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# SILVER CELEBRATION

Our "Beyond the Finish Line" - Silver Celebration held on May 7th was a huge success! A wonderful dinner, a great band, auctions galore, pictures with Percherons, big hats, and of course mint juleps all combined to make this a very special event.



Thank you to our party-goers, our auction item donors, and our amazing volunteers and staff.

A special thank you to our sponsors shown below.



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It has been an amazing 25 years, and we are both confident of our future while dreaming that one day we will not be needed.



SNOOPY

From Snoopy, our very first Equamore horse 25 years ago, to Arlo, the last horse to join us at the Sanctuary during our first 25 years, and all the horses in between and those yet to come, thank you all so much for your support.



ARLO

## REPORTING ABUSE AND NEGLECT

If you see horse abuse or neglect, report it! In Jackson County Oregon, call the Sheriff's office at (541)776-7208 as soon as possible. For other locations, how and where to report it can be found at <http://www.equamore.org/report-horse-abuse/>

**Don't Wait! Time Matters!**

# FEATURED HORSE TOIY BEAUTY

Toiy Beauty ("Toiy") is a stunning grey Arab mare who has been passed from owner to owner. While her history is incomplete, we know that she had at one point been a starvation victim, purchased off Craig's List, and then purchased by a trainer who reported that Toiy was extremely unpredictable under saddle even for the most seasoned riders. All this misery and she was only nine years old! The trainer



asked if Toiy could come to the Sanctuary rather than to the lion sanctuary where she was scheduled to be taken the next day. Our Sanctuary was full, but a friend offered to provide foster care until room became available.

In November of 2013, Toiy left foster care and joined the large front herd. She was fearful and anxious around people, leading us to believe that she has been poorly treated physically as well as starved in her short lifetime. Toiy also had poor social skills, shying from the other horses until the alpha mare of the herd taught her over time to join in. Young horses like Toiy have incredible resilience, and capacity to forgive. In her two and one-half years at the Sanctuary, Toiy is finally beginning to trust people and is fully integrated into her herd.

We expect that her behavior under saddle was the result of physical problems, possibly even gastric ulcers (<http://www.drsfostersmith.com/pic/article.cfm?aid=1587>) exacerbated by being ridden. Horses like Toiy make us wish we could talk to them directly to let them know that at the Sanctuary, we require nothing more of them than to be horses and that hunger, neglect, and abuse are things of the past. As it is, we depend on knowledgeable treatment, and the power of the herd to communicate this important message.



# HORSE PLAY

Playing is a normal and healthy behavior for horses. Like grooming, it reinforces the social bonds between them. It is also sometimes quite comical to watch. Check out some of our favorite horse play photos below!



## PONDER THIS

Of the estimated 170,000 unwanted horses each year in the United States, the number one unwanted breed is the American Quarter Horse, and the second is the Thoroughbred.

*[2009 Unwanted Horse Survey, Unwanted Horse Coalition.]*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

### Dressage Shows & Open Barn Days

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

### Summer Camps

July 11<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 26<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?



Grace is a beautiful, elderly Appy mare. We know nothing of her past. She was rescued from a kill pen in Washington State along with her pen mate Gael. Her history, her prior owners, and even her prior name are all unknown.

What we do know is that she is “one lucky girl” to have befriended a mare named Gael in the pen where they were kept together until the next truck was to arrive to transport them both to a slaughter house. Arrangements had already been made to rescue Gael and transport her to the Equamore

Sanctuary. While watching a video clip of Gael, some of the Sanctuary staff noticed the little mare nuzzling with Gael. Just the thought of the two being separated and the fate that awaited Grace was unbearable. In short order, several kind donors made it financially possible for Grace to be saved as well.

Shortly after arriving at our Sanctuary it became obvious that Grace has severe vision issues – her sight was limited and her eyes painful. She was brought from the fields and shelter of her herd, and kept in the barn while having special daily treatments prescribed by our equine eye doctor. We are hopeful of preserving or even enhancing the sight she has and ensuring her comfort. While this is difficult for staff, for her special human friend, and for Grace, we are determined to let her run with her herd again safely! (See *Grace with her herd on the front cover.*)



We can only guess that her age and health issues caused someone to give Grace up for slaughter. So many horses that are used for the healthy and productive years of their lives and then simply discarded face this horrific end. Grace will not. We know from her sweet temperament that someone loved Grace once. Now and for the rest of her life, she will be loved again.

***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
- Donate Appreciated Stock\*
- Contribute to our Endowment Fund\*

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# CELEBRATING SILVER, GOING FOR GOLD

