

Milestone Equine Rescue

Every horse we save makes a difference



THE RESCUE OF DUNCAN - IT TAKES A VILLAGE ...

Duncan and his miniature horse friend, Emma, were discovered abandoned in a paddock in the woods. Both were neglected, had no food or shelter and only a filthy pond for water. Hunters would pass through occasionally and give them corn. It is unknown for how long they'd been abandoned.

The horses' plight came to the attention of a family that offered to take them, apparently assuming that they would be placed quickly as they were unable to care for them long term. Both horses suffered severe neglect - Duncan was 250 pounds underweight and Emma had foundered. Mylestone became involved, as did Mylestone's vet, Dr. Christina Watson, and farrier, Gil Meeker. With proper X-rays, Gil was able to begin working on 6 year old Emma, trimming her curled hooves. With their invaluable help, Duncan and Emma began the long road to recovery. After six+ weeks of living in adjoining stalls and being hand-walked, Duncan and Emma were ready to move on to their new



Duncan waiting to be trailered to his new home at Mylestone.



Emma ready to take a ride to the Pinelands and her new home.

homes. Two trailers arrived at their temporary home on May 12th, one for each horse. Emma was found a home at Popcorn Park in Forked River through the coordination of our graphic artist, Jeanne Balsam. Emma, due to her foundering, needs a setting without pasture, and will fit in perfectly in the Pinelands with a handicapped Appaloosa who recently lost his own pint-sized best friend.

Duncan is about 20 years old, 15 hands high and a Tennessee Walker/Saddlebred cross. He was loaded and trailered to the farm with the help of Mylestone's good friend and shipper, Colleen McDonald. He, like Emma, requires a good amount of rehabilitation due to parasites, lice, starvation and lack of farrier care.

Duncan was started on 6 meals a day when he arrived, and has steadily gained weight almost 75 lbs in two months. He needed his mane clipped and several baths due to lice. However, he is making great progress in recovering now. Duncan

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TOMMY INJURED, IMPROVING

During an extremely windy day a tree uprooted in Tommy and Livy's paddock, terrifying them both. Livy was all right but Tommy got badly injured running through the fallen tree. Dr. Watson had to come out immediately to evaluate him. Tommy suffered some neurologic damage to his neck and had swelling on the right side of his head. Tommy also cut his left knee to the bone which needed stitches. In the first 48 hours it was touch and go as to whether Tommy would recover. His neurologic symptoms started to subside, but as of this writing he does have some deficits the vet feels may be permanent. We tried to keep Tommy on stall rest for as long as possible as he needed to be kept calm. However, he became too restless and the vet felt it was better to keep him turned out with his knee bandaged. A special thank you to the volunteers that helped with caring for Tommy and cleaned up the tree debris in his paddock. Dr. Watson was wonderful in caring for Tommy. As you can imagine, we incurred unexpected medical expenses with his injuries. If you are able to contribute towards his vet bills, we would greatly appreciate it!



Today's financial climate has presented us with many new challenges. The current state of our country's economy has had a devastating effect on all aspects of the horse industry. Usually in the summer our calls and e-mails on horses needing homes are less frequent. That is just not the case now; in fact, just yesterday we got emails on 6 horses needing homes. The e-mails and calls come from all over the U.S. but most are local to NJ and PA. We offer guidance to owners on how to go about properly placing their horses.

There have also been recent changes in how abuse and neglect cases will be handled by the court system. Cases involving people losing their homes, jobs etc. and unable to care for their horses will be considered differently than those cases of outright abuse or neglect which will be prosecuted as they always have. If owners are making some effort to place the horses, their circumstances will be taken into account on an individual basis.

This becomes an added burden for horse rescues, and looks to be a long term problem. Many of the horses in these situations are older, not rideable, and difficult to place as well as being the horses requiring the most rehabilitation.

To complicate matters, more and more dealers are posing as good homes, and horse owners in desperate straits unknowingly give their horses to people who only take them to auctions. In a cruelty situation brought on by the economy, the owners would have to be willing to give up their horses so they could be placed. That may also mean that if good homes couldn't be found, the horses may have to be put down. Many groups won't take horses that are not easily placed; however, these are the horses most often in need.

Our board of directors has had a lengthy discussion about this topic. The reality is if someone gave up a horse with various problems and which we weren't able to place quickly, we would be faced with humanely euthanizing the horse. Our vet has offered discounted euthanasia should we be faced with these situations. Horse rescue organizations must certainly carry a heavier load due to the recent changes involving economy-related neglect cases.

Your financial support of Mylestone remains paramount as the scope of our responsibilities to horses continues to grow.



Cloudy suffered from neglect; his teenage owner was faced with financial hardship. Currently, the court system is giving neglectful horse owners more consideration if the neglect is due to financial difficulties and the owner is trying to rectify the problem.

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LATEST ANIMAL RESCUE SITE CHALLENGE IS ON!

The Petfinder/Animal Rescue Site is now running its latest challenge to help rescues and shelters with the funding they need to save lives. With your votes, we could win again! The web address is as follows, but you can always check on our web site where the contest is announced on our home page. Thanks for voting!

<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive/shelterchallenge.faces?siteId=3>

To help Mylestone get the most votes, go online and forward the article link to family, friends and co-workers asking them to vote daily. It's FREE and easy; it takes less than 2 minutes of your time.

As we go to press we are still a bit behind another horse rescue - help us win! Your daily votes will put Mylestone in the lead.

IF YOU WISH TO E-MAIL MER ... AND HEAR BACK!

IMPORTANT! Mylestone's e-mail address is now officially info@mylestone.org. E-mails to mer@eclipse.net will no longer get through or be answered, so please update your address book if you have not already done so. Thanks. You will always, however, be able to e-mail us through the web site - www.mylestone.org under Contact Us.

OUR MISSION

Mylestone Equine Rescue ("M.E.R.") is dedicated to 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.

CLYDE LEAVES TO GREENER PASTURES



He was a tortured soul when he arrived, afraid to leave his shed. He was so broken down, with a deep swayback from a heavy saddle. Who knows how many people rode him over his life time. His face showed the signs of a hard life.

Once here at the farm, his life changed. Slowly over time and with lots of nurturing from a wonderful QH broodmare, Josie, Clyde came out of his shell. He learned how to be a real horse. He would trot around the paddock with Josie and they would graze side by side. He had found a friend he was very attached to.

They lived outside, and Clyde adjusted to his new routine. Often eating from the same grain bowl and hay pile, Josie and Clyde shared everything. His story touched so many lives.



For whatever pain Clyde knew in his lifetime, we are grateful that in his short time with us, he not only knew love from volunteers and his many admirers, but had a very best friend to show him the way in Josie.

This spring Clyde wasn't as bright as he had been. Blood work revealed he was anemic. We started him on a supplement, but the anemia became worse and his blood work was poor. Clyde was probably close to 30 years old. He wasn't eating as well as he once did, and we started to see a change in Josie. She seemed very concerned about Clyde. His hind end showed signs of weakness and his legs started buckling underneath him. His decline was fairly rapid.

Dr. Watson and I decided that Clyde needed to be humanely put down. He left us quickly and peacefully with Josie standing near. Josie nuzzled his face goodbye. As I led Josie away from him, I told her what a wonderful job she did taking care of Clyde, and I thanked her. All of us that knew Clyde miss him, as does Josie.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Milestone maintains a presence on Facebook, and invites our many wonderful donors, sponsors and friends to check in and see what's new. If you'd like to add your own photos of the horses or post comments, join as a Friend and be part of the community. Join us at our new Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Milestone-Equine-Rescue/115063568523475?ref=sgm>

JOIN US AT OUR FABULOUS ANNUAL WINE TASTING!

The Mylestone horses are once again privileged to benefit from a Wine Tasting at Enchanted Woods Farm on Farmersville Road in Tewksbury. The benefit will be held on August 7 from 5 - 9 pm.

This annual event will include a wine tasting by 56 Degree Wine in Bernardsville, appetizers and desserts, a silent auction and live music by the Ellen Ryan Band. Proceeds from the wine tasting go directly toward the daily care of the rescue horses, including: veterinary and dental care, specialized feed, farrier services, and nutritional supplements.

A donation of \$50.00 is requested in advance of the event or \$60.00 at the door. For further information or to order tickets, contact Debbie Lloyd at 908-832-5132 or contact Mylestone. Tickets are limited.



THE RESCUE OF DUNCAN (cont'd.)



John Bergmann, General Manager of Popcorn Park, with Emma and Susankelly, Mylestone's founder and President, with Duncan.

is a lovely mover and appears sound, with no lameness issues. Once he has gained all the weight back he needs, he will be evaluated to see if he has any training. If he is rideable, he will have a much better chance of being adopted.

Mylestone is very thankful to several supporters who made it possible to take Duncan, and the many others who made up his "village" and saved his life.

Note: As we go to press, we are pleased to report that Duncan's adoption is pending!

TEWKSBURY TRAIL ASSOCIATION HOLD GREAT FUNDRAISIER FOR MYLESTONE



A group of riders head out on the trail.



The Tewksbury Trail Association held "Miles for Mylestone," a fundraising trail ride at Christie Hoffman Park on June 19th. The event was attended by almost 40 riders. The riders and supporters raised over \$1000 to help the horses. We are very appreciative to all those who made this event possible for Mylestone. Special thanks to Karen, Don, Roger, Terry and Greg who helped clear and mark the course, to all the wonderful trail guides, Mylestone volunteers Kathy and Reed, and those who participated in the ride. TTA has been a long time supporter of Mylestone Equine Rescue.

Above, Tewksbury resident and TTA member, Jacque Juntilla and her grandson, Mason Paulik, on his very first trail ride.

GIRL SCOUTS HELP MYLESTONE HORSES



The generous girls from Troop 260 in Manville enjoyed a tour of the farm and meeting Blaze.

Girl Scout Troop 260 of Manville NJ chose to help Mylestone's horses for their Junior Bronze Award project. Horsemen's Outlet let the girls set up a table and collect donations for us. The girls did a wonderful job collecting many items from our wish list including buckets, grain, fly masks, fly spray, brushes and many other items. We are so appreciative of the girls' efforts!

HOOPS FOR HORSES

by Samuel Thompson

Recently, a basketball tournament took place at my elementary school. However, this was not just any basketball tournament; this tournament was benefiting Mylestone Equine Rescue. As a member of the NJHS, or National Junior Honor Society, we try to find projects that can be done around our community. We were running low on projects when I brought up the subject of living on the farm of a non-profit horse rescue.

After some discussion, we came up with Hoops For Horses, a basketball event that kids from 5th-8th grade at our school could play in while at the same time raising money for Mylestone. What really made me feel good is that half the students eligible to play came and participated. We had seventeen teams filled with over fifty students. Also, most of the other kids who did not play came to watch, while almost a hundred parents attended. In the end, we raised well over \$600.00 which will go to very good use helping the horses at Mylestone.

I also want to say thank you to the staff at the Pohatcong Elementary School along with all the people who played in or watched this event. Your attendance really meant a lot.

WEDDING DONATION

"We moved to this area several years ago and took care of horses for several years - fell in love with horses. We now understand what spirited, gentle beings they are and how dependent they are upon human responsibility and kindness. Knowing how difficult they are to take care of, we can imagine the amount of horses that are not living the wonderful lives that they deserve and wanted to contribute in honor of our guests. Living in 'horse country' in Fredon, NJ, we could not imagine anything more fitting or deserving of our attention or contribution."

- from Beth Gregor and her husband Nickon R. Schulaka

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

What makes it possible for Mylestone to continue helping horses in need? It all comes down to you! Without volunteers, there would be no rescues, no happy endings, no trips to slaughter averted ... none of it.

We need volunteers in every area of the Mylestone operation - direct care of the horses - feeding and mucking, coverage of events, administrative tasks, and more. If you'd like to help save horses, please contact us and ask for a volunteer application!

GRANTS

* Lewis H. Bochner Wildlife Trust - for Jingle and general operating expenses.

* Bloomberg gave Mylestone a grant thanks to volunteer Ken Hoffman's participation in their "Dollars for Your Hours" program.

THANK YOU!

- * Donors and Sponsors * Devoted Volunteers
- * Ashleigh Howland & Jen Dewey
- * Califon Animal Hospital - Dr. Marybeth Hamorski & Dr. Christina Watson
- * Equine Dentists Bill Schultze and Brian Shaw
- * Farriers Gil Meeker, Chris Penola & Jaye Meeker
- * Horsemen's Outlet

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

PARTIES FOR THE HORSES

We are very thankful to the children who celebrated their birthdays by helping our rescue horses. Instead of receiving presents for themselves they asked for donations for Mylestone. We are so honored to be part of these celebrations.

A big thank you from the horses to: Sara Marriott who celebrated her 10th birthday, to Nicholas Paulter who celebrated his 9th birthday; Rayna Lundvall for her 10th birthday, and Olivia Terpin who celebrated her 5th birthday. Olivia's favorite horse is Josie.

GIFT BASKETS ARE NEEDED FOR OPEN HOUSE SILENT AUCTION

It's that time again - we are so appreciative of all of you who have donated items for baskets or put together complete baskets for Open House. We look forward to your invaluable help once again! We are looking for themed baskets of all different kinds - horses, included - as Open House 2010 approaches. You can also sponsor a basket and Mylestone will put it together. Please contact Kathy Stanwood at (908) 358-8268 or at horsekook@aol.com, and let us know how you'd like to help. Thanks in advance for making our Open House 2010 Silent Auction another big success!

IN HONOR OF

- * Given in honor of the 17th Birthday of Anna, Claire and Nicole
- * Dianne Mariani by Bill and Dianne Weigle and Stephen and Amanada Zlato.
- * The Mariani Family are long time supporters of Mylestone and their daughters play in the band the "Dogz". They have performed many times at our Halloween Party.
- * The Woo Family Foundation made a generous donation in honor of Dr. Christina Watson, Ms. Kris Smalley and Mr. Gil Meeker
- * Lois Commander's Birthday from Jeff, Norah, Rachel, Kevin and Thomas Fredericks and Cindy and Bob Burns.
- * Terry Kennedy's Birthday from Patti Donovan, Pat Romano, and Dorothy Carter
- * Michael Chubay's Birthday from Bridgit Chubay
- * In honor of Nancy Kembel's retirement -- Sharon Heidecker, Concetta Schalles, and Kathy Packo
- * In honor of Grace Fitzgibbons who celebrated her communion and in lieu of favors donated to help the horses. Her favorite horse is Shadow.
- * In Honor of Sue Ellen Mikowski and her equine friend Panache from Gloria Mikowski

MYLESTONE VOLUNTEER PICNIC

Volunteer Ed Saultz shared some folk tunes with his voice and guitar, and ... found a young new fan - Austin Thompson.



We had our annual Mylestone volunteer picnic on 6/12. We are so thankful for our volunteers and their dedication. We would not be able to continue our mission without their help. The horses depend on them! A special thank you

to Mr. Strobel who donated much of the food for the party, as well as volunteers who cooked, baked and brought other goodies. It was a great time to get together and relax. We are very blessed to have a great group of volunteers.

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 goings-on at the farm.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

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

Josie Tommy Margrit The horse in greatest need or _____ (name of horse) for: (check one)

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MARGRIT -- FINALLY OUT OF THE WOODS!



Margrit with the drain taped to her face.

ty twice a day through the tube on the side of her face. I also had to give her medication twice daily rectally. To say Margrit was a trooper is an understatement.

When you think of the horror she lived through being tied to a tree for years and years with no relief in sight from her suffering, it was hard to see her have to face this medical hurdle. She was so terrified when she first arrived at the farm. She was difficult to work with because she didn't trust people, and how could you blame her? Dr. Christina Watson and I were determined to make her better, and consulted veterinarians Dr. Mike Figaro from Centenary College and Dr. Jonathan Palmer from New Bolton for input. We knew in our hearts Margrit didn't want to give up because she had been so good about all the treatments.



I personally want to thank Dr. Watson for her dedication to Margrit. We shed some tears when we saw how good Margrit's last head X-ray was. We are extremely thankful to all those who donated to help with Margrit's vet bills, we couldn't have gotten her through this ordeal without your donations! There is just something very special about Margrit; perhaps the scope of her suffering is so hard to comprehend that you can't help but be in awe of her will to survive.

After three long months of treatment, two visits from dentists Bill Schultze and Brian Shaw, 5 teeth removed, X-rays, vet bills, and tears, (those were ours), Margrit seems to be on the mend.

We remain optimistic that we have cleared up her infection. When Brian and Bill came back a second time they removed a badly infected tooth and a fragment of another. Margrit required a great deal of after care because they found a track that traveled from her gum through to her sinus cavity causing the infection. I had to flush her mouth out with salt water many times a day while continuing to flush her sinus cavity

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

- * Rough Riders 4-H Club who traveled from south Jersey to visit the horses and bring a large donation of supplies for the horses!
- * To Kelly Conklin and Cindy Treglia for having a psychic fundraiser for the horses and to all who attended
- * Centaurs 4-H Club for their generous donation to the horses.
- * To volunteer Megan Metzelaar who raised over \$1,425 for Mylestone by having an online fundraiser with GiveForward. Thank you to all those who supported Megan's efforts!
- * Sponsor Lois Cuccinello for fundraising for Mylestone at her barn's horse shows.
- * To the Ani-Pals Club of Hackensack High School for their generous donation towards Margrit's medical expenses.
- * To those donors who sent us postage stamps!
- * Thank you to Corren Gilligan and her Girl Scout Troop who invited Mylestone to participate in Barks in the Parks.
- * Coach Stop Saddlery for de-wormers
- * Pippa Equine Deco's Monster Mash
- * Rich and Dawn Clemente for a lap top
- * Readington Trail Association for their donation of new items from our Wish List.
- * Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. for a used computer
- * We thank all those who donate items at Horsemen's Outlet to be consigned for Mylestone. This is a huge savings to the rescue.
- * Special thank you to Alice Rogers who held a fundraiser with Lisa Holaday from Premier Design Jewelry to benefit the horses
- * Thanks to Corporate Marketing for your continued support

MEMORIALS

- * In Memory of Bob Kusmich, a fine horseman, from Paul Schoos and Joanne Aswell
- * In Memory of "Bandit" owned by Janet Herman from Gay Mitchell, Maureen Foley, Mary Murrin and Barbara Holcombe
- * In Memory of Charles Fredericks from Carol Patricia Dietz
- * In Memory of Panache from Sue Ellen Mikowski

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.

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E-Mail: _____

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

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