

FEATURED HORSE

TEBOW



This beautiful Bay Arabian cross gelding was used for endurance racing for a number of years and he even competed in at least one grueling hundred mile race. When his racing career ended, however, Tebow fell on hard times. He was sold at a horse auction in Klamath Falls, despite his emaciated condition, to a buyer that had hopes of him being a trail horse.

After purchasing Tebow, the new owner was unable to get him to gain weight. In 2012 she brought him to Equamore as a boarder in the hopes that we could help. We did! Tebow regained his weight and was beginning to relax, if only a little. His

owner wanted to be sure that he was ready to take home and ride and asked our Executive Director to “test drive” him. That did not happen as Tebow became extremely agitated to the point of hysteria just seeing the saddle and bridle.

Like many sport horses, the requirements of competition had made Tebow so “hyper” that when he was put into the cross ties and saw a saddle he prepared for what he thought was coming and became unmanageable. Sitting on a horse like this is like sitting on a time-bomb. Because she realized that he would never be the trail horse she had hoped when she purchased Tebow, the owner left without him and Tebow went from being a boarder to an unsponsored Equamore horse.

While Tebow is physically very healthy and has calmed down dramatically over the years at the Sanctuary, he still has separation anxiety when separated from his stall mates. Even in the field he is still the first horse wanting to come in from his daily turnout to the safety and security of his stall. He is groomed and cared for in his stall unless he needs to be in the cross ties, in which case we bring a friend with him! Tebow’s gentle and kind nature shows through daily at the Sanctuary as he enters his older years with grace and style.



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WHY SANCTUARY HORSES UPDATES

Frida We introduced Frida in the *Summer 2018* issue of the *NeighSaver*. While she continues to relax and has become a barn favorite due to her sweet disposition, her lameness issues have worsened since she came to the Sanctuary. For a time late last year we were very anxious for her – her quality of life seemed to be declining and the pain medications were not enough to keep her comfortable. We decided to try a special treatment (a drug called “Osphos” that is injected into three different sites on the horse’s body) in the hopes that she would be one of the lucky horses that it helped. We had used it before on other horses with mixed results. For her, the potential benefit outweighed the risks of the drug (discomfort, agitation, and colic) as Frida was reaching a point where we feared a tragic decision would soon need to be made. The immediate problem was in having to remove Frida from the pain medication for four days before administering the drug. With the advice of our vet, we substituted a temporary topical pain medication on her fetlocks to get her through the four days and had the drug administered. She responded wonderfully! While Frida will always have lameness issues – there is simply no cure for the damage that was done to her – for now, she is happy going to the top of the big mare field to graze and has a nicker for anyone that comes by.



Leo We featured Leo in the *Winter 2017* issue of the *NeighSaver*. Leo came to us as an aggressive and dangerous stallion that actually attacked our farm manager. Finally after being gelded he was turned out with the other horses in the hopes he would learn good social skills from the other geldings. He has learned a lot! He is still learning about horse play and what is “fun” and what is just annoying to the other horses. The striking thing about Leo is that he is actually insecure and fearful of more dominant horses. Woody tends to challenge other horses – not a problem for most of them – and Leo just flees putting

Woody in hot pursuit and resulting in a dangerous hunt. This is one more social skill Leo lacks – how to hold your own. So this once seemingly fearsome stallion is now always turned out into a field separately with docile horses. Happily, Leo is still young, and has all the time he needs to sort this out.

**THIS IS WHY WE PROVIDE
SANCTUARY!**

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.

BEYOND THE FINISH LINE



**Empress Steele,
Handled by Melanie Githens**

Our Derby After-Party was a wonderful success. We tried something different this year. While we had good music and a terrific silent auction, instead of asking people to raise a paddle we took the opportunity to present a history of horses in America and how our treatment of them today belies their major historical contribution to our country. By a quiet request we raised money for our horses, we made new friends, and we were sincerely touched by the support for our mission. Thank you to our sponsors, our underwriters, our guests, and our donors. And, a huge thanks from all of our horses who are safe and cared for here at the Sanctuary “Beyond the Finish Line.”

HORSE SHOW

After every one of our shows last year were cancelled due to heat or smoke or both, we finally had a terrific show in April. We had a good turn out with beautiful horses, riders, and guests. These shows are a great way to stay connected to horse lovers in the area and to make new friends. Two of our own Equamore horses – Finn and Portia – competed and were ridden by Equamore volunteers.



Portia, Ridden by Colleen Dumont

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 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All events held at:
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SAVE THE DATE!

September 21, 2019

Sanctuary Picnic Friendship Drive
Mark your calendars and tell your friends!