

WINTER 2017

NEIGH SAVER

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WHY SANCTUARY?



Leo is our newest resident. This beautiful Bay Arabian came to us recently as a completely untrained and dangerous twelve-year-old stallion. His former owners are nice people, but simply didn't know what they were doing. They acquired a mare twelve years ago who was pregnant with Leo. He was born on their property and Leo's mother has since passed away. Leo was never trained and attempts to geld him failed because the veterinarians could not contain him long enough to anesthetize him for the surgery. His lack of basic training, as well as being a stallion had made him completely unmanageable. Leo was kept in a field

separated from two other horses on the property and although they could visit over the fence line, Leo spent years without any real physical contact with other horses and developed no horse social skills.

This also meant that his health needs could not be met. His feet had never been trimmed, he had never been groomed, and his teeth were never checked or floated. After two attempts to geld him, his owners intended to have him put down. Fortunately for Leo, the vets couldn't get close enough to do that either! When the Sheriff's office declined the owners' request to shoot Leo, one of our veterinarians – called to the property to treat a wound on one of the other horses – referred the family to us and Leo was transported to our Sanctuary by Equamore volunteers.



Leo is now turned out daily with the big gelding herd after being isolated until he could be safely gelded and learned to be led. He is slowly learning how to be a part of a herd – the other horses are teaching him! While we are confident that Leo will learn new behaviors, he is currently a hazard to people! We can see his sweet nature at times, yet he viciously attacked our farm manger from behind and bit him in the back.

Time, consistency, care, and his herd will make all the difference! His mangled mane has been removed and he is loving the kind touch during short but frequent grooming sessions.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Make a One-Time Gift
- Make a Monthly Buy-A-Bale Pledge
- Sponsor a Horse
- Join a Horse's "Support 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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UPDATES



Thor. We last reported to you on Thor in the Summer 2014 NeighSaver after he had been at our Sanctuary for about two and a half years. At that point, he had begun to trust a few people that he knew and had become inseparable from his best friend Magic who he bonded with after the death of his rescue mate, Hoover. Later in 2014, Magic tragically died, and Thor once again lost his best friend and a source of security. Over time,

Thor has bonded deeply with Finn and they now have side by side stalls and spend their days together in the fields.

Time, patience, consistent kindness, and the love of people continue to help Thor on his long journey. While he may never be a safe horse, he can now be groomed by most of our barn volunteers, comes and stands nicely at his stall door when a person goes to halter him, and frequently nickers to people he knows. He wants to please and tries so hard to not be fearful!

Horses like Thor touch us deeply. Our vet talks about PTSD in horses – animals that have been so traumatized can be very reactionary and they “go off” for reasons we cannot see or hear and are thus dangerous. We learn from horses like Thor how big the hearts can be of the horses so damaged by people.

April. In our Fall 2015 NeighSaver we featured April – a lovely mare that came to us from a rescue in Washington State, Save A Forgotten Equine (“SAFE”.) While we were happy with her progress two years ago, we are now amazed at the distance she has travelled. April is fully integrated into the front field herd and is amazingly confident and friendly. When staff or volunteers walk into the big field in which she spends her days with her herd, April is the first horse to trot over, see what is happening, wondering if there is an apple in the offering. She is beautiful, wonderful and healthy in every possibly way!



APRIL (LEFT) WITH COSMO

A NOTE ABOUT OUR COVER HORSE

The gorgeous horse on our cover is Topaz. He is thirty-three years old and has spent the last ten years of his life at our Sanctuary. The next time someone explains that some skinny horse is “just old,” remember Topaz!

THE HORSE WITH NO NAME



Animal hoarding is a challenge often faced by law enforcement officers and animal sanctuaries. Although it is more frequently reported with the abuse of cats and dogs, hoarding of larger animals is of concern too. Horses are no exception. We have seen the awful conditions and subsequent health problems caused by this.

Recently we lost one of these beloved horses to the onset of a terrible case of colic. Whatever his poor treatment had been took its toll. He came to us from a distance away and, after a bit of orientation to the ways of the world at our Sanctuary, he settled right in and made friends with people and horses alike. As proud as we are of every horse on our property, we could not share his name or his face with the public. There could be no mention of him in our newsletters, and no photographs of him on our website. He had no "Support Team" and no sponsor. Although law enforcement had proven the case in court to the satisfaction of a judge, his previous owners felt that they had been wronged when their animals were removed and they were scouring the internet to find any of them. They were trying to get them back.

This beautiful, loving, diminutive bay gelding found his way into our hearts and will be sorely missed, especially by a four-year-old little girl who dreamed of growing up just a little bit more so that she could someday ride him. Sadly, that will not be. Adios Amigo.

SANCTUARY PICNIC AND FRIENDSHIP DRIVE

In September we held our first annual Sanctuary Picnic and Friendship Drive at our Sanctuary to thank our existing donors and to make new "Friends of Equamore." We were overwhelmed with the response. Hundreds of people came, toured the main barn, heard our horses' stories, and enjoyed the food and music. Thanking old friends and making new ones made for a wonderful afternoon. We hope the new visitors were inspired to help and the old friends inspired to keep on supporting our work and our horses.



GROOM-A-THON

Once again, volunteer extraordinaire Ruby celebrated her birthday not with a party and gifts, but with a "Groom-A-Thon." Together with her friends Cameron and Quinn, these remarkable girls groomed 52 Equamore horses in one day, raising over \$5000 for the horses! Thank you Ruby, Cameron, and Quinn!

DEPARTED FRIENDS

In the last twelve months we lost five of our horses: the wonderful character Snoopy who made us all smile, the proud Apollo, the sweet Kizzy who finally found a friend in Grace, the gorgeous if skeptical Bravo, and our beloved "Amigo" – the horse with no name. We also lost Captain Jack, the three-legged dog that was always on duty and always guarding a horse or person in trouble. We miss them all.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

Year-End Friendship Celebration

December 17th | 12:00 ~ 2:00

Save the Date!
Saturday, May 5, 2018
"Beyond the Finish Line"
Derby After-Party

Check our web site for
event updates by clicking
the "Events" button.

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