

SUMMER 2017

# NEIGH SAVER

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since 1991

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

# Why Sanctuary?



Cash is an elderly gelding Quarter Horse whose owner loved him. He served his owner for many years before his owner, and thus Cash, fell on hard times. When surrendered to the Sanctuary, Cash had a horrible wound in his left hind leg, was severely under-weight, and was nearly blind. His owner reported that "he was blind in one eye and couldn't see out of the other." If the Sanctuary did not accept him, he was to be euthanized.

Cash is a sweet and patient horse, accepting treatment quietly, and seeming to like the attention of it all. Our veterinary ophthalmologist treated his eyes, but there was not a lot of help to be had. We were assured he was "easing into" his blindness.

While it took several months on special feeds to build his weight, Cash spent his days on the big lawn and in a stall at night. His poor vision did not permit him to join the gelding herd. Soon it became clear that Cash could not safely navigate even the big lawn and was introduced to Eddie and Wishes, our blind horses, in their special field. Initially Cash spent his time claiming the beautiful Wishes, much to the chagrin of Eddie. Although his eyes are failing and he is still under treatment recovering from his leg injury, everything else worked well! Eventually they all settled down. Cash now spends his days and nights in the safety of the blind horse field with two gentle friends.

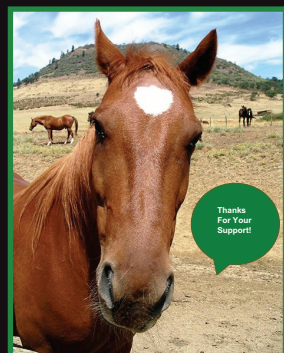


Our blind horses inspire us. Despite their handicaps, they graze, they groom each other, they love being groomed by people, and they exhibit grace and humor daily. Lessons for us all here!

## 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.



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# “BEYOND THE FINISH LINE”



**Hay Day for Horses**

May 1st is the anniversary of the Equamore Foundation owning the Sanctuary property (5 years!). The first week in May is also the anniversary of Equamore itself (26 years!). The first Saturday in May is coincidentally the running of the Kentucky Derby. Hmm, what to do? These last three years we have joyfully celebrated our anniversaries on the first Saturday in May by taking the fun parts of the Kentucky Derby – big hats and mint juleps – to raise money for horses that have been discarded,

neglected or abused and who are

“Beyond the Finish Line.” Thank you to our sponsors and underwriters!

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**Bidding**

Also, a big thank you to our donors of goods and services. You made our auctions and prizes work for our horses!

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Lastly, a big shout-out to our guests and donors who braved the unusually cold weather to attend and who participated in the auctions, balloon pop, wine pull, and raised their paddles to support our “Hay Day for Horses - Fund-A-Need.”

# FEATURED HORSE GAEL



We know almost nothing of Gael's past. She was rescued from a kill pen in Washington State in October of 2015 along with her pen mate Grace. Her history, her prior owners, and even her prior name are all unknown. What we do know is that she is very sweet, beautiful, young, and healthy.



It is obvious that she has been handled before. She loves to be groomed and very much enjoys being around people. While she presents some difficulty in her right hind leg (possibly an injury to the stifle area), she moves quite beautifully. We can only guess what caused someone to give her up for slaughter. Such a sad and common occurrence for horses that are no longer "useful" to their owners.

Initially Gael was placed with her rescue mate Grace in a field adjoining the big front pasture. Eventually both horses joined the front herd. When Grace's diminishing vision require her to be moved to the main barn and a more suitable turn-out, Gael missed her! But eventually the beautiful gelding Cosmo took Gael under his wing, and she is now fully incorporated into the front herd under the watchful eye of Cosmo.

## PONDER THIS

In our last issue, we asked you to "Ponder This:" A horse's eyeballs are the largest of any land mammal and magnify everything fifty percent larger than we perceive it.

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:** According to the Jockey Club, the registered Thoroughbred foal "crop" in the United States alone has exceeded 20,000 for the last 10 years.

See <http://www.jockeyclub.com/default.asp?section=Resources&area=11>





# REPORTING HORSE ABUSE OR NEGLECT



It is unlawful to neglect or abuse a horse. If you see a horse that you think may be neglected or abused, please report it without delay. Time matters! We have had horses such as Lady, pictured here, that died shortly after arrival at our Sanctuary because it was just too late. In Jackson County, Oregon, contact the Jackson County Sheriff's office at (541) 776-7208 and make a report to the dispatcher. Be sure to request a case number and a call back from the responding deputy. For other areas, call local law enforcement or refer to the Humane Society website ([www.humanesociety.org](http://www.humanesociety.org)), which has information for reporting neglect and abuse nationwide.

This really matters! If a horse is in trouble, it may be due to criminal abuse or neglect. It may also be that the owner has become elderly or infirm and unable to care for their animals. If an owner is experiencing temporary financial difficulty and needs assistance, such assistance is available through Equamore's "Oregon Hay Bank" program.

You may be the horses' only chance!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

**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>

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

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

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

Check our web site for  
event updates by clicking  
the "Events" button.  
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All events held at:  
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