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# A DEVIL'S CHOICE



Arlo



Frida

Arlo, a starving, elderly gelding and a bay mare named Frida, came to us in January from the same location. They are both so grateful for feed and shelter! These sweet horses are perfect examples of a serious problem and frustration for us. Less than three years ago, the same owner on the same property surrendered two horses to us at the instruction of law enforcement, including our beloved Royal Crown who was also emaciated from starvation. Yet the behavior continues and more horses are in danger from the same offender. Our wonderful deputies pushed to get the horses removed as quickly as possible to save their lives, knowing that time really matters in these crises, rather than go through the longer legal process of seizure. But, this practice results in no charges or other consequences to the owner.

A devil's choice for sure.



Arlo January 2016



Royal Crown February 2013

The question is, *how long will it be before we are called to the same property again?*

## REPORTING ABUSE AND NEGLECT

If you see horse abuse or neglect, report it! How and where to report it can be found at:

<http://www.equamore.org/report-horse-abuse>

*Don't Wait! Time Matters!*



# FEATURED HORSE KIZZY



A Quarter Horse mare named Kizzy was surrendered to us in 2011 thin and with teeth needing serious attention. Her owner said that every time she put a saddle on the mare, Kizzy would fall to her knees. And it's no wonder as both Kizzy's front legs are very bowed and extremely "over at the knee." In Kizzy's case, this conformation flaw is quite pronounced. Her hooves are actually placed behind her knees instead of directly under them where they would fully support her weight.

Another condition that Kizzy is afflicted with is a disease known as DSLD (Degenerative Suspensory Ligament Desmitis) which is thought to be genetic and for which the prognosis is grim. There is no cure as yet, but we are trying an experimental treatment in the hope of at least holding the effects off for as long as possible.

For some unknown reason, Kizzy has a problem socializing with the other horses in her herd. She seemingly tries to make friends, but the other horses routinely reject her. She can be seen in the field with her herd, yet always apart, chased away if she gets too close. She cannot stand to be separated from her herd, yet she is always alone in the group. All of the horses in her herd have other horses they socialize and pair with, except for Kizzy. We try our best to offer her additional human affection, but humans are not horses! We are not even sure if she is actually unhappy or if we are simply projecting human emotions on this sweet horse. But in any case, Kizzy will spend the rest of her life under our care, with her reluctant herd and with the chance to make a friend if the right horse for Kizzy comes along.



# LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD



In 2015 we advanced one of our main financial goals. Our recurring revenue (monthly/annual repeat pledges) paid for almost 60% of our core operating expenses which include feed, veterinarian care, hoof care, payroll, etc. This is up nearly 9% from 2014! While we deeply appreciate (and need) the one-time or non-recurring donations, repeat pledges enable

us to plan, budget, and pay our bills each month. Our goal is to have all of our core expenses paid by recurring revenue so that other funds can be spent on further outreach and educational programs, on needed capital projects, and on increasing the number of horses we can help. We are getting there thanks to all of our donors. You can find our detailed financial information on [GuideStar.org](http://GuideStar.org) and our 2015 tax return will be added after filing with the IRS in May.

For 2016, we have much to do and much to celebrate. In May we will celebrate not only the fourth anniversary of Equamore's ownership of the Sanctuary property, we will celebrate twenty-five years of operations! Equamore was officially organized in 1991 and has provided care, love, hope, and sanctuary for scores of horses over this quarter of a century.

Our annual "Beyond the Finish Line", Derby After-Party will be a Silver Celebration of helping horses. Join us on Saturday, May 7th from 5:00-8:00 PM at our Sanctuary!

Get tickets at [equamore.org/afterparty](http://equamore.org/afterparty) or by calling [541.482.5550](tel:541.482.5550).



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

### Dressage Shows & Open Barn Days

April 16<sup>th</sup> | June 11<sup>th</sup> | August 20<sup>th</sup>  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>

### "Beyond the Finish Line"

**Derby After-Party**  
Silver Celebration  
May 7<sup>th</sup>

### Summer Camps

July 11<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>  
August 15<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>

### Big Barn Bazaar

September 17<sup>th</sup>

### Ruby's Groom-A-Thon

October 8<sup>th</sup>

### Open Barn Year-End & New Year Celebration

December 18<sup>th</sup>

All events held at:

**Equamore Sanctuary**  
4723 Highway 66  
Ashland, OR 97520

# Why Sanctuary?

Bryant, an Appendix Quarter Horse, arrived in 2007 after a lengthy intervention by Jackson County Animal Control to rescue him from a ranch in the Rogue Valley. Neighbors had watched Bryant's steady decline over the winter of 2006, until he was close to starvation weight. His hip bones were completely devoid of hair and full of scabs, and what little coat he had was reflective of his general state of ill health. Despite his physical condition, Bryant fairly leapt into the trailer wearing a halter that barely held his huge and beautiful head. He nickered as he left the trailer, nickered as he entered the barn, and nickered to each person who came to greet him.

Bryant's condition slowly changed over the next year with the introduction of good nutrition and lots of love. Nearly all of his body hair fell out within three weeks—a sign of how close he was to starvation. He now sports a coat of silky copper, which he loves to have stroked.



Arthritis and navicular disease have caused him serious discomfort and lameness and still plague this stoic horse. With special shoes and special medication from our “Foot Fetish” project, he now canters and plays. Notwithstanding his difficult past, Bryant is wonderfully affectionate and responsive to humans—everyone gets a nicker, and he loves to be groomed! He spends his evenings in his cozy stall, some of his days mixing it up with the gelding herd in the back pasture, and other days roaming the property with his new buddy, Snoopy.

Bryant is a testament not only to the power of healing, but to the incredible good and kind nature of horses even after they have been terribly neglected.

***This is why we provide 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](http://equamore.org), or mail us.

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



# Silver Celebration

BEYOND THE FINISH LINE • DERBY AFTER-PARTY

TICKETS  
\$60

SATURDAY MAY 7 2016 • 5PM TO 8 PM  
4723 HIGHWAY 66, ASHLAND, OREGON

BUFFET  
MUSIC AND DANCING  
50/50 RAFFLE  
WINE PULL  
AUCTIONS  
DERBY HAT CONTEST  
OPEN BARN MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND  
NO HOST JULEPS, WINE, BEER

[WWW.EQUAMORE.ORG/AFTERPARTY](http://WWW.EQUAMORE.ORG/AFTERPARTY) OR CALL 541.482.5550

