

SUMMER 2018

NEIGH SAVER

EQUAMORE FOUNDATION



Hungry, Neglected, Abused...
Never Again!

WHY SANCTUARY: THE GENERAL UC ("YOU SEE") DAVIS



1999

The General is our longest living resident. He was just two weeks old when a rancher found him abandoned by his herd nineteen years ago. Tangled in brush and blind from bilateral cataracts, there was no way he could keep up with the other horses. The rancher brought the young foal to Equamore. The Foundation paid for the eye surgery he needed through private donations and a generous reduction in the price from the Davis Veterinary School at the University of California. The vet school restored the foal's sight by vacuuming out the cataracts. However, his vision was equivalent to looking under water since he had no lenses. Because of the University's help, the horse

was named "General U C Davis."

Over the years his sight degenerated and he lost all vision in his right eye and most of it in his left. With continuing eye issues causing pain and inflammation that were not alleviated by his various medications, we made the painful decision to have his eyes removed early this year. At least he could be pain free. Notwithstanding our angst, within a day or two he adjusted to the loss of what little vision he had remaining and was in high spirits playing again with the ponies! What a good lesson for us about projecting our views on equines and underestimating the depth and breadth of their senses.



2010

The General has always been a challenging horse. Because he was raised by humans instead of an equine mother, his behaviors are odd! But he is a good and loyal guardian for his friends. He "watches" over the whole pony field that includes three miniature horses, two ponies, and a pony cross. From blind to imperfectly sighted – to blind again, the General is an amazing horse. You can enjoy a touching poem entitled "I Can See" transcribed for the General by one of his oldest friends on the last page of our online edition of the NeighSaver at www.equamore.org/category/neighsaver-newsletter/.



2018 With Dapples

BEYOND THE FINISH LINE

What a wonderful party! With a big assist from our new friends from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival Acting Company, we were wonderfully entertained and raised money to keep our Sanctuary going. A special shout out to **Bobbi Charlton** who ran the paddle raise while in character as Aunt Eller from Oklahoma. With humor, energy, and stamina she managed to raise enough money to meet our paddle raise goal of supporting four of our horses – Casper, Arlo, Star, and Gato – for a year!



A huge thank you also to **Adriana Sevahn Nichols, Eddie Lopez, Ella Saldana North, Jen Olivares, Cassandra Lopez, Juan Manuel Rivera, and Michael Sharon** for their support of our horses, help with the event, and amazing performances. Also, a heartfelt thank you to our event sponsors, underwriters, and donors of goods and services acknowledged on the next page. They made this event possible.

Lastly, thank you to our guests and donors who attended, participated in the silent auction, or raised their paddle for Casper, Arlo, Star, and Gato. We are so grateful!



Casper



Arlo



Star



Gato



WELCOME BEAR.

This Dutch Warmblood gelding joined us on May 14th and we are happy to have him! Details about his story to come on our web site.

FEATURED HORSE: FRIDA



In our last issue we featured Arlo, a black Thoroughbred who had come from a chronic abuser in Southern Oregon. Frida was one of Arlo's herd mates in that terrible place. Like Arlo, Frida arrived skinny and lame, having stood in a small muddy pen for an extended period with too little to eat, and very stressed.

Over time, this sweet bay mare has gained her full body weight. She has also fully integrated into the mare herd and has learned to relax and calm down. Sadly, her lameness issues caused by long term neglect cannot be reversed. She receives routine anti-inflammatory and pain medication which keeps her comfortable

enough to romp in the pastures. When visitors enter the Equamore barn, Frida is one of the first horses to greet them with a welcoming nicker.

Of the six equines that were left on the property when Frida came to our Sanctuary, two survivors remain, including Frida's son.

WAYS TO GIVE

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

Equamore Sanctuary Social
June 9th

Ruby's Groom-A-Thon
October 6th

Equamore Sanctuary Social
July 14th

**Year-End Friendship
Celebration**
December 16th

**Dressage Show
and Open Barn Day**
August 4th

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

Equamore Sanctuary Social
August 11th

<http://www.equamore.org>

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

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

Friendship Drive Picnic
September 22nd

I CAN SEE

With eyes diseased at birth
Abandoned by my wild herd
No option but a brutal death,
“For love of horses,” I was taken in.

My cataracts removed,
No longer blind, I spent my life
Protecting herd mates who, like me,
Were born with faultless disability.

Alas, my malady recurred,
Returning blindness to my useless eyes.
That had to be removed.

Though I have lived a loved-filled life
Though, now, I have no eyes, I still can see:
Their suffering is so clear to me
When those who should have cared for us
Let horses agonize with hunger, cruelty, or neglect
No options but release in death.

Though, now, I have no eyes, I still can see:
To lead them, one by one
To sanctuary, safety, and security.

Come, you with eyes that still can see
With caring hearts, to visit me
And let me lead you, too, to heal
The sorrow that I see
Though, now, I have no eyes.

General U.C. Davis

