

Mylestone Equine Rescue

Every horse we save makes a difference



Clyde had a big adjustment from his old life. We don't think he was ever turned out, but was kept tacked and tied in his stall unless ridden, and this is where he spent most of his time. He has really made a wonderful transformation. At first he would pace the fence not wanting to be out in the paddock. Now he waits to be turned out and walks right out in the middle of the field and has a real sense of peace about him. He has become attached to Josie and she really helped give him some confidence. He followed her lead and day by day ventured farther out into the paddock to graze, finally able to relax after years and years spent carrying people around on his sore back. We feel very blessed to be able to give him a wonderful retirement, one he truly deserves.

Clyde is an old lesson horse that came from a stable in Connecticut. He is a Tennessee Walker - black with a huge swayback from years of being ridden and carrying a large western saddle. His face and parts of his body are gray from years of a hard life. He was standing in the kill pen, just a few days away from a trip to the slaughter house. A friend of Mylestone's donated his purchase fee and trailered him to the farm for us.

We were told he was nasty and dangerous, so we decided to pull him from the kill pen and put him down humanely if he was truly that bad. We soon found that Clyde wasn't nasty, just a bit grumpy and skittish. When he arrived, the kill pen sticker still on his rump, Clyde was very thin. Despite this, he stood in his shed and would not come out, not even to eat. We brought food and water to his shed four times a day. Things began to change for Clyde when another rescue horse, Josie, was accepted to the farm. Her kindness helped Clyde learn a new routine ... freedom.

We hope that Clyde finally feels safe and loved. He did not deserve to die a horrible death at a slaughter plant; he is truly one of the lucky ones, saved in the nick of time. Please share the joy of the holidays with Clyde by donating towards his care and/or sponsoring him monthly.

CLYDE - RESCUED FROM A NEW JERSEY KILL PEN



JOSIE - ABANDONED AND RESCUED FROM SLAUGHTER



Josie is so sweet you can't help but love her. I knew when she came she wasn't comfortable. She had arthritis in her hind legs and was very stiff. She is a lovely mare and must have been a show horse at some point in her life. Dr.

Watson injected both of Josie's hocks with artificial joint fluid which made her more comfortable. She now is moving more freely and with less stiffness. She is clearly enjoying her new life, particularly being outside.

Before Josie arrived at Mylestone, her life was hanging in the balance. The approximately 20 year old Quarter Horse mare had been abandoned by her owner on a farm where the property owner could no longer allow her to stay. Without a home, Josie faced going to auction and slaughter, or perhaps research where she would have been used for experimentation until she was no longer useful.

Little else is known about Josie's past other than that she was a brood mare and possibly a halter horse. When Josie arrived at Mylestone, her belly was tucked up in discomfort, and she could barely stand for the farrier. In addition to the arthritis in her hocks, our veterinarian found Josie to have a problem in her left stifle. With the treatments by Dr. Watson, Josie showed a noticeable improvement quickly, and soon her lovely personality really began to flourish. Josie also befriended one of our other new horses, Clyde, above, who was having a very difficult time adjusting to his new life. He paced the fence anxiously, and initially wanted nothing to do with Josie. But she quietly and patiently continued to stand next to him and nudge him, entreating him to be calmer and to follow her lead. In time he did, gradually learning to graze alongside Josie in the field. Josie's sweet, calm ways have won her fans besides Clyde, as

volunteers and visitors love giving her the attention she enjoys. We're hoping the special needs students that come to the farm can brush Josie; perhaps her kind and gentle spirit will also bring them some peace as well.

Can you share your holiday spirit with Josie by donating towards her care and/or sponsoring her monthly?

MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

- Susankelly Thompson

Over the years you have witnessed miracles happen through Mylestone. We have taken starved, abused and broken bodies and slowly put them together again with love and kindness. When no one wanted them, they found refuge here and a second chance. This Holiday Season we wanted to focus on the good despite the struggling economy around us. This is a time for miracles, and we have been blessed with many.

As you may remember, Margrit is a 30+ year old Appaloosa mare who spent most of her life tied to a tree in the woods. She gave birth to at least 18 foals, who were later weaned and tied to the tree next to her. Then they were sold online. Margrit endured horrific suffering, no shelter, no vet care, not enough food and a severely damaged spirit.

A woman had come across the ads for Margrit and her foal online. She was horrified at the conditions, and saved both Margrit and her yearling. She contacted Mylestone for help, and we promised to take Margrit once she was well enough to travel. At 27 she was starved and pregnant yet again. She later lost her foal. We took Margrit in soon after.

It took Margrit many months to realize she could run freely. It has been several years now that Margrit has been with us. The woman who rescued her from the life tied to a tree came this year to our Open House. I walked her out into the field to see Margrit. Margrit watched us curiously as we both wept openly. Gone was the frightened starved horse we once knew; standing before us with her mane waving in the wind was a beautiful, content and proud mare. Every day we turn Margrit out and watch her run in the pasture. And each time, the significance of this is never lost on us.

While you might not be able to open your homes to the horses, please remember them this Holiday Season and welcome the horses into your hearts. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



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HORSEMEN'S SALES EVENT TO BENEFIT MER



Horsemen's Outlet is generously helping Mylestone Equine Rescue again this Holiday Season. They are holding a raffle to benefit the horses with many wonderful donated items and baskets, such as those at left, to win. Their special events start on 11/27 with Children's Day and then Ladies Night is 12/10 from 5-8 pm. They have special sales running from 11/27 thru 12/13. They offer one stop shopping for horse enthusiasts. Please stop by and visit us at Horsemen's Outlet and check out the prizes. Check out our Events Calendar on our website

for when Mylestone volunteers will be there selling Mylestone merchandise.

THANK YOU!

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

* To all our donors and sponsors who, especially in difficult times, have continued to support our efforts.

We would like to send a

HUGE Thank you

to everyone who made Open House and our other events possible this year. From all the hours the volunteers put in,

to the generous donations of baskets and items for our silent auction, to our bakers who once again outdid themselves, to our generous vendors, and to all those who attended, making this a very successful 10th Annual Open House.

*Please check out our website at www.mylestone.org for the names of those that helped us at Open House and our other events.

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

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.

Heal Hearts!



Josie



Dakota



Quincy



Silas



Jiminy Cricket



Apache

Everything you do makes a difference - help heal a horse for the holidays!

Without your support, we could not save the many horses we do from the pain of neglect, being unwanted, or going to auction. A Milestone Gift Sponsorship says how much you care about those in desperate need, and is sure to delight that special someone.

Your chosen recipient will receive an announcement of your gift along with a Holiday photo card, certificate of sponsorship and a short "bio" of their rescue horse.

We must receive your sponsorship prior to December 16th to guarantee delivery before the holiday. Please return this form with your donation of \$35 (or more) which includes Priority Mail Delivery. If received after December 16th every effort will be made for receipt before Christmas, but delivery cannot be guaranteed. Please check one of the following rescue horses that are in need*

- Josie Dakota Quincy Silas Jiminy Apache Please select a horse in need for me.

*** Note: We are unable to accept special requests for individual horses. Also, if the horse you've chosen is no longer available for sponsorship when we receive your donation due to adoption, etc. MER will select another horse for you. Thank you for understanding.**

Recipient: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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Brief Personalized Message: _____

Phone: (in case we have questions) (____) ____ - _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for ____ gift sponsorships

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HELP WITH ROOM & BOARD FOR THE HOLIDAYS!



TommyTwoTone says, "Pardon me for talking with my mouth full mmmm, yum ... but you can really help us a lot!"

When you think of Room & Board, you think of a nice place to stay with meals provided. And that's just what you can help with right here!

The horses eat plenty and especially in the winter when extra calories are needed to keep warm.

With hay costing an average of \$5.00 per bale, and grain an average of \$18-20 per bag, a little help feeding all the rescue horses is most welcome. And then there's the board part - the cost of bedding has skyrocketed! It typically takes 3 - 5 bags of bedding to strip and refresh just one stall depending on the bedding needed. That's an average of \$18 - \$24 PER STALL! (And yes, despite careful mucking, the messier horses can push up the cost.)

Can you help? Just check off what part(s) of Room & Board you'd like to donate towards, send along a check with the coupon, and listen for grateful whinnies!

- 2 bales \$10.00 Feeds 3 - 4 horses for one day
- 5 bales \$25.00 Feeds 7 - 10 horses for one day
- 7 bales \$35.00 Feeds 10 - 14 horses for one day
- 10 bales \$50.00 Feeds 14 - 20 horses for one day
- 15 bales \$75.00 Makes everybody VERY happy and full!
- Dinner & Dessert \$100.00 Hay for everyone and carrots and apples for dessert!
- 1 Bag \$20.00 Whatever grain we are most in need of
- Bedding \$21.00 Enough for one stall change (average)
- Bedding \$100.00 Bedding for 5 stalls (average)

Note: Horses may eat 1/2 - 1 bale per day depending on the size of the bale and the horse

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Enclosed is a total of \$ _____ for Room & Board!

OPEN HOUSE 2009 - A GREAT DAY FOR ALL



This year's 10th Annual Open House was a tremendous success! There was a terrific crowd of 600-700 people throughout the day, so many so, that by 1:15 the parking area was nearly full! A special thanks to SORT.org who promoted the event with an ad

reaching every home in Hunterdon County, and all other publications/individuals who helped publicize the event. It was great to see so many of our sponsors and donors come out as well as the many new folks who came by.

The rescue horses were just groomed and all looking their best. Many of our guests commented on how healthy and happy they were. Some of our newest horses got some new sponsors; people were particularly touched by Clyde's story.

One of the many wonderful outcomes of Open House is that Mylestone was so lucky in getting new supporters, new volunteers, donations of supplies for the horses, more fundraising opportunities, and so importantly, to provide a greater awareness of Mylestone's mission to help horses in the greatest need and educate others as to the plight of horses today.

We cannot thank everyone enough for making this such a wonderful day.

There isn't room here to feature all the terrific people who made this such a great event - please visit our web site for complete details and more photos of our Silent Auction, vendors, volunteers, bakers, and of course ... the horses!



Clyde enjoys meeting a visitor.



Livy may be starting to tire towards the end of Open House, but she's never too tired for a photo by her fans.

REMEMBERING LENA



Lena's life had not been an easy one. She was raced and then later used as a riding horse for many years at a recreational facility in Pennsylvania. She was sold or given to someone who starved her and then traded her to a dealer. She would have been on her way to auction had she not been rescued.

Lena came to us exceedingly thin, needing to gain 200-250 pounds. She made great progress in her time here. She

didn't get along with other horses, and thanks to her very generous sponsor, Pam, who donated fencing, Lena was able to have a paddock of her own.

It saddened us all that she didn't stay longer, but she had a massive seizure in the field one day, leaving her with severe neurological deficits. There was no choice other than to humanely euthanize her. Lovely Lena left behind one gift ... her open stall ... the one we needed to save Josie's life.

IN HONOR OF

- * Brianna Rogozinski's 13th Birthday from Annie Rhoden
- * Jean Conlon's Birthday from Gertrude Behrle
- * Jean Griffiths's Birthday from Doris and Bill Griffiths
- * KYW Channel 3 News Carol Erickson from Barbara Morgan
- * Jeanne Balsam from Amelia Dyckman
- * Dr. Irv Ware from Charlotte and Frank Barone

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

- * Jen Wenzel from Rein Photography and Krista Strobel for our amazing 2010 Calendar
- * Sort.Org for sponsoring an ad promoting Open House
- * Corporate Marketing Inc. for our Mylestone Merchandise
- * Jeanne Balsam for donating graphic design work
- * Stephanie Morton, Chris Mueller and friends from spots #1094 & #1095 collecting donations for the horses at the Far Hills Hunt Races
- * Colleen McDonald for trailering for us
- * Jessica and Jay White for choosing Mylestone to benefit from their winning 1st place in a dodge ball charity event
- * Diana Tuorto for helping with press releases
- * Alice and Dayna Rodger for having a Yankee Candle Fundraiser
- * Joanne Aswell for supplements
- * Debra McDougal for donated hay
- * Steve Failla for donated hay
- * Mary Pawlikowski for donated hay
- * To the Colillo Shop Rites for their generous donation of food and supplies for our events!
- * For all those who donated barn and office supplies, stamps, grain etc. for the horses at Open House



The following is taken from our monthly web site feature, where Shadow was our November Horse of the Month ...

Each November, we turn our thoughts to the season of gratitude ... the time of thanks for all the good we know in our lives. At Mylestone, we look about us and see horses in paddocks, in the barn, in their sheds ... quietly munching hay, grazing, whinnying to each other and to us ... and we are thankful that we have been able to save so many lives.

As we look at the horses around us, we wonder who would best be our November Horse of the Month? It's not an easy choice. There isn't a horse at the farm who wouldn't share with you their grateful feelings to be here today and their personal story of deliverance from a painful life or an all-too-close brush with death.

This November, we thought to feature Shadow, a pony who suffered unnecessarily at the hands of a cruel owner. Shadow was gelded by this man, and bears numerous scars indicative of abuse. His eyes were damaged and infected, and left untreated. He was ridden until he was too blind to see, at which point the man readied him for auction as he was no longer useful to him.

At Mylestone, receiving a level of treatment and care he'd never known, Shadow is a cherished member of our herd. His eyes slowly grow milky white from disuse, though he is in no pain. We believe Shadow may still see some lights and darks, for when the house porch light goes on at night, Shadow whinnies a hello, wanting to know if we'll come see him, even if just for a moment.

Living in a world of darkness, he listens for the voices he knows. He calls out to Susankelly when he hears her voice, and he calls out to the volunteers that he knows well and feels comfortable with. He hopes for a treat, a kind word, a gentle touch. And although he cannot see him, Shadow is grateful for the presence of his friend, Pioneer, in the little paddock next door. Pie is the strength from which Shadow draws when he feels anxious, and the company he shares in the dark days and nights that blend into one.

Shadow is described as having a heart of gold, and it is his heart that he gives back for the gift of each new day at Mylestone. We believe a thankful Shadow would share with you these words, if he could ...

"As each day comes to us refreshed and anew, so does my gratitude renew itself daily. The breaking of the sun over the horizon is my grateful heart dawning upon a blessed world."

- Adabella Radici

In the spirit of giving thanks, thank you for all you do for the horses. If you would like to offer your kind support of Shadow through sponsorship or help with his care, we would only thank you more. There is more about Shadow on our web site where you can also support him.

WISH LIST

- * MONETARY DONATIONS
- * Dedicated Volunteers
- * .44 cent stamps
- * Barn Supplies
- * Good Quality 1st and Second Cutting HAY!
- * Triple Crown Senior Grain
- * Purina Senior Equine Grain
- * Purina Horse Chow 100 grain
- * Triple Crown Lite Grain
- * Fibergize Grain
- * Pine Shavings (comes in large bags)
- * Pelleted bedding
- * Lighter colored water buckets
- * Muck tubs for holding water in the fields any color
- * Paper towels
- * Heavy Duty garbage bags
- * Cases of water bottles for the volunteers
- * Snack crackers for volunteers
- * Size 78 Rain Sheets (we need 2)



- * Size 76 Rain Sheets (we need 2)
- * Fly Masks - Horse, Warmblood and Oversized with Ears
- * New Body brushes for the horses
- * Ziploc type sandwich bags that seal
- * Baking Items Needed (must be new)
 - Choc. Chip, Oatmeal Cookie mix, etc.
 - Bread and muffin mixes
- * Plastic wrap and foil
- * Gift cards to supermarkets to buy supplies for our baking and fundraising events
- * Office Supplies
- * 5167 Labels
- * 5160 Labels
- * HP Inks 98 black and 95 Tri Color
- * Gift cards to Staples
- * Gift Cards to Michaels for supplies for fundraising

THANKYOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING
THE RESCUE HORSES!

MEMORIALS

- * In loving Memory of his father, Sidney Herman, from Mitchell Herman
- * In Loving Memory of his father, Sidney Herman, from Harvey Herman
- * In Memory of Sidney Herman from Lorenzo Deras
- * In Memory of Janet Packard from Diane Lachmayer
- * In Memory of Dutch, beloved horse of Lyn Ferrie, from Kate Curley
- * In Memory of Tara and Trigger from Pat McKay
- * In Memory of Mylestone's Lena from Nancy and Russ Kembel
- * In Memory of Waffles, beloved horse of Beth and Vernon Reeves from Sandy and Dennis Marrone

MYLESTONE'S NEW E-MAIL!

In keeping with our longstanding web site address, Mylestone will now be using info@mylestone.org exclusively. Please update 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.

VOTE FOR MYLESTONE!

Please help Mylestone be #1 in New Jersey in winning \$1,000 on the Animal Rescue Site. Go to our web site home page for a link and **vote daily!**

www.mylestone.org

HALLOWEEN PARTY A SPOOKY AFFAIR



Our annual Halloween Benefit at Upton Pyne was held on Halloween this year. It was a haunting evening to help the horses at Mylestone. Carrie and George Mahoney put together a wonderful event thanks to their friends, many Mylestone volunteers, and generous supporters. This event would not be possible without the generosity of the Susan and Bob Landmesser who let us use their beautiful estate to hold the event. Once again the stone carriage barn was turned into a haunted barn. Devoted sponsors of Mylestone, the Mariani family flew in from Chicago to join their band in NJ, "The Dogz", to open our event.

These kids are so talented and we greatly appreciate them playing for us! "No More Tears" followed, playing well into the night with two sets. They had the dance floor filled with various ghouls, goblins and vampires. The costumes were really festive this year and a wonderful time was had by all, raising over \$5000 to help the horses.

At top, a witch and a wench looking suspiciously like volunteers Lois Commander and Cheryl Kavka. At left, the spooky barn foyer. Please visit our web site for Halloween party photos in full color at www.mylestone.org



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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