

WINTER 2019

NEIGH SAVER

EQUAMORE FOUNDATION



Hungry, Neglected, Abused...
Never Again!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BARN

We have been busy!

Outreach and Fundraising.

In September we held our annual Sanctuary Picnic & Friendship Drive. The response was overwhelming – we had over two-hundred people reserve a spot. With beautiful weather and grounds, our guests enjoyed the food, music, and horses, while our horses loved all the attention and we made new “Friends of Equamore”. What a fun way to spread the word about our horses and find new donors.



Volunteer Fundraising. In October, once again super volunteer, Ruby, celebrated her birthday by holding a “Groom-A-Thon” with friends Melanie and Shaylee. These amazing young women raised over \$9000 for the horses and fifty-three horses had brushed coats and shiny tails on the same day! These young women are role models for how much young people can accomplish for good.



MELANIE



SHAYLEE



RUBY

Education. We routinely provide tours of our Sanctuary. Usually tours are taken by adults giving us an opportunity to educate people about the problem of unwanted horses and to hope our horses will inspire them to help. Sometimes, however, tours are simply about education. Our most recent “kid tour” was for the Cub Scouts of Ashland. We hope that we can plant seeds with kids that will help their generation be better to animals than previous ones have been.



OUR MISSION

The Equamore Foundation provides rescue and sanctuary for neglected, abused, and abandoned horses who 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.

WHY SANCTUARY HOLLY



Holly is an adorable spotted Jenny who came to us in August from the Klamath County Animal Shelter. She had been kept in a pasture with three other donkeys about ten miles outside the town of Bly, Oregon. The pasture was well hidden from view off a long dirt road. She and the other donkeys got out of their enclosure one day and were seen by a passing motorist. The motorist stopped and took a picture of Holly's overgrown feet and submitted it to Klamath Animal Control. At the same time Holly was reported, another report was made about a mini mule in the town of Bly known as Happy (owned by the same person) who also had overgrown hooves.



After a month or more of inaction by Animal Control, a Klamath County Sheriff's Deputy investigated. When he saw the hooves on both Holly and Happy, a warrant for their seizure was obtained the same day. Both animals were taken to a large animal vet so x-rays of their feet could be taken and a qualified farrier could trim their feet. They remained at the vet clinic for about a week where they were monitored and given medication to manage their pain. Sadly, Holly's friend, Happy, was euthanized because of the irreversible horrific condition of his feet. Some damage simply cannot be fixed or adequately eased.

Holly was put in the care of a farrier for three months. He worked on her feet to restore some normalcy and at the end of that three months Holly was transported to our Sanctuary. After initially trying to put Holly in with the ponies, she was moved to the blind horse field. Cash, Eddie, and Wishes accepted her quickly into their little herd. After being removed from her donkey herd and taken to a shelter, then taken to the vet, then moved to a farrier's home, and then finally trailered to our Sanctuary, Holly has had a long and jarring path to safety.

While we know what her physical problems were before she came to our Sanctuary, we have no idea why she shuns humans. Just coming near and reaching out for Holly makes her tremble. Other than herding her into a small pen to put on a fly mask and halter and when she is sedated to trim her hooves, we have not touched her. No one has come closer than the length of a carrot! We approach her daily and are getting closer before she moves off. Holly will stay with us for the rest of her life so she has all the time she needs to learn to trust. Meanwhile her braying when she sees the feed cart makes us (and we hope the neighbors) smile.

**THIS IS WHY WE PROVIDE
SANCTUARY!**

DEPARTED FRIENDS

This past year we sent our “gentle giant”, Bryant, and our “little big horse”, Napoleon, to their final sanctuaries. We also lost sweet Bolden, a horribly neglected horse that died, tragically, less than two hours after arriving at our Sanctuary. For Bryant and Napoleon, we were privileged to watch their recoveries, to share their joy in being allowed to just be horses, and to provide that final act of stewardship on their behalf. We miss them. For Bolden, we grieve and rage for his long and horrible suffering and death.



UPDATE ON LEO

Two years ago, we introduced you to Leo, an untamed stallion whose owners wanted to euthanize him because he was unmanageable. Leo had been kept alone as a stallion for eleven years. It was no wonder Leo was aggressive with people and had no idea how to be a horse. Leo has made much progress, but still has a way to go.

After attacking our farm manager his first year with us, Leo has not been severely aggressive with humans since, although staff and volunteers continue to be careful around him. He was moved into the main barn from the long barn to give him more exposure to people. As to being a horse, Leo is still learning. He tries to play, but just seems to annoy other horses. He does not know what to do when challenged by another horse. When challenged by Woody (Woody challenges all the geldings), he runs away motivating Woody to start a terrifying chase. Of course, he does not share a field with Woody anymore.

Leo is the classic “bully”. He can be aggressive with other horses, but when challenged he flees like a terrified colt. When he is aggressive toward people and they “get big” with him, he immediately backs down. We hope that as more time passes, Leo will continue to move forward, gain the confidence he needs to calm his behavior, and learn to enjoy all the deep pleasures of relationships with people and other horses.



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



OREGON HAY BANK

The Oregon Hay Bank (“OHB”) is a program of the Equamore Foundation separate from our Sanctuary but designed to help horses in need. Through this program we provide responsible horse owners facing financial crisis with hay and feed assistance, hoof care, and veterinary services so they can keep their horses at home. Qualifying organizations can request assistance with up-front costs of rescuing unwanted horses and assistance during times of crisis such as natural disasters. You can designate your donation to Equamore for use by OHB by making your check out to “Oregon Hay Bank”, by noting “OHB” on your check, by donating through the OHB page on our web site at <https://www.equamore.org/oregon-hay-bank> or by simply letting us know that you want your donation designated for this wonderful program.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 15th

Year-End Friendship Celebration

Sunday – 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Save The Date – 2020

May 2nd

**“Beyond the Finish Line”
Derby After-Party**

All events held at:
Equamore Sanctuary,
4723 HW 66,
Ashland, Oregon 97520