

SPRING 2019

NEIGHSAVER

EQUAMORE FOUNDATION



Hungry, Neglected, Abused...
Never Again!

WHY SANCTUARY: **BOBBY SOCKS**



In May of 2018 we received a phone call from a sheriff's deputy in Marion County. He wanted to know what the Oregon Hay Bank was about because he was called to a property where two horses had been kept in deplorable conditions for years. One of the horses, Bobby Socks ("Bob") was an extremely thin elderly quarter horse gelding. Bob, along with his pen mate Silver Belle ("Belle"), were in a small pen, unfed, and the water they had was filthy. Any feed they were receiving was coming from concerned neighbors. The deputy reported that the horses had no hoof care, that they had been in these pens for at least five years, and that they were "not in good shape."



After explaining the Oregon Hay Bank's mission, which is to provide temporary feed, vet care, and/or hoof care to responsible horse owners experiencing a temporary financial set back, it was clear that the owners would not qualify for assistance. The deputy felt that getting the owners to surrender the horses was the best route to take as the conditions were bad, had been for years, and were unlikely to change.

As most counties in Oregon, including Marion County, have no facilities to house large animals that are seized or surrendered to law enforcement, Equamore Sanctuary opened its gate once again. The deputy went immediately to the property and told the owners that unless they surrender the horses the sheriff's department would bring charges. The owner said that he didn't want to give the horses up, but if that was what he had to do, he would do it. Transportation was arranged immediately and Bob and Belle were trailered to the Sanctuary.

Bob was the thinner of the two horses and his feet were in desperate need of care. He was provided all the alfalfa and grass hay he could eat and soon regained his healthy body weight. His personality is adorable. He is quite sensitive and tries incredibly



hard to please. For reasons, unknown to us, he gets extremely upset when he thinks he may have made a mistake. We have no way to know what in Bob's past has caused this anxiety, but we are hopeful that in time he will become more confident in himself and his caretakers.



Bob and Belle spend their nights in side-by-side stalls in the long barn and their days grazing in the "couple's field" with three other mares and three other geldings. They will spend the remainder of their lives here at the Sanctuary with nothing to fear and will never go hungry again.

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.

GOING DEEPER FOR OUR MISSION

Equamore sees a constant stream of horses that need assistance. Like most animal rescues and sanctuaries, we face seemingly endless needs with limited ability to address the core causes of cruelty and neglect. We are trying! In January, our Executive Director and two Board Members, along with a small group of other citizens concerned about animal welfare issues, held meetings with our State Senator and Representative in an effort to convince these lawmakers to support various animal welfare legislation in Oregon. The meetings were organized by the Humane Society of the United States. We were happy to host the meeting with our Representative at our Sanctuary, giving her and other citizens a look at our work, our facility, and our horses. We also began what we hope will be a series of productive meetings with our County Sheriff. With the need being great and the resources being limited, we are hoping to establish new protocols for reports of neglect and abuse in our county. We can do better!

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

Our annual **"Beyond the Finish Line" Derby After-Party** is May 4th, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at our Sanctuary. This is our most important fundraiser of the year. It is also incredibly fun with silly hats, juleps, good food, entertainment, and horses! We are thrilled this year to have Barret O'Brien as our Emcee. Please mark your calendars and check our web site for upcoming details.

FEATURED HORSE DUSTY



Shortly after Royal Crown, emaciated from lack of food, was surrendered to Equamore in February of 2013, the owner also surrendered Dusty who was far from underweight. Dusty was in a very small hot-wired pen in front of the house with two other horses. While Dusty looked healthy (actually fat), the owner intensely disliked him, and given the poor conditions on that property for all the animals, we agreed to take

any horse that she would surrender. This made sense for the remaining horses – we were very concerned for all of them and we hoped that they would get more feed if the horse that seemed to be taking more than his share was removed.

We assumed that Dusty was the alpha of the herd as he was obese while others were very thin. We were wrong. Dusty is more like a teddy bear than a dominant horse. In fact, he has become the barn comic with his silly antics and poses, his affection for mud, and his constant plaintive high-pitched whinny of “me first” when treats are being passed out. While we had hopes for his being a good school horse (he was nick named the “Couch”) he was clever enough to learn that a little buck here, a little trip there... and soon a horse is back in the fields with his friends!



Medically, we learned that Dusty was not overweight from diet. No diet or feeding style got him to lose the extra weight. Like with people, obesity is a serious health risk for horses. Concerned, we reevaluated his health with our vet and determined that he had issues regulating his insulin levels. No matter what he ate, he never felt satisfied and no matter how little he was fed, he did not lose weight. With the addition of a medication prescribed by our vet to regulate his insulin levels, Dusty has lost weight. He also receives acupuncture, laser, and chiropractic treatments and is living a great life at the Sanctuary. We hope he never loses his good nature and quirky sense of humor.

While Dusty makes staff and volunteers smile, his story is tragic. We don't know how many years he suffered without proper medical treatment, shelter, or good care. Over the years we have taken six horses from this same property, four of them after Royal Crown and Dusty were surrendered. While Royal Crown sadly passed, Dusty is now reunited with his former herd mates Arlo, Frida, Tank, and Maria.



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, or mail us.
- For Legacy Gifts, Gifts of Stock, and Gifts to our Endowment Fund call us or email us at legacygiving@equamore.org
- Donate Your Vehicle by calling 866.392.4483 or go to www.donateforcharity.com/charity-car-donation-form/?charity=Equamore+Foundation



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

March 12th
Pints for a Purpose
Standing Stone Brewery
101 Oak St, Ashland, OR
Tuesday - 5:00pm to 10:00pm

April 13th
Dressage Show & Open Barn Day
Judge: Angela Littlefield (S)
Closing Date: March 30th
Saturday – 9:00am to 4:00pm

May 4th
Fifth Annual “Beyond the Finish Line” – Derby After-Party
Saturday – 5:00pm to 8:00pm

June 8th
Sanctuary Social
Saturday – 3:00pm to 5:00pm

July 13th
Sanctuary Social
Saturday 3:00pm to 5:00pm

August 3rd
Dressage Show
& Open Barn Day
Judge: Lynn McEnespy (R)
Closing Date: July 20th
Saturday – 9:00am to 4:00pm

September 13th thru 15th
Jin Shin Jyutsu Workshop
Friday – Sunday

September 21st
Friendship Drive Picnic
Saturday – 1:00pm to 4:00pm

October 5th
Ruby's Groom-A-Thon
Saturday – 10:00am to 4:00pm

December 15th
Year-End Friendship
Celebration
Sunday – 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Except where noted, all events held at:

Equamore Sanctuary,
4723 HW 66,
Ashland, Oregon 97520

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THE SANCTUARY**

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