

Milestone Equine Rescue

Every horse we save makes a difference



Join Us at Milestone's 10th Annual Open House!

Come to Open House, Milestone's big annual fund raiser! We're looking forward to meeting you and helping you get to know what Milestone is all about. And for those of you who already know us, welcome back! Meet our new residents since last year's Open House - Gem, Budding Chance, Silas, Dornita's Book, and Cloudy. As always, we will have our fabulous Silent Auction with the opportunity of winning wonderful prizes and baskets, plus our sell-out bake sale. Vendors will be on hand with jewelry, beauty products, animal art, equine



themed books, etc., and all donating a portion of their proceeds to Milestone. We have great Milestone merchandise including plush ponies for the youngsters, a book sale, a lost treasures table and our gorgeous 2010 calendar!

Don't miss it - it's your chance to come and meet the horses personally, plus the volunteers who make Milestone Equine Rescue possible. Mark your calendars - we'll be looking for you!

There'll be plenty of horses who love to be petted - Scout, at left, and Peppermint Patty, at right, are just two.



Sunday October 11th, 12-4 pm
Rain date - October 18th, 12-4 pm
 For Directions - www.milestone.org

PARTLY CLOUDY BRINGS RAY OF SUN TO MYLESTONE



Partly Cloudy is our latest addition to the farm; he is about 10-12 years old and a large pony. His owner was under 18 and contacted us for help because her mother was taking him to the auction. This young owner's unplanned circumstances made it impossible for her to keep him. They couldn't sell Cloudy because two people had fallen off of him and gotten hurt. The vet felt he had a pinched nerve in his neck but they couldn't afford further vet bills. I wanted to help this young owner as she was trying to do the right thing by sparing his life. When they brought him to our farm the mother said they were having money trouble. Cloudy was thin and his hooves hadn't been trimmed in a long time. He had been abused in the past but we do not believe by these owners. He was branded on his right shoulder long ago, so

he obviously was not treated kindly early in his life. He has enlarged muscles and arthritis in his neck on the same side as the brand. He carries his head a certain way and you are aware that when he turns he doesn't bend his neck normally. Cloudy was nervous when he first came and had some stomach issues that we are still working with. He has a malabsorption problem, and his manure is loose. We have him on special supplements and while he has improved, it is an issue we have to keep an eye on daily.

Cloudy is a complex and smart horse. I think of him like an onion with a lot of layers we have to peel away to understand him and to earn his trust. He likes some people more than others. Since he sleeps in a shed over by our house at night I frequently go out late and talk to him. I give him a treat to help build trust. (Of course, all the other horses by our house make out well with treats, too, because of Cloudy.) Cloudy has really blossomed; he has gained all his weight back now, filled out, and seems more content. It is most evident to many of the volunteers who have watched his transformation. I am thankful we could help him and his young owner.

MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

- Susankelly Thompson

This year flew by, I can't believe it is time for Open House again! We had a record crowd last year thanks in part to the articles done on Mylestone by the Star Ledger and the Express Times. We raised a lot of money for the horses and we hope to do so again this year. Please spread the word about Mylestone's Open House to friends and family. The more people that become aware of our work and the plight of unwanted horses the more the horses are



Dillon, Calvin and Scout are waiting to meet YOU at Open House!

helped in the long run, whether that be by donations, volunteering or possibly adopting. We truly feel our rescue horses have so much to offer everyone. We see the joy it brings the special needs students to brush them, the unconditional love offered despite some of the horrible abuse many have suffered. Thanks to you, our loyal supporters, our dedicated volunteers, and professionals we have truly made a difference in the horses' lives. Check the website for directions, call or email with any questions. Please help us make our 10th Annual Open House a success, the horses will be waiting for you!

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MYLESTONE'S 2010 CALENDAR - ORDER NOW!



We received nothing but terrific responses to our 2009 calendar, and are happy to announce our new 2010 calendar is almost ready. Once again, it will feature the stunning photography of Jen Wenzel, which she has donated to help Mylestone.

Calendars will be available at Open House. You can pre-order now with our online form and pick them up at Open House, or purchase your calendars the day of the event. Calendars are \$15.00 each plus \$5.00 shipping for a total of \$20.00. If you wish to order by mail, please put

"Calendars" on your envelope. They will also be available on our web site after Open House.

THANK YOU!

* Donors and Sponsors * Devoted Volunteers * Califon Animal Hospital
Gil Meeker * Chris Penola

* Laura Alman & Ciao Bella Natural Bath & Body donated items for Open House

* Suzanne Gehrett donation for hay

* Barbara Goodson and Audrey Vierveyzen for donated hay and supplies

* Sandra Gunning donated supplies

* Ray Zrybko for his invaluable assistance to Bruce in farm projects and maintenance

* All the wonderful individuals and merchants who donated to our 2nd Annual Wine Tasting's Silent Auction. Find the complete list on our web site.

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

MYLESTONE'S NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS!

In keeping with our longstanding web site address, Mylestone will soon be using info@mylestone.org exclusively. Please adjust your records now and replace the mer@eclipse.net e-mail address with info@mylestone.org. And remember, you can still always e-mail us through our web site. Thanks.

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HOURS OF OPERATION

By appointment only



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.

EZRA, MUCH LOVED, PASSES ON



We are devastated to share with you that we lost Ezra to a horrible bout of colic. This sweet boy was at our foster home in PA with friend Susan. Ezra was rescued from an auction, saved from going to slaughter. He had been an Amish buggy horse and was very timid after being purchased. Susan worked with him daily and slowly he blossomed into a wonderful

sweet horse. We were so pleased with his progress and really felt he could find a home once he got some training under saddle. A friend of Susan's offered to take Ezra to a clinic to be trained with a professional, but sadly, two weeks before he was to leave Susan called me panicked to say Ezra was colicking badly. After talking with the vets we had no other choice but to have Ezra humanely euthanized. His intestines had most likely twisted and he needed surgery which can cost upwards of \$6,000 with a guarded prognosis and this is just not an expense we could take on. Ezra's passing is tragic because he was so young, but he was lucky enough to know love and compassion until the end. Thank you Susan for all you did for him. And a very special thank you to the Mariani Family who covered all of Ezra's expenses while he was with us. Ezra was loved by many.

IN HONOR OF

* Dr Loree Guthrie
from the Pocono Mountain Health Service and Sunshine Club

Can't Make It to Open House?

We hope you will take a moment at this time and still make a special donation to help the horses. We are in urgent need of your support. Thanks so much for making a difference.

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: _____

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

Send to:

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DENTIST DAY FOR THE HORSES!

July 18th was Dentist Day on the farm. Bill Schultze, long-time horse dentist for Mylestone, was joined by fellow dentists Brian Shaw and Jim Edwards to spend the day at our farm to get all the rescue horses up to date on their check ups. Horses don't get cavities but that doesn't mean they don't need to see a dentist. Horses



can develop sharp points on their back molars making it difficult, if not painful, to properly grind their food. The dentist uses special tools to properly float and file down these points.

Pictured are Bill Shultze at top with Gem, Jim Edwards with Wyatt and Brian Shaw with Dakota.



Some of the rescue horses we've taken in have never even seen a dentist before. Many of the horses we have require additional dental care because their teeth were never properly cared for, such as Margrit, Lucy, and Wyatt, to name a few. As the

horses age they are prone to lose teeth which need to be pulled. Bill, Brian, and Jim spent the day getting 30+ horses done. Our wonderful vet Christina was kind enough to give up her day off and spend it at the farm sedating the horses that needed extra work or who were less than agreeable about the whole situation like Doodle, Cleo, and Madeline. The dentists started at 9 am and ended at 5 pm. Bill has been coming several times a years doing a few horses each visit. This made the whole process much easier now that all the horses were done at the same time. The average fee for the dentist is \$100+ to do each horse and with over 30 horses getting done this is very costly. By the dentists donating their time to help the horses, they saved Mylestone thousands of dollars. We are so extremely grateful to Bill, Brian, and Jim.



GRANTS

* A Special Thank you to Thoroughbred Charities of America for a grant to help the Thoroughbreds on the farm.

* Mylestone also received a \$500 grant from the New Jersey Horse Council to help the horses -- thank you!

OUR SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE WISH LIST

- * MONETARY DONATIONS
 - * **.44 cent stamps or Forever stamps**
 - * **Dedicated Volunteers**
 - * **Barn Supplies**
 - * **Good Quality 1st and 2nd Cutting HAY!**
 - * Pine Shavings (comes in large bags)
 - * Purina Equine Senior grain 50lb bag
 - * Purina Horse Chow 100 grain 50lb bag
 - * Fibergize grain by Pennfield 50 lb bag
 - * Triple Crown Senior grain 50 lb bag
 - * Triple Crown Lite grain 50 lb bag
 - * 5 gallon flat-back buckets for water
 - * Muck tubs for holding water in the fields, any color
 - * Paper towels
 - * Tissues
 - * Heavy Duty garbage bags
 - * Cases of water bottles for the volunteers
 - * Snack crackers for volunteers
 - * 2- Size 81 Fly sheets sturdy quality
 - * Size 81 Rain Sheet
 - * Fly Masks - Horse, Warmblood, and Oversized with Ears
 - * New body brushes for the horses
 - * Dry Cat food for the barn cats
- * Baking Items Needed (**must be new!**)
 - Cookie, bread or muffin mixes - **IMPORTANT** - expiration date must be 6 months or more from date of donation
 - * Ziploc type sandwich bags that seal
 - * Plastic wrap and foil
 - * **Gift cards to supermarkets for our baking and fundraising events to buy supplies**
 - * Office Supplies
 - * Peel and seal # 10 envelopes (we go through a lot of these)
 - * #6-3/4 envelopes (we go through a lot of these as well)
 - * 5167 Labels
 - * 5160 Labels
 - * HP Ink Cartridges 98 black and 95 Tri Color
 - * **Gift cards to Staples**
 - * **Gift Cards to Michaels for supplies for fundraising**
 - * Folding hand truck

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING THE RESCUE HORSES!

MEMORIALS

- * We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Joan Wells. Her daughter, Debbie O'Connor, has been a long time friend of Mylestone.
 - In Memory of Joan Wells
 - Wendy Baum
 - Karen Reynolds
 - The Friends from Brick Hospital
 - Woman's Club of Spring Lake
 - Old Mill Court Condo Association
- * In Memory of Martin Nadler from Pat & Mike Shumsky
- * In Memory of Martin Nadler from Kit & Frank Good
- * In Memory of "Gracie" - she loved to come to the farm Jack & Phebe Bishop
- * We received many donations in loving Memory of Sidney Herman, a devoted horseman who lived to be 105.
 - Stan Herman
 - Norman & Marsha Ledgin
 - Barbara Lewis
 - William T. Georgis & Richard Marshall
 - Amy Ferrari and Linda Dubnoff
 - Suzi and Barry Zamelsky
 - Marylou Luther Imparato
 - William Manzini & Anthony Varcadipane
 - June and Robert Jacobs
 - Cathy Clemence
 - Anna Sui
 - Richard & Valerie Ponzio
 - Lisa Greenhut
 - Leon and Joan Gottlieb
 - Roberta and Jonathan Simon
 - Beth Terrell & Dennis Newman

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 2 months or more for additional months, (see below), which will be applied towards the care of the Mylestone resident 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 @ \$25.00 per month. You will receive a photo and sponsor letter monthly, updating you on the going-ons at the farm.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

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

Cloudy Dakota Gem Please choose for me or _____ (name of horse) for: (check one)

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

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

I'd like to sponsor _____ monthly for _____ months

Send to:

Sponsorships

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IMPORTANT!
Sorry to say, dogs are not allowed at Open House - they frighten the horses who are not used to being around dogs. Thanks for understanding.

MER ATTENDS SUMMER EVENTS



ing various events throughout the year, we are given the opportunity to do just that.

We recently attended the Tinicum Arts Festival in Erwinna, Pa. on 7/11 & 7/12, and The Balloon Festival in Readington, NJ on 7/25 & 7/26. We had the opportunity of speaking with many people about MER's mission as well as raise money by selling Mylestone merchandise, the proceeds of which directly benefit our horses.

Thanks to Diana Tuorto, children's book author, who joined us at both events, generously donating the proceeds of her book sales to MER, and to Dr. Michaelene Callahan for sponsoring our booth at the Balloon Festival. And last but not least, a very big thank you to all the volunteers who made these events a big success! For complete details, please visit our web site and read more of this article!