

WINTER 2016

# NEIGH SAVER

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Hungry, Neglected, Abused...  
*Never Again!*

# Why Sanctuary?



Woody is a handsome bay Mustang gelding with classic Mustang conformation and head. Originally part of a Nevada Mustang herd, Woody was rounded up and sold at auction at about three years of age, like others, losing his freedom and his herd in the painful process. An unfortunate series of aggressive trainers resulted in Woody becoming fearful of people, noises, sudden motion – about everything. Training had the opposite effect of what was intended.

Woody's owner, who loved him despite his challenges, became a stroke victim and unable to care for her animals. While her mare was gentle and could be rehomed, Woody could not. His fear and unpredictable behavior made him unsuitable for riding and for being a pasture pet. With no other prospects, Woody joined Casper, Echo Star – both who sadly have similar stories – and Porter spending night time in the shelter and field near the large barn and the days in the large gelding herd.

This beautiful horse not only demonstrates fear, but its flip side – aggression. He routinely challenges other horses and on two occasions – people, but backs down when the person does not. In one instance where another gelding backed down, Woody began pursuing him so aggressively that Woody and the other horse cannot be in the same herd. This super vigilant and competitive wild horse behavior is still with Woody even though he is safe now.

In the nearly two years that Woody has been at our Sanctuary he has calmed a lot. He comes into the barn for grooming, albeit it fearfully and with much coaxing, and stands to have his front feet cleaned. We hope that over the years he will come to trust people and relax in his herd. We are committed to him no matter how long this takes.



## NEWS

Read about our Dressage Show Costume Class, Big Barn Bazaar and Birthday Groom-A-Thon in our online edition at [www.equamore.org](http://www.equamore.org).



# OUR HORSES NEED MORE FRIENDS!



A friend can be a regular monthly donor, a yearly donor, a one-time donor, and everything in between. It takes \$4800 a year or 20 friends at \$20 a month to care for one horse like the sweet Jewel pictured above! And they just keep coming. Thus far in 2016 we have taken six more horses into our Sanctuary and have heartbreakingly turned down scores of others for lack of space and resources.

Can you help? If you are not a regular donor, will you consider becoming one? If you are currently a “Friend”, would you consider increasing your monthly pledge? Do you have a friend that might sign up as a “Friend of Equamore?” Can you make a special holiday gift? You can be an essential part of our ongoing mission to provide sanctuary to these wonderful animals that have no alternatives for life but us.

**This is Mission Critical! Please let it be you!**

## HOW TO BE A FRIEND

- 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\*

You can also help assure our long term future with a legacy gift through your trust, will, life insurance, or retirement account.\*

For cash donations, call us at 541.482.5550, use PayPal at [equamore.org](https://www.equamore.org), or mail us.

\* For donations of stock, donations to our Endowment Fund or legacy gifts, please call us or email us at [legacygiving@equamore.org](mailto:legacygiving@equamore.org) for details.

# WE HAVE GATES!



We finally have property gates! For many years, we have needed security gates on our driveways so that an open pasture gate did not result in a horse leaving the property and ending up on the highway. Thanks to our wonderful donors who contributed to the Fund-A-Need at our “Silver Celebration” in May, we finally have them! We are also very grateful to ZZ Electric, LLC in Medford for providing all the extensive electrical materials

and labor necessary to get these gates up and running at no cost to the Foundation and to Caveman Fence & Fabrications, LLC in Grants Pass for the installation and their welcomed charitable discount.

## FEATURED HORSE CHAPS

This stunning black bay Morgan/Arab gelding came to our Sanctuary over eleven years ago. Chaps languished alone in a field after being injured severely in his left flank. The wound, the size of a dinner plate, was covered with dead skin the texture of dried leather. The owner called the Equamore Foundation and reported “my horse has something on his side and I am not calling the vet.”



Chaps was transported to the Sanctuary by the owner’s neighbor at which time the owner surrendered Chaps. The wound was several weeks old and Chaps was near death’s door from this act of neglect. With competent veterinary care, the necrotic tissue was removed and several drains were put in place to irrigate the gaping wound twice daily for weeks. On several occasions, the bay gelding developed a high fever that required daily antibiotic treatment. Chaps’ recovery is testimony to the dedication of the Equamore volunteers who monitored his treatment. Chaps is an incredibly sweet horse who is thriving at our Sanctuary. He is currently in training, has been a reliable camp horse, and has occasionally been seen in the show arena at the Sanctuary during our shows. He comes nicely from the field when his special person calls – and ignores everyone else!



The scar on Chaps’ flank is a reminder to us of the suffering of horses, of the all too frequent disregard of that suffering by horse owners, and the real hope for physical and emotional recovery represented by our Sanctuary.

# DEPARTED FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS



**Cash** is a sweet twenty-three-year-old chestnut gelding who arrived very much underweight and with a serious wound to his left hind leg. He is also blind in his right eye and has extremely limited vision in his left eye. He has a big appetite so should regain his healthy body weight back quickly. After some reliable feed and care from our vet and eye doctor, Cash joined Wishes and Eddie in the blind horses' field and is learning to fully enjoy his new life at our Sanctuary.

**Tucker** is an adorable seven-month-old male palomino Quarter Horse. He first came to us via a frantic deputy looking for help for an injured lost foal late one night at the end of September. We picked him up and cared for him until his owners claimed him a few days later, but we worried for this injured little fellow. He had clearly been attacked by a big cat, had received vet care for his substantial wounds, but escaped from safety again a short time later to be found by law enforcement miles from home. He was returned to us in early November and is here this time to stay!



## Departed Friends.

During the last twelve months, we lost two of our beautiful horses: the irascible **Pal** and the loving **Royal Crown** both went to their final sanctuary. It was our deep joy and privilege to know them both.



## PONDER THIS

In our last issue, we asked you to "Ponder This." The State of Oregon was rated #2 (led only by Illinois) in its animal cruelty laws with Kentucky scoring last of the fifty states. Source: Animal Legal Defense Fund 2015 U.S. Animal Protection Laws Rankings.

For our thoughts and to leave your own if you like, check out our new blog at [equamore.org/category/ponder-blog](http://equamore.org/category/ponder-blog).

**Now Ponder This!** A mare is sexually mature at about 18 months of age and can remain fertile well into her later years – 25-35. If they have access to a stallion, mares will breed naturally yearly. So, it is possible that one mare can be expected to produce more than 20 new horses during her lifetime.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

### Year-End Friendship Celebration

December 18th  
12:00 ~ 2:00

**Friends, Refreshments, Horses...**

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