite spunky and it was wonderful watching her gallop down the field, a far cry from the deeply depressed mare we first rescued.

Adelaide was a beautiful and spirited mare and knew a great life at Mylestone with many who loved and cared about her.

### MEMORIALS

- ❖ In loving memory of Dan Marino  
- Joann Marino
- ❖ In memory of "Goldbaron" owned by Carolyn Korus  
- Amy Howard Dressage and clients
- ❖ In memory of "Skipper"  
- Bernard Kahn
- ❖ In loving memory of "Adelaide"  
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- Greg, Eleanor and Clare Halsey

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- \* Barbara Riggire's birthday  
~ Donna Rottengen

## WHEN HORSES COLIC - Tucker and Jiminy Needed Urgent Care ...



Above, staff passing a stomach tube into Tucker. In his stall, he was hooked up for IV fluids and tubed every few hours to remove the blockage. He wears a bucket to prevent him from eating anything.

When the horses get sick it can become very costly. Colic is one of the main causes of illness in horses affecting their digestive systems. It can strike suddenly with no warning and the horse can become very painful quickly. We call the vet right away and administer pain medication while waiting for the vet.

Tucker colicked last month and the pain medication did not make him more comfortable. The vet arrived to treat him and was not able to determine what was causing his gas and stomach pain. He did not improve after treatment and the decision was made to take him

to Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical center. They were able to ultrasound him and get a better idea of what was wrong. He had become dehydrated and was started on IV fluids. Upon examination they determined he had a blockage in his stomach. They inserted a tube down his nose and throat into his stomach and lavaged his stomach to try and break up the blockage with water. They siphoned the water and blockage back out through the tube over a 24 hour period. Thankfully Tucker made a full recovery and was able to come home in a few days from the hospital.

Jiminy colicked this month for no known reason and we had a vet out from Mid-Atlantic. She was able to determine Jiminy had a stomach impaction and worked for about 45 minutes to resolve the blockage at the farm. Thankfully, Jiminy showed improvement with the pain medication and the vet was able to break up the impaction through the tube. Jiminy was comfortable and soon began looking for hay scrapes, where Tucker continued to get worse which is why he ended up at the equine hospital.

Tucker's stay cost around \$3,000 where Jiminy's colic episode was able to be resolved at the farm and cost \$300.

We would like to say colic is a rare event, but as mentioned, it can happen at any time to any horse. It can be a more likely occurrence with horses who are older or whose health has already been compromised through starvation or neglect, i.e., the greater proportion of Mylestone's rescued horses.

Your support is invaluable in helping our horses both stay healthy and receive treatment in the face of urgently needed medical care. Please make a donation for our horses' good health!



Jiminy being treated onsite at Mylestone by the Mid-Atlantic vets.

### DONATION FORM

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and our next newsletter!

Mylestone is extremely grateful to everyone who has made a donation, sponsored a horse, or otherwise supported our efforts. It is through your generosity that we are able to give a second chance at life to a sweet pony like Phebe.

All current Mylestone donors receive our newsletter. As a small non-profit organization, we can only send "Nickers and Neighs" out to those who support our efforts. We hope that's you!

If you haven't made a contribution recently, won't you do so? You truly make a difference to so many horses, and we'd love to keep sending you our newsletter! Thank you!