

# Milestone Equine Rescue

*Every horse we save makes a difference*



## JOIN MYLESTONE FOR HELP A HORSE DAY!

Help Us with Our \$10,000 Matching Challenge!



Look for the Horsemen's Outlet sign ...



And our big green banner!

**Milestone Help a Horse Day**  
 at Horsemen's Outlet  
 Saturday 4/28 - 11:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 (Rain or shine)

This year, we have an incredible opportunity to raise a lot of money for the horses – one of our generous donors is offering to match all donations made up to \$10,000! People can send donations through the mail, PayPal, or go to Horsemen's Outlet on the 28th, but it must be noted that the donations are for Help A Horse Day.

In addition, all funds raised from our silent auction, bake sale, food sales, and merchandise sales on the 28th will also be matched. This is a wonderful opportunity for the rescue horses, but we need your help in matching the \$10,000!

There will be prizes offered by Horsemen's Outlet along with a huge tent sale taking place the day of our event. We are also hosting a food drive for the Calvary Bible Fellowship food pantry, bring a nonperishable item of food and be entered to win a Horsemen's Outlet gift card! Stop by and help our Mylestone horses win big on Help a Horse Day, April 28th!

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### WELCOME TUCKER TO MYLESTONE!

We were contacted by a young woman who was very upset about a horse from her barn that ended up going to the auction. The horse came into her barn to be used for trail riding in a large city park. It wasn't long before he came up lame and he couldn't earn his keep. He was given to a dealer who said he had a good home for him with a therapy program for light riding. The dealer turned around and ran him through the auction about two weeks later where he went into the kill pen because no one bought him.

The young woman found out and wanted to save him; she said he was such a sweet horse. She knew he would end up going to slaughter because he was lame. She contacted Mylestone and asked if she bought him from the auction barn, paid for trailering and quarantine, if we could take him. She spent over two thousand dollars to save him. She wasn't able to keep him; she just wanted to save his life. We get asked to take horses all the time and we can't take them all, but luckily, we were able to take Tucker.



Tucker is welcomed to the farm by Misty.

This young woman reminded me of when I bought Myles, the lame horse I rescued from a dealer. Mylestone is Myles' legacy. We need the younger generation to carry on the torch for animals in need.

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Woody enjoying a snow day on the farm.

One of the most beautiful sights you could imagine is the farm after a snowfall. The farm is still, the sun glistens off the new fallen snow, and we take in the beauty of mother nature. Then reality hits – there is a lot of work to get done and starting to feed breakfast is a priority! Then there’s snow plowing and shoveling to be done just to reach the horses after some storms. For example, this last storm, just after late night feeding, Bruce was out plowing the drive way and making paths to get to the horses easily until after midnight, and his morning alarm goes off at 4 am.

Frozen water buckets and hungry horses calling out for their meals - this is life on a farm. And it’s why we are looking for some new volunteers to join our existing bunch of dedicated volunteers - to help with the many chores that need to be done to keep the farm running and the horses well-taken care of. Yes, it can be hard work at times, but the rewards are great, and every horse here will be quick to thank you for whatever meal you feed them, an extra treat, a walk to their paddock, etc. With the warmer weather finally on its way, it’s the perfect time to volunteer a bit of your time and make a difference to horses that truly need you. If the physical work is too much, please consider being an event volunteer and helping us with our large events during the year. You can also consider doing events on your own to raise money for the horses – hold a yard sale, bake sale, collect items from our wish list, or help us get items for our silent auctions. There are many ways to help the horses! Please contact us if interested.

What can you do to help today? Make a donation for Help a Horse Day and your generous gift is doubled up to \$10,000!!!

*Take care, Susankelly*

**STUDENTS HELP OUT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



Students from Centenary College, pictured here with Scout, came to the farm in early fall of 2017 to spend the day helping with barn chores and grooming horses. They were accompanied by Professor Taylor and enjoyed a great day at the farm. Thanks for your help!

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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.

## TUCKER (cont'd.)



Tucker is around 15-16 years old, and has settled in really well at the farm. He does have navicular and requires special shoes to make him more comfortable. Tucker is such a beauty and very friendly. He has a kind nature and likes to play in the mornings when he is out next to Emmett, Holly and Woody. In the afternoons he goes out with Sundance in our large front field. He and Sundance get along very well.

We are so happy to have been able to help Tucker in his time of need. We hope you will welcome him, too, and become his sponsor or make a donation towards his care. Thank you!

Check out color photos of Tucker at [mylestone.org](http://mylestone.org)



## 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!*

## JOIN MYLESTONE FOR HELP A HORSE DAY! (cont'd)

Save the date -  
Saturday, April 28th

Come join us at:

**Horsemen's Outlet**  
37 Molasses Hill Rd.  
Lebanon, NJ

[www.horsemensoutlet.biz](http://www.horsemensoutlet.biz)

### WE NEED YOU!

**BAKERS!** If you can bake for Help-A-Horse Day, please contact us at [info@mylestone.org](mailto:info@mylestone.org) or (908) 995-9300.

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS** - we are looking for fabulous (new) items for our silent auction. Please contact us as above. Thank you!!



Come bid on a great selection of gifts, art, jewelry, and more in our silent auction.

Bring a can of soup or other non-perishable food item for the local food pantry and be entered to win a Horsemen's Outlet gift card!



### Remember!

Any donation you make - directly to Mylestone or at our bake sale, merchandise table, etc. - so long as it's indicated for Help A Horse Day - will all qualify to be matched by our very generous donor up to \$10,000!!

We've never had an opportunity like this before, so let's make it count!!

## VOLUNTEER!

Without volunteers, there would be no Mylestone - no horses rescued, no farm, no horses finding fabulous homes. It all starts with **YOU!** Please consider volunteering and make a difference. Read more at [mylestone.org](http://mylestone.org) - How to Help, or contact us at [info@mylestone.org](mailto:info@mylestone.org) or (908)995-9300. You are needed!!



Mylestone volunteer Barbara sharing some good cheer with two best buddies, Cleo and Piper.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

- ~ Nancy S. for the generous donation for our new lawn tractor to help keep the clover at bay in our fields. We greatly appreciate your generous support of the horses all these years!
- ~ Thank you to Jane and William King for their generous support of our efforts which honor the memory of their daughter Alice.
- ~ Colts Neck Trail Riders Club for their generous support.
- ~ Friends of Lord Stirling Stables' generous support.
- ~ Thank you to Donny Rottengen for her generous donation to our horses. Check out Donna's book "Lucy's Story: A Horse Tale"
- ~ Thank you to Nancy Sapanara for her generous match of \$1000 towards new rescue Tucker's care.

## Dillon is very deeply missed ....



We very unexpectedly lost Dillon to a horrible episode of colic. He had been fine all day, he came in for dinner which he ate, and then went back outside with Scout afterwards.

Bruce noticed within minutes of turning Dillon out that he was on the ground in the mud, rolling. Dillon got up but didn't shake the mud off which horses typically do. He went down again and Bruce knew Dillon was colicking. Within less than two hours Dillon was gone. He became painful so fast and so intense

we couldn't stop the pain.

I am so thankful Jennifer who works at Mid-Atlantic was here with her husband. We got pain meds into Dillon while waiting for the vet. It was a struggle to keep Dillon walking and Jennifer and I knew this was not good. The vet examined him and tubed him with fluids but his situation was deteriorating. We were going to do a belly tap but he just wanted to lie down. We knew the only option was to end his pain. With such a dramatic colic episode like this, it is typically due to a strangulating lipoma that wraps around the intestine and causes it to rupture.

Dillon passed away quickly – before the vet was done humanely euthanizing him, he was gone. We were all just devastated by this



loss. Dillon has been part of the farm for 18 years. All that time he has been the loyal companion to Scout. He was Scout's only friend after Calvin died several years ago. Scout doesn't get along with other horses well and he was lost without his buddy Dillon.

Dillon was loved by many and was such a huge personality here. He came to us so scared and traumatized from past abuse. It took many years to earn his trust, and he had come such a long way. He loved attention at Open House and hung his head over his stall and let people lavish attention on him. His fear of people was gone. He readily came up to the fence for a treat; he had learned to feel safe and knew he was loved. Dillon is very deeply missed ...

### IN HONOR OF

- \* Lynn Bendann in honor of Cheryl Kavka's dedication to Mylestone
- \* Donald Pendley in honor of Debbie Polacek
- \* Carol Sandholt in honor of Anita Fusco
- \* Suzan Mitchell in honor of Beverly Saadeh
- \* Jennifer Miranda in honor of Laura Ferrante
- \* The Desmonds in honor of Marie Cirelli
- \* Betty Archer in honor of Janis and Bill Mc Cracken
- \* Janice and David Sidor in honor of Todd Sidor and Lori Trimble
- \* Shirley Daniels in honor of Jim and Maryjane Allen

### GRANTS/FOUNDATIONS

- ▶ The Tyler Foundation for their very generous continued support for the horses in the grooming program.
- ▶ Katie's Fund
- ▶ Alice O. King Foundation
- ▶ Thomas and Nephele Wing Domencich Foundation Inc.
- ▶ Fournier Family Foundation for their generous support



## 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

Tucker  Misty  Scout  Woody  Piper

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)

### Sponsorships

## Mylestone Equine Rescue

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Mylestone Equine Rescue is a 501(c)3 not for profit charity. Donations are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

## Extreme Pain, Difficult Diagnosis, Has Misty at Mid-Atlantic for Tests and Treatment

In the beginning of this past December Misty colicked badly. At dinner time, the vet thought it was possibly due to ulcers, but Misty's symptoms were not all typical of colic and made her issue difficult to diagnose. Jennifer, a Mylestone volunteer for 18 years, works at Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center as a vet tech, and at night feeding around 8:30 pm, she found Misty extremely painful. If we stopped walking her, she would paw and lie down in the barn aisle; if we put her in her stall, she would roll violently. With Misty being so small it is hard for the vet to do a rectal exam, so we made the decision to send her to Mid-Atlantic to get a better idea of what was wrong. This is not at all typical of what we do here at the rescue because of the cost, but Misty was in a great deal of pain despite pain medication.

Jennifer made some calls and a large trailer arrived to take Misty to Mid-Atlantic. Jennifer and I followed in our cars. Misty's ultra sound showed that her intestines were displaced with a possible twist; there were some concerns with her blood work as well. The surgeon felt that with Misty's history of laminitis/founder and her current medical issues, surgery was not an option. She also said that ponies and mini's tend to have a very hard time recovering. In addition, the surgical cost was over \$10,000, not a cost we could undertake. We decided to keep Misty at the equine clinic where she could be evaluated continually, and she was started on IV fluids.

The vet was extremely pleased with Misty's progress by the next morning. Her ultrasound showed that her intestines were back in their normal position and no longer displaced. The vets were going to slowly start refeeding her and make



Misty is being tubed to treat her colic.



Misty at Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center, getting a Sonogram of her belly to determine the cause of her pain.

sure she was not painful and was passing manure. Thankfully, Misty continued to do well. Bruce, Samuel, Austin, and I visited her after feeding horses at the farm. She whinnied when she heard us; it was so sweet. We spent about an hour with her. I brushed her, and one of the vets let me walk her a little bit up and down the barn aisle. We headed back to the farm, knowing she'd be coming home soon.

Misty stayed one more day for observation, and arrived home in the huge rig again, whinnying as they pulled down the driveway. Ghost and Sundance came galloping over to see her, but Tommy and Livy were the ones who were most excited to see her home. I brought her back to see them. Tommy was calling to her. He and Livy rushed over to sniff her. I didn't realize just how much they were attached to her.

Thankfully, Misty has continued to do well after her visit to Mid-Atlantic. We greatly appreciate all those that donated towards her unexpected vet bill!

## MEMORIALS

- ◆ John McCabe in memory of Denise McCabe
- ◆ Kenneth Wlazlo in memory of his wife Patricia
- ◆ Elyse Connery in memory of Deanna Shamy
- ◆ Joseph in memory of Deanna Shamy
- ◆ Barbara Anside in memory of Joan Schroeder
- ◆ Linda McClune, Ryan McClune and Ashley McClune Cousineau in memory of our husband and dad, Patrick McClune
- ◆ Amy Diodato in memory of Rebecca Elkin's beloved horse "Joe"
- ◆ Beverly Saadeh in memory of Jule Farneski's "Esja"
- ◆ Laurel Fox in memory of "Kahunna"
- ◆ Susan Iaccarino in memory of sweet "Dex"
- ◆ Karen Chase in memory of "Kahunna, Donny, Dex and Rudy"
- ◆ Lesley deDufoor in memory of "Dancing" her beautiful Arabian friend.

- ◆ Dr MaryBeth Hamorski and Dr Jeff Salatiello made the following donations in memory of:
  - \* "Flyer" owned by Lousie Barbieri
  - \* "Eagle Powder" owned by Mimi and Frank Titta
  - \* "Blue" owned by Pam Davis
  - \* "Dublin" owned by Jim and Beth Kenny
  - \* "Kahunna" owned by Laurel Fox
  - \* "Mama and Long Tail" owned by Mark and Robin Opel
  - \* "Speedy and Beauty" owned by Gayle Stinson
  - \* "Rocky" owned by Regina Pakalnis
  - \* "Tom" owned by Mike and Sandy Marzo
  - \* "Star Zone" owned by Lynne Porfido
  - \* "Snickers" owned by Eileen Kucharski
  - \* "Lucy Charm aka Cody" owned by Tempe Salatiello
  - \* "Whisper, Oliver and Dex" owned by Mylestone Equine Rescue

## SEND IN YOUR PROOF OF PURCHASE SEALS!



SAVE YOUR SEALS from Legends, Triple Crown and Southern States feed bags to help our horses. Each proof of purchase seal is worth .25 to help our horses.

We collect these symbols and redeem them through the S.H.O.W. program earning money for the care of our horses. You can collect the symbols and mail them to us and we will take care of the rest.

Please share this information with your horse friends and at your barn.



*We can't thank you enough ... Mylestone is once again exceedingly grateful to Horsemen's Outlet and Coach Stop Saddlery for their generous holiday spirit in helping raise funds for our efforts. Your loyalty and dedication mean a great deal to all of us who work to save lives and, of course, to the horses themselves.*

## HORSEMEN'S OUTLET HOLIDAY EVENT HELPED MYLESTONE ONCE AGAIN



Nikki was one of many volunteers who helped out at the Mylestone table, providing information about the rescue to Horsemen's customers.

Horsemen's Outlet in Lebanon NJ once again hosted an event for our rescue horses during the holiday season. Thank you to all our volunteers that helped out and all Horsemen's generous customers for participating! We raised over \$2,000 for the care of the horses which went towards grain and vet bills. We had a wide offering of baskets and gift cards thanks to our many supporters who donated items for the event. We thank Horsemen's Outlet owner Sarah Prant Ercolano and her staff who are instrumental in the success of this fundraiser.

## 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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Your gift is tax deductible

## GIVING TREE AT COACH STOP SADDLERY A BIG HELP TO THE HORSES

A beautiful tree trimmed with ornaments describing the horses' needs helped Coach Stop's customers decide what to donate.



Coach Stop Saddlery located in Bedminster NJ collected a wonderful array of items for our rescue horses during the Holiday Season - supplements, grooming supplies, hoof treatments, horse treats, and more from the horses' Wish List. I am sure the horses are most excited about the giant bags of horse treats! We are so fortunate to have this wonderful community support. We thank Robyn Rasmussuen, her staff and her very generous customers for all their donations.

## HUGE BASKET FILLED WITH TREATS KEEPS THE HORSES VERY HAPPY!



We are very grateful to "Sophie" and Maryanne Golkin, who donated a huge basket of horse treats for our rescue horses for the holidays. This will last a while and makes them so happy. Thank you!

"When a horse greets you with a nicker and regards you with a large and liquid eye, the question of where you want to be has been answered." ~ Author Unknown

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 wonderful horse such as Tucker. 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!