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EQUAMORE NEWS



A Penny Saved... Early in 2014, scientists discovered that regular deworming of entire horse herds was resulting in an increase in “super bugs” able to resist all known treatments for parasites in horses. Those scientists also discovered that horse herds whose members were treated with deworming substances only if they tested positive for dangerous loads did not encourage the development of resistant species.

Equamore staff and volunteers are always striving to make our donor dollars go as far as possible by cutting expenses as long as that does not affect the health and safety of the horses who depend on us. We knew that paying \$15 to \$20 to test each horse would be prohibitive. We also knew that ordinary folks like us are capable of doing these tests ourselves with a little training. We decided to purchase a microscope and do our own fecal exams for parasites. We had two goals: to save money by treating only those horses testing positive instead of routinely de-worming three to four times a year and to avoid treating our horses with chemicals that they did not need.

With the new microscope and some training from our vet, we were on our way! We quickly realized this protocol would be a resounding success!! In the first year, we realized a financial savings of \$1,888 – enough to purchase an additional six to seven tons of hay! Our microscope was paid for in one treatment round! And the majority of our horses tested negative – so they no longer take medicine they didn’t need.

All in all, the fecal testing program has been a win/win for Equamore horses and a lose/lose for superbugs!



Fire Protection... At our request our local fire station personnel conducted an inspection of our property. While they found our property to be very well prepared, they strongly suggested that we remove the large cypress trees lining our barn. With a grant from the ASPCA topped off by a private donor, we were able to have the trees removed. Thanks to all for helping us make sure we have the safest facility possible for our horses!



Hello to Woody: Lessons Learned... Woody, a sweet but fearful mustang gelding, joined us in January. He was rounded up by BLM from his native Nevada habitat as a means to control the mustang population.

After losing his herd, his family, and his freedom, Woody was sold by the government to a woman who loved him. Sadly, she had a stroke that left her unable to care for him. Woody’s plight is a painful reminder that our own lifetimes can be changed in

an instant by the loss of income, by illness, by accident, by death itself. If we don’t understand this basic fact and plan for their futures, we leave our beloved animals in jeopardy of becoming more sad stories of animals in need of rescue.



Milestones for Diamond and Flint...

After arriving untrained and anxious Diamond and Flint are making great progress. While Diamond had been trained to be haltered, Flint was a feral stallion. Now, they stand nicely in the cross ties for grooming and they both pick up all four feet for cleaning and trimming. No gimmicks, no sedation – just horses – very large horses! – picking up their feet when asked. Amazing!



FEATURED HORSES

CHOCOLAT AND MAGUIRE T.



From prison to...



Paradise

In full view from the street, this pair of sweet horses was penned up in a pipe coral where they nickered to passersby. Several neighbors, hearing their plaintive cries, asked law enforcement to intercede. In December of 2013, a deputy from the Jackson County Sherriff's department visited the site, finding that the pair was subsisting on very poor quality hay and only on the infrequent occasions when their owner bothered to feed them. The rest of the time, the desperately hungry pair chewed on the oak trees that surrounded their pipe prison.

The Sherriff's Department tried working with the owners to improve the care and feeding of these neglected horses. The owners made promise after promise regularly to feed Coco and Maguire adequate hay rations to keep them in good health. Unfortunately, on subsequent visits, the deputy found that the feeding schedule had not improved, noting that the horses were thinner each time he checked on them.

Finally, the owners were given an ultimatum: either surrender the horses or go to jail. As Equamore Foundation regularly partners with law enforcement in cases like this, volunteers from the Sanctuary were able to give Coco and Maguire a late Christmas present: a new and permanent home where they are now thriving, living as horses were meant to live with adequate fodder, contact with other horses, and best of all, room to run.

Coco and Maguire have excellent "lineage". They are now Equamore horses. Good "lineage", racing trophies and competition ribbons are sadly no guarantee that a horse actually will be valued in the true sense of the word. Coco and Maguire are now out of the "system" and living where they will be cared for and loved for the rest of their lives.

RECURRING DONATIONS

We are laser focused on our urgent need for recurring donations. Our goal is to have recurring donations cover at least 75% of our basic non-discretionary expenses such as feed, veterinary care, utilities, etc.

We are about half way to that goal! Regular pledges of any size are greatly appreciated. Whether a pledge is \$20 per month for our Buy-A-Bale program, or a specific amount dedicated to your favorite Equamore horse's Rescue Team, predictable donations are the backbone of our funding efforts.

See how easy it is to pledge via our web site at **equamore.org** or call us at **541.482.5550**.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

Dressage Show and Open Barn Day
April 18th, June 13th, August 22nd
and October 24th

Annual Anniversary Celebration
May 2nd

Models and Mares: An Afternoon
of Art, Wine, Music and Horses
May 31st

Summer Camp
July 13th through July 17th

Open Barn Year-End Celebrations
December 6th and December 27th

All events held at:
Equamore Sanctuary
4723 Highway 66
Ashland, OR 97520



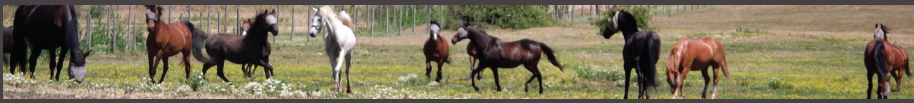
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Equamore needs talent!

We currently have need for volunteers with the following skills:

- Computer Graphics & Design
- Fundraising
- PR / Marketing
- Site Checks to verify potential Hay Bank recipients
- Errands (dropping off materials, picking up medicines, etc.)
- Event Planning
- Gardening





WHY SANCTUARY?

Echo came to the Sanctuary as a thin and malnourished stallion in September of 2007, having spent much of his life pacing a small paddock. Mismanaged as a stallion, his frustration was so great that he savagely attacked a woman and was impounded by Jackson County Animal Control. Euthanasia was seen as the only alternative for him until a group of Equamore volunteers intervened on his behalf.

Horses are creatures of flight rather than fight. Unable to flee, Echo had only two other choices: submit to a cruel fate or fight. The suffering he must have endured to turn his nature predatory is hard to imagine. As dangerous as he had become, Equamore's Executive Director took on the task of leading him toward making new choices.

When he was strong enough after coming to Equamore, Echo Star was gelded so that the process of healing could begin. The beautiful Arab was introduced into the gelding herd where he was able to experience the natural comfort and safety of a herd. In addition, he had consistent and kind interaction with staff and volunteers.

In the seven years he has been an Equamore horse, Echo Star has made great strides. He frequently "asks" to come into the barn from the field when he sees his favorite people there; he has bonded with his close friends Casper and Porter; and while caution is still the best practice with Echo, he is able to be handled by staff and senior volunteers for grooming and trimming.

Echo Star will always remember his past, making him a "difficult" horse. He will never be suitable to be ridden or to be a pasture pet. But beautiful and engaging, he makes progress each year and is a living testament to the power of kindness in the face of unspoken suffering.

This is why we provide sanctuary!!

Before Sanctuary



After Sanctuary





WAYS TO GIVE

- Make a One-Time Gift
- Make a Monthly Buy-A-Bale Pledge
- Sponsor a Horse!
- Join a Horse's "Rescue Team" with a Monthly Pledge
- Contribute to our Endowment Fund*
- Include Equamore in Your Estate Plan*
- Donate Appreciated Stock*

Call us at 541.482.5550, use PayPal at equamore.org, or mail us.

* Please call for details on our Endowment Fund, Estate Planning, and Donations of Stock.

