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HORSES CURRENTLY IN THE RESCUE

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| Aladida - 19 y.o. Arabian | Jersey Girl - 11 y.o. QH mare |
| Amazing Grace - coming 2 Morgan X | Juliette - 16 y.o. Hackney x pony |
| Badonk - 11 y.o. Donkey - sanctuary | Minnie Pearl - 10 y.o. pony |
| Bandit - Aged pony - sanctuary | Ping - 19 y.o. Hackney x |
| Biscuit - 11 y.o. TB gelding | Sega - 13 y.o. Andalusian - Blind |
| Belle Starr - eight y.o. TB mare | Sophie - Seven y.o. TB mare |
| Cooper - TB undergoing treatment | Tecumsah - TB 6 months old |
| Doc - aged appendix QH | Winnie - Paint, aged mare |
| Eco Doce - Eight y.o. Lusitano mare | Whisper/Mama - 25 y.o. Haflinger X |
| Fortana - 16 y.o. Arabian mare | Zinga - 10y.o. Bay TB mare |

~ **EVENTS - 2019** ~

JANUARY 15th - Annual Board meeting

TBA - Sip n Paint

APRIL 6th - Benefit Pasta Supper- JB O'Reilly Club - Spfld, MA

MAY 6th - Publick House Benefit Dinner -277 Main St, Sturbridge, MA

JUNE 23rd - Benefit Horse Show Felton Field - Barre, MA

AUGUST 17th Annual Benefit Picnic - Ludlow Elks Club, Ludlow

Our voices to the world:

- President - B. Johnson
- V.President - V. Berry
- Secretary - R. McLam
- Treasurer - R. Banks
- EBoard - W. Robinson

~Committee Members~

- K. Christainsen R. Ekstrom
- K. Hosley P. Rossi

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AROUND THE BARN

by Vicky Berry



*Chesney has a new home with loving parents!

*Willie & Mia have been adopted too and now reside with Missy & family

*Sophie has been started under saddle! She was a stellar student at PeterWhitmore's in September!

*Aladida has been adopted.

*Fortana aka Freckles is in foster care

*New volunteers! *Welcome to the Farm!* Ashton, Kaileen and Jason.

*Fence raising before winter storms was a huge success. Thank you **Salesforce Employees & Associates!**

*Amy made special sugarless treats for **Bandit!** He loves them.

*Our Pot Luck gala for our wonderful volunteers on December 1st was a great time!

*Jerry has fixed so many things I don't think I can name them all. Here are just a few: Hilton roof, window & backboards, stall latches, doors on the barn. Thank you Jerry for all do to help each Saturday!!

*Chuck and his son Chase cleared the back fencing while mom, Magdaleine and Lauren helped with barn chores.

Laurie Drazyk is collecting empty bottles & cans for folks who need a helping hand with their horses. A barrel is located here at the farm.

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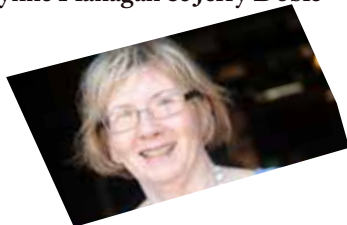
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Stoney Hill Farm of Barre, MA (978-621-6717) for graciously hosting several well organized benefits for CNEER!

CNEER Volunteerism is Doing and Receiving

by
Lynne Flanagan & Jerry Doble



As volunteers, we witness miraculous transformations of rescued-horses, both physically and emotionally, as they adjust and learn to accept individualized care for every aspect of their well-being. Volunteer work involves less-than-glamorous chores such as cleaning stalls and repairs. These chores are daily and on-going, as is the love and care these horses receive. To see the magnificence of CNEER horses running and grazing in their pastures is a sight for eyes and heart to behold.



Hardwick Co op

*Thank you for all that you do to help
the neglected and forgotten horses
that come to CNEER!*

You are all amazing people and we at CNEER truly appreciate you. Every time we enter the Co-op managed by Steve there is a sense of welcoming. Each and every staff member is fully equipped to help with any question and help willingly with a smile. Steve himself, who is extremely busy, will stop and take time to assist you with any problem from feed to fencing needs. Jane, Joe, Shane, Nathan, Briana, Skylar, Dalton, Josie, Emily, Bill, Kathy, Peter, Billy, Betsy, Karina, Anne Marie, Paul, Julie, CJ, Lisa, AJ, Olivia are pleasant and so helpful. Recently several new volunteers wanted to come with me to do a grain run. We had a great time on the way there anticipating a full grain bin thanks to donations and while in the co-op, I could hear them laughing and just feeling relaxed and having a good time! Everyone is welcome at the Hardwick Co-op and their business ethic is professional and friendly, a rare combination. We thank them for their continued support and their helpful, caring attitudes. We wish them continued success and a Happy New Year.

Ponderisms

- * There are only two ways to live your life: One is as though nothing is a miracle; the other is as though everything is a miracle. A. Einstein
- * Age doesn't matter unless you are a cheese. Billie Burke
- * Never regret. If it's good, it's wonderful. If it's bad, it's experience. Victoria Holt
- * There comes a point in every rider's life when he has to sit back and wonder, Am I Nuts? Kelly Stewart
- * A great horse will change your life. The truly special ones define it.
- * Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened. Anatole France
- * *Poll flexion is not Pull flexion.* Dr. Thomas Ritter
- * One reason why birds and horses are happy is because they are not trying to impress other birds and horses. Dale Carnegie
- * A man that don't love a horse, there is something the matter with him. Will Rogers
- * What an honor to be recognized by a horse. Daily Nickers
- * Saving one horse may not change the world; but, for that one horse the world is forever changed.
- * Sports do not build character, they reveal it! Readers Digest
- * If you would know the greatest sum in addition, count your blessings.

Another Miracle

When he arrived, my heart broke. His skeletal frame was showing through the mangy, dirty sparse fur. I believe we all cried to see such an emaciated little guy standing before us. Betsy had trailed him over and silently unloaded him and the mare that was with him. This little pony was not going to make it, of that I was sure. Yet, there was something in those brown eyes that told me different. It took several years, but here he is! The little trooper that continues to have a will to live! A huge thank you to Linda Mercier for sponsoring Little Bandit



Above: Fall of 2018

Below: When this little guy first arrived.



Amazing Generosity

We recently received a call asking if we would like to participate in a new program for several of our horses that needed a bit more training. It was explained that this is the first *Rescue Challenge* put on by THHIN! (Supporting Equine Rescues that are on the frontline of saving horses in dire need.) We discussed it and decided on two horses that would benefit from good, compassionate training to become more adoptable. Juliette and Sophie were chosen as Juliette is a very spunky pony that might be best suited for driving and Sophie just needs more miles under an experienced rider. We were excited and the stables that were chosen objectively by THHIN are simply wonderful. Juliette left in January on this new adventure. Legacy Stable's, Liz & Michael Murphy, guiding Juliette through three month's of training. If all goes well with her training, you can see her shine at the Spring Premier UPHA Show - Rescue Challenge at the Eastern States Exposition grounds, third weekend in April!



Board Meeting

Our annual board meeting was held on January 15th. We always have great ideas that come from all board members and this year was no different. The enthusiasm and inspiration that each volunteer board member brings with them is contagious and the room fills with an aura of camaraderie. We plan our events for the year and how we can improve. The horses are discussed in concerned and caring tones. We are grateful to all who donate to keep us afloat and able to help these beauties.



Board & Committee Members: Randy, Vicky, Kathy, Becky, Bill, Roxann and Betsy. Missing from photo are committee members Patti & Karla.



Aladida at her new home.



This is the Barn CNEER Built.

Mary Stone

This is the hay that lay in the barn CNEER built.



These are the mice that nibbled the hay that lay in the barn CNEER built.



This is the cat that chased the mice that nibbled the hay that lay in the barn CNEER built.



These are the dogs that worried the cat that chased the mice that nibbled the hay that lay in the barn CNEER built.



This is Badonk who brayed up a storm that tickled the dogs that worried the cat that chased the mice that nibbled the hay that lay in the barn CNEER built.



These are the horses once forlorn that loved Badonk who brayed up a storm that tickled the dogs that worried the cat



that chased the mice that nibbled the hay that lay in the barn CNEER built. This is the crew that greeted the morn that loved all the horses once forlorn that loved Badonk who brayed up a storm that tickled the dogs that worried the cat that chased the mice that nibbled the hay that lay in the barn CNEER built.



This is the song of happiness born that rose from the crew that greeted the morn that loved all the horses once forlorn that loved Badonk that brayed up a storm that tickled the dogs that worried the cat that chased the mice that nibbled the hay that lay in the barn CNEER built.



Mary Stone has been volunteering at the Rescue for several years. She has brought with her a sense of witty humor, a talent for writing as this little ditty above shows and a willingness to help in all ways. She has donated generously and inspired others. Mary has brought her family to attend our benefits and helped sponsor a horse or two during her volunteer months. The beautiful winter horse wreath that hangs on the barn and the solar light that guides my footsteps into the barn door when it is pitch black out are her gifts! We have many wonderful volunteers. Our little rescue has a peaceful, drama free, loving and happy aura about it thanks to each volunteer that brings their unique talents with them to care for these horses.