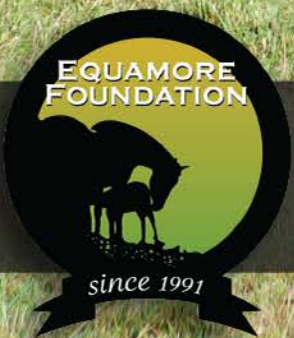


WINTER 2018

# NEIGH SAVER

EQUAMORE FOUNDATION



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

# FEATURED HORSE

## CHANCE



Chance was once a wild and free horse. His story is painfully familiar; rounded up, sold, and ending up on the brink of death in captivity. Malnourished himself, Chance stood guard over his emaciated Appaloosa friend, Sassy. Both horses were put in jeopardy when their owner died and they were left with the elderly mother in the beginning stages of dementia. The two horses were left to starve in a pen not twenty feet from available food and water. And no

one seemed to care until a visiting relative intervened by calling the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. At the scene, officers convinced the owner's heirs to surrender the horses to Equamore volunteers, who trailered the horses from White City to the Sanctuary in Ashland. Chance needed special feeds until he gained back his body weight and strength.

For the two and one-half years that Sassy lived at the Sanctuary, Chance never went to the top of the field in which they grazed. Sassy was too frail and Chance never left her side, always guarding her, and keeping stronger more playful horses away. After Sassy passed, and only after a period of severe grieving, Chance began guarding Bojingles ("Bo"), who was becoming increasingly frail. With Bo's death in May of this year, and again after grieving, Chance has taken to watching Sandy, who is in the later stages of degenerative suspensory ligament desmitis (DSLSD.)



Chance is easy to recognize with his gorgeous chestnut coat and the scar on his nose from a halter neglectfully left on far too long. He is extremely gentle and loves human attention, especially grooming. For having lost his freedom and family in the wild, to being neglected and starved, to losing

Sassy, his constant companion for many years, to losing Bojingles, Chance is an amazingly kind and loving horse. He will spend the rest of his life at the Sanctuary being loved mightily by staff, volunteers, and the frail horses he watches over.

# WHY SANCTUARY: GATO



Gato was abandoned through a sale of a boarding facility. He was not accounted for in the list of boarders, the seller could not or would not provide information about his owner, and the new owners did not have the resources or knowledge to deal with this horse. Gato also presented health issues and needed attention to his teeth, lots of high-quality hay and special feeds, and eye care for his damaged left eye.



The new owner tried through Facebook, the Sheriff's office, word of mouth, etc. to find Gato's owner, all to no avail. After consulting with friends, the new stable owner decided to have Gato put down. Fortunately for Gato, the owner's partner objected, and one last call was made to the Equamore Foundation.

A friend of the Sanctuary remarked that "Gato" rhymes with the French word for gift – "Cadeau." Gato has proven to be a real gift to the horses of Equamore. Initially, Gato, with one good eye, guided a blind horse Juan until Juan's untimely death. Then back with the main gelding herd, he partnered with Leo – a horse with poor social skills who wants to be friends with other horses but only seems to annoy them with his efforts. Gato tolerated Leo until Leo became better acclimated to herd life.



Now lame himself, Gato no longer needs to caretake other horses. He and his now best friend Bryant spend their days roaming freely on the main lawn and can be spotted together everywhere – by the creek, in the outdoor arenas, wandering into the main barn! Gato has learned which stall in the barn is his and he cleverly puts himself away at dinner time.

Gato is a sweet and gentle horse who approaches everyone for a bit of affection. Clearly someone loved this horse once. Was he abandoned because he was "used up" or because he was developing medical problems? We cannot know, but we do know that he will be cared for and loved for the rest of his life at our Sanctuary. He has been a true gift.

# WE'VE BEEN BUSY!

In September we held our annual Sanctuary Picnic Friendship Drive. This event lets us thank old friends and make new ones to help support our mission. Not only did our guests have a terrific time, the horses loved all of the attention and affection.

We also hosted Jin Shin Jyutsu classes with Adele Leas in September. We were

not sure how our horses would react, but they absolutely loved the treatments and attention. Lastly, the Annual Birthday Groom-A-Thon raised over \$6000 for our horses in October! Many friends visited the barn to cheer on Ruby, Shaylee, and Melanie as they groomed all 57 horses at the Sanctuary. We love events that not only help financially, but also directly provide care and attention to our horses as well.



## OUR MISSION

The Equamore Foundation provides rescue and sanctuary for neglected, abused, and abandoned horses that have no other alternative for life. Each day our Sanctuary pushes back against cruelty and indifference. Our mission of kindness and respect for the dignity of all life is vital and universal.

## OUR "FEATURED HORSE" CHANCE AND OUR "WHY SANCTUARY? HORSE" GATO

With the holidays upon us and in the spirit of Thanksgiving, we selected two horses to highlight in this issue for whom we are especially grateful. Both of these horses have proven to be genuine gifts to other horses in our Sanctuary. In their own extraordinary behaviors, they model our universal mission of kindness.

# DEPARTED FRIENDS



SARA



JUAN



BOJINGLES



GRACE



TOPAZ

In the last year we have painfully lost Sara, Juan, Bojingles, Grace, and Topaz. Together we provided sanctuary for nearly twenty-seven years for these five wonderful horses - from only four months for Juan to nearly ten years for Topaz. We loved these animals deeply and were privileged to care for them. However, none of them should have needed sanctuary and all came to Equamore because of the failures of one or more people. We need to make this stop!

## WAYS TO GIVE

- Make a One-Time Donation
- Make a Monthly Pledge
- For Cash Donations call us at 541.482.5550, use PayPal at [equamore.org](http://equamore.org), or mail us.
- For Legacy Gifts, Gifts of Stock, and Gifts to our Endowment Fund call us or email us at [legacygiving@equamore.org](mailto:legacygiving@equamore.org)
- Donate Your Vehicle by calling 866.392.4483 or go to [www.donateforcharity.com/charity-car-donation-form/?charity=Equamore+Foundation](http://www.donateforcharity.com/charity-car-donation-form/?charity=Equamore+Foundation)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

### Victor Lobato and James Anderson Book Signing

December 15th from  
1:00 pm ~ 3:00 pm  
Bloomsbury Bookstore  
290 East Main Street,  
Ashland, OR 97520

### Year-End Friendship Celebration

December 16th from  
12:00 pm ~ 2:00 pm  
Equamore Sanctuary  
4723 Hwy 66,  
Ashland, OR 97520

## SAVE THE DATE!

**"Beyond the Finish Line" – Derby After-Party**

May 4, 2019