

SPRING 2018

NEIGH SAVER

EQUAMORE FOUNDATION



Hungry, Neglected, Abused...
Never Again!

MEET JUAN & GATO



GATO

Welcome to our newest residents! While they appear very different and come from different locations and circumstances, Juan and Gato have a lot in common. Both were simply abandoned. Juan, who is totally blind, was abandoned by his owners when they left their rental property. Gato, an elderly gelding who also has vision issues, was abandoned at a boarding facility when it was sold. Both were just left by their owners. Unbelievably cruel.

Happily, for these two horses, they both had people around them who cared. While these friends were not able to keep the horses, they all made heroic efforts to find a sanctuary where these sweet geldings could get the care they needed and live the rest of their lives just being horses that are loved and wanted. You can read their full stories on our web site. We will update their stories as they settle in and their medical issues are addressed. We are so glad they are finally at our Sanctuary.



JUAN



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. *



For cash donations, call us at [541.482.5550](tel: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 for details.

Thank you to all of our donors – your gifts provide feed, medicine, vet care, hoof care, shelter and love for the horses of Equamore.

WHY SANCTUARY: ARLO



As you tour the Equamore barns and fields, you may happen across a good number of stalls that have been marked with a Sheriff's Badge. There are a lot of them! These indicate that a particular horse came to us via some sort of law enforcement intervention.

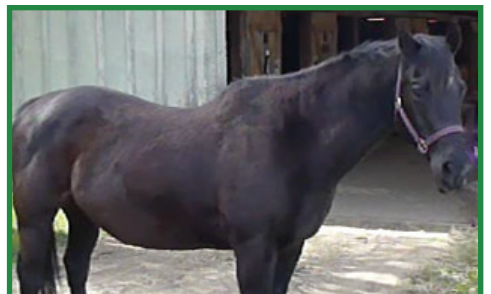
Arlo is one horse who has a badge outside of his stall. In January of 2016, the Sheriff was called back to a property in Southern Oregon which was well known to them and to us. Just two years prior, the owner had been urged to relinquish two other horses to us, one of whom has since died. Nothing was done at that time about the many remaining animals on the property (including Arlo) which were in poorly fenced enclosures, without shelter, and often lacking feed and water.

Arlo was at least 300 pounds under-weight when he came to us. His rump, which should be round and muscular, was concave. His spine was clearly visible down his back, and his coat was coming out in patches. As he hung his beautiful head in his stall that first day, we had no way to know whether he would survive. But his enthusiasm for groceries overcame his weakness and he began to put on weight. His patchy winter coat fell out as the days became warmer and what emerged for us was a magnificent black thoroughbred gelding with a regal bearing and a sweet personality. Arlo has recovered his body weight but still suffers lameness issues from neglect. He is happy and a delight to everyone at the barn.



Postscript: We wish we could provide a similarly happy report for the animals left on the property. Notwithstanding our pleas, many animals were left behind when we took Arlo and his friend Frida in 2016, including six equines. Since that time four of the remaining six equines have died. After the last death, the Sheriff was again called to the property, and again, nothing was done. Though the Sheriff's Badge was able to convince the owner to give up some of her animals over the years, the owner has suffered no consequences for past behavior – no citations, no arrests and court appearances – and so of course it continues. Most of our horses that have a Sheriff's Badge came to us because the deputy convinced the owner to give up an animal or animals. We have not taken in a horse that was seized in over six years. So whether an animal gets help really depends on the owner's willingness to give it up rather than enforcement of the laws.

We are happy to have charming Arlo as a vital and healthy part of our Equamore family just as we welcomed the other three horses we have taken from this property over the years. But we grieve for the other animals left on the property that have suffered and died. See the piece on Reporting to Law Enforcement. (--> Next page)



WE TRY EVERYTHING!



Our horses have a wide variety of health issues – many caused by years of neglect. In addition to our farrier, hoof trimmers, our regular equine veterinarians, and our veterinarian ophthalmologist, we also employ more holistic techniques such as acupuncture, chiropractic manipulation, and laser treatments. Many of our horses benefit from these techniques. We will also be hosting Jin Shin Jyutsu classes this fall in the hopes of having more tools available to help our horses.

Dusty, the horse shown in the photo, is receiving a laser treatment to help address his physical issues and discomfort. Along with medications to address his insulin disorder, these treatments make an enormous difference in his quality of life.

REPORTING HORSE ABUSE OR NEGLECT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT:

In Jackson County, Oregon, the Sheriff's Department is the first responder for horse abuse and neglect calls. Our last two Sheriffs have visited our Sanctuary and have shown a real interest in our operation. However, our current Sheriff clearly stated that given other demands on the deputies, responding to calls about horse neglect and abuse is not a priority for the Department. Our experience bears this out! While we understand limited resources, we also see the needless suffering that results from failure to aggressively enforce the laws against neglect and abuse. See Arlo's story in the WHY SANCTUARY section. (<-- Previous page)

If you see a horse that you think may be neglected or abused, please report it without delay. Time matters! In Jackson County, Oregon, contact the Jackson County Sheriff's office at (541) 776-7208 and make a report to the dispatcher. **Keep calling – be the squeaky wheel!** The only way that law enforcement will make equine abuse and neglect a priority is if the community raises its voice and if each of us refuses to accept a lack of action. Make it a priority! You may be the horse's only hope.

For other areas, call local law enforcement or refer to the Humane Society web site (www.humanesociety.org) which has information for reporting neglect and abuse nationwide.

SAVE THE DATE



Our annual **“Beyond the Finish Line” Derby After-Party** is **May 5th, 2018** at our Sanctuary. Not only is this our most important fundraiser of the 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 2018

Annual “Beyond the Finish Line” Derby After-Party
May 5th

Dressage Show and Open Barn Day
August 4th

Jin Shin Jyutsu Classes with Adele Leas
September 15th, 16th, & 17th

Friendship Drive Picnic
September 22nd

Ruby’s Groom-A-Thon
October 6th

Year-End Friendship Celebration
December 16th

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

<http://www.equamore.org>

All events held at:
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