

FALL 2018

NEIGH SAVER

EQUAMORE FOUNDATION



Hungry, Neglected, Abused...
Never Again!

WHY SANCTUARY: MARIA

Maria is a striking Appaloosa mare who we have known for more than five years. We wrote before about our frustration with a chronic abuser in Southern Oregon where we had over the years removed four horses – our beloved Royal Crown, Dusty, Arlo, and Frida. We watched as multiple other equines died on the property. Finally, Maria came to our Sanctuary with the other surviving horse Tank.



As best we know, Maria spent her entire life on this property, never having had shelter and frequently going without feed and water. We watched her weight seriously fluctuate. The fencing was poor with horses breaking out repeatedly. Maria's mother, the last horse to die on the property, was killed by a vehicle. The fencing also seriously injured Maria last spring, when she became tangled in the wire, slashing her belly, chest, and hind legs. One of her rear legs was slashed nearly to the bone. After neglecting the wounds for weeks, the owner finally surrender Maria (and Tank) who arrived with her wounds badly infected and filled with foreign matter.

Maria's wounds are nearly healed and after an initial period of being understandably skittish, Maria has shown her true colors. She is sweet, interested in her surroundings, and affectionate. She is learning to pick up her feet for trimming and cleaning and to behave safely in the cross ties. The barn routine suits her well. It took her no time to learn that there will be hay deliveries to her stall twice daily, that it is quite and safe in the barn, and that the person



walking down the aisle with white cups every afternoon is bringing treats! She now spends her days in the mare field with her best friend Tank just on the other side of the fence in the main gelding herd and her nights in the main barn with Tank in side-by-side stalls. We are so relieved her nightmare (and ours) is over.

A CHALLENGING SUMMER

This last summer has been full of challenges. Seemingly endless heat and smoke have been hard on our horses, volunteers, and staff. Also, after a serious accident in the barn in May our Executive Director has been wheelchair bound and unable to assist with the horses. So how have we coped? Volunteers and staff have stepped up even more than usual, we purchased smoke masks, we took in more horses needing sanctuary, and we had three lovely Saturday afternoon socials in the barn! We are looking forward to cooler weather, cleaner air, rain, and the full recovery of our Executive Director.

SANCTUARY PICNIC FRIENDSHIP DRIVE

Please join us for our Annual Sanctuary Picnic Friendship Drive. We continue our efforts to find more “friends” of Equamore to meet our financial goals. We need enough friends making recurring donations to cover our feed, vet care, hoof care, utilities, etc. so that we can focus on longer term needs, Sanctuary improvements, additional programs, and repayment of our mortgage. Including our mortgage, we need about \$1000 a day to run the Sanctuary! With more friends we could ensure that the Sanctuary meets its current needs, and that it is here for horses for the long term.

Please come, be a friend, tell your friends, and bring your friends! Food will be by served by Confident Caterers and our MC will be the fabulous Oregon Shakespeare Festival star Eddie Lopez. Tour our Sanctuary, enjoy the food and entertainment, and meet and greet our horses.

When: September 22, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Equamore Sanctuary, 4723 Highway 66
Ashland, Oregon 97520

There is no charge for this event, but you must register to attend. You can sign up online at www.equamore.org/picnic or call us at 541.482.5550. Our horses look forward to seeing you there!



WELCOME TO OUR SANCTUARY

Welcome to **Bobby Socks** (“Bob”), **Silver Belle** (“Belle”), **Tank**, and **Maria** (our “Why Sanctuary” horse.) While we are so sorry for the circumstances that lead these four horses to our Sanctuary, we are so happy they are here!



BELLE and BOB



TANK



MARIA

UPDATE ON WOODY

We first reported on Woody in the Winter 2016 NeighSaver. Woody is one of our many horses that needed sanctuary because of his behavior, not due to medical reasons. This handsome mustang gelding has for years been both fearful and aggressive. He routinely challenges other horses (and on two occasions years ago – people), but backs down when the other horse or human does not. We have had multiple horses that backed down and those horses cannot be in the same field or herd as Woody. His wild nature continues to show through his interactions with other horses.



In the five years that Woody has been at our Sanctuary he has made much progress with people! After two years, he could be coaxed into the barn. Now, he happily comes into the barn with his friends Echo Star, Casper, and Porter looking for some human company or alfalfa left in a stall. He can now be groomed from head to hoof. While he still occasionally shows aggression toward certain other horses, he is markedly calmer around people, seeks their company, and happily and gently takes treats or a pet.

Woody touches us deeply. His behavior issues are not his fault! Like our other horses that have been considered “dangerous”, Woody simply responds to his wild nature and to the mistreatment he received for so many years after he was rounded up from his wild herd and sold at auction. We are confident that over time in a stable environment where he is loved, Woody will continue to learn to relax and trust.

GOING DEEP

We have so many horses with various medical issues that we decided to deepen the knowledge of our staff and horse care volunteers. One of our veterinarians has started a series of classes on basic diagnostics and care including taking vital signs and knowing what is normal, proper bandaging, etc. This will help in knowing when to call a vet and in giving the vet relevant information when called.



WAYS TO GIVE

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- Make a Monthly Buy-a-Bale Pledge
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- Join a Horse's "Support Team" with a Monthly Pledge
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- 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. *



Thank-you for giving!

For cash donations, call us at **541.482.5550**, use PayPal at **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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

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:

Equamore Sanctuary

4723 Highway 66

Ashland, OR 97520

WHY SANCTUARY?

Check out this lovely article about the beauty of horses, the despair of neglect, and the promise of our Sanctuary.

Thank you to Hilde & Michael Baughman.

<https://www.hcn.org/articles/opinion-domestic-horses-deserve-care-and-respect-not-neglect-ashland-oregon>

