

SPRING 2017

# NEIGH SAVER

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

# Why Sanctuary?



Bojingles (“Bo”) is a petite and lovely Arab mare whose dark eyes and skin contrast to her light grey coat. She was left alone in a pasture for more than three months after her best friend and sole companion, Raffle, was surrendered to law enforcement and moved to the Equamore Sanctuary. In the dead of winter in 2012, Bo was also surrendered to our care and reunited with Raffle.

As she came out of the trailer at the Sanctuary and went into her new stall and run, she called out. Raffle, who was in the indoor arena with his gelding herd at the time, snapped his head toward the sound. He called back! Raffle was brought to his stall next to Bo and they remained side-by-side at night and together when turned out during the day until Raffle passed and Bo joined the mare herd. After a time, Sassy – another frail mare, allowed Bo to join her and Chance – Sassy’s guardian and close friend. When Sassy died, Bo and Chance became and remain inseparable.

Bo arrived at our Sanctuary with bowed front legs and quite lame from severe hoof damage caused by foundering. When she was very young, her prior owners had attempted to correct her bowed legs by encasing them in PCV splints without success. Even with her frail front legs, Bo was ridden.

Now part of our “foot fetish” project, she is receiving special trims, supplements, and pain medicine to help with her lameness. We cannot undo the damage done to Bo, but we can make her more comfortable and provide the best environment possible for a good quality life. While wearing her gel boots, she now spends her days on the big lawn area with her best friend and guardian, Chance.

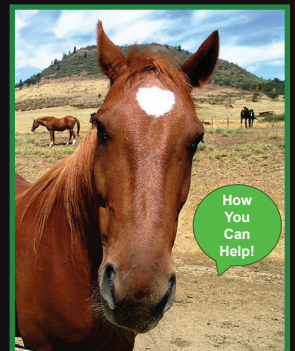
Even though Bo is a sweet and gentle mare she has issues with unfamiliar people invading her personal space. To translate – she sometimes bites!



## 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

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



How You Can Help!

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 ARE WAITING FOR **SPRING!**



This has been a hard winter for our horses, staff, and volunteers with so much cold, snow, ice, water, and MUD! While our staff and volunteers are hardy, the weather is hard on our horses, especially our elderly population. Feed requirements and hay bills go up, arthritis rears up, horses with hoof issues struggle with the mud and slippery terrain. Let's hope for an early spring!

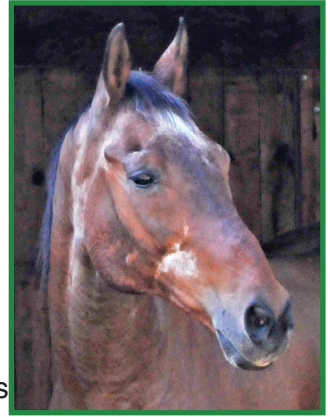
## YEAR END **EVENT**



Forty-degree weather didn't stop brave visitors from coming out to the Sanctuary on December 18th. Dozens of people attended our Friendship Celebration event to see the horses and learn more about the Sanctuary. Excited children toddled around the barn, cold hands cradled hot cider and soup, and pictures were snapped with our rescued friends. Tucker, a seven-month-old male palomino Quarter Horse, was a favorite for the guests to meet. The Equamore staff and volunteers were thrilled with the excellent turnout on such a cold afternoon. It made the whole event that much more enjoyable.

# FEATURED HORSE APOLLO

Apollo became an Equamore horse in 2009. The Jackson County Animal Control Agency rescued this handsome bay Thoroughbred when they convinced a “hoarder” to relinquish several horses she claimed to have rescued, but kept in deplorable conditions. Two of the most emaciated horses, including Apollo, were transported to Sanctuary One where rehabilitation began. A year later, Apollo was transferred to Equamore for permanent sanctuary.



Rehabilitation for Apollo was difficult and at times dangerous. The gelding was very protective of his personal space, becoming aggressive when food was involved. After several months of regular feedings—lots of them—he settled down. While still unpredictable, Apollo can be sweet and calm when handled.

Apollo spends his days grazing and playing in the gelding field with his best friend Legs and nights in the long barn in a stall next to Legs. We do not know Apollo’s age, but he is clearly now elderly, and sports a very distinguished greying muzzle. He is also having lameness issues – DSLD (Degenerative Suspensory Ligament Disease) and possible recurring ulcers which we are treating under our vet’s direction.



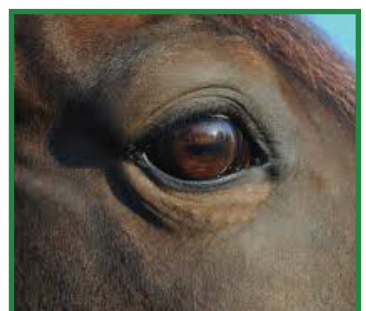
Apollo’s story shows that horses can make remarkable recoveries from the brink of starvation and neglect if given proper care and nourishment. It also shows how sometimes it “takes a village” to save a single horse. A big shout out to Sanctuary One for their commitment to animals in need and for giving Apollo a chance for life and us a chance to love and care for him.

## PONDER THIS

In our last issue, we asked you to “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.

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 horse’s eyeballs are the largest of any land mammal and magnify everything fifty percent larger than we perceive it. [http://practicalhorsemanmag.com/article/eyes\\_091003-11326](http://practicalhorsemanmag.com/article/eyes_091003-11326)



# SAVE THE DATE



Our annual “Beyond the Finish Line” Derby After-Party is May 6th, 2017 at our Sanctuary. Not only is this the most important fundraiser we have each year, it is incredibly fun with silly hats, juleps, good food, and horses! Please mark your calendars and check our web site for upcoming details.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

**Third Annual  
“Beyond the Finish Line”  
Derby After-Party** | May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Dressage Show &  
Open Barn Day** | June 10<sup>th</sup>

**Summer Camp** | July 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

**Dressage Show &  
Open Barn Day** | August 5<sup>th</sup>

**Summer Camp** | August 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

**Ruby’s Groom-A-Thon**  
October 8<sup>th</sup>

**Friendship Drive &  
Costume Parade**  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Year-End Friendship  
Celebration**  
December 17<sup>th</sup>

All events held at:  
**Equamore Sanctuary**  
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