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MAKING A DIFFERENCE ~ ONE AT A TIME



EVENTS - 2024

JANUARY 31st Board Meeting

MAY 25TH- Volunteer Clinic with
Peter Whitmore at SHF

AUGUST 4th - Benefit Horse
Show - Felton Field in Barre

OCTOBER 12th - Fall Festival
at the Rescue, West Brookfield

TBA- Palmer Motorsports
Mustangs on the Mountain

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equines which includes Badonk the
donkey

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SPOTLIGHT ON:

Tantasqua Regional High School



Huge thank you to **DG Construction**
for pouring a strong cement foundation
and
**Tantasqua Regional High School's
teachers and students** for creating a
wonderfully engineered shaving shelter.
Your construction is second to none
and we all appreciate the detail and
hard work in frigid temps to create this
much needed building. This will allow
us to keep bedding for each and every
horse dry and clean You are all amazing
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our days.

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Captain Jack finds his Home



Captain Jack was headed for the slaughter truck when we intercepted him to accompany a little 8 week old filly we had seen on the auction blocks website. The filly was subsequently taken in by another and we still wanted to rescue Jack. We paid the "bail" and followed up only to find that the message had not been received that we had paid that bail and he was not to be sent on the truck. The gate keepers did not receive the message and he was on his way to

Texas where he would be sent over the border for slaughter. We tracked him down and we were able to arrange transportation to get him with us where he could heal. It was a long trip for the little guy. Finally after numerous reroutes he was in safe hands. After quarantine he came to the farm where he was greeted with happy volunteers. The one that loved him the most was Roxann. She brushed him and walked him and oouuud and ahhhhhd over him every chance she had; making a big difference in his life here. He was a feisty little guy and with training and consistent care he came around. Captain Jack is now in the loving home of Ted and Deb! He made the transition in April. It's been quite a journey to his happy place.

AROUND THE BARN

***Jerry Doble** has not missed one Saturday in over ten years! He is an amazing man and we thank you Jerry from the bottom of our hearts for your dedication!

***Bandit** received his springtime clip thanks to Emily Glidden.

***Daisy** still struggles to gain weight but we are slowly making progress..

*Thank you for many years of caring for foster horses to the **Gonya's, Neil and Yvette**. They have hung up their spurs and no longer will be fostering

***Belle, Mia and Keno** are back in the Rescue.

*Welcome to new volunteers: **Ted, Elizabeth (Lizzie}** and **Sarah**.

*Thank You **Derek** for your hard work pouring the finishing cement for our shelter. What a great job.

****Frank Sinatra** a little black bay pony has been taken in.

*Many best wishes to our volunteers who have celebrated birthdays since our last newsletter!

***Mark** who has been on the mend came

to visit the farm one Saturday morning. It was great to see him up and around.

***B WELL & THRIVE** Thank You to **Colleen**. Her students visited and worked some magic on several of our horses. Thank you Matt Caprioli for setting up this visit. We look forward to a return visit to work with the horses.



This is what an Executive Board looks like at a Rescue.

HORSES CURRENTLY IN THE RESCUE

Badonk - 16 y.o. donkey sanctuary

Bandit - Aged pony - sanctuary

Belle - 15 y.o. TB mare

Captain Jack - 5 y.o. ShetlandXpony

Daisy - Morgan cross 25 y.o.

Frank Sinatra-mini 5 y.o.

Gia - 16 y.o. Paint

Jersey Girl - 19 y.o. QH mare

Keno - approx 19 y.o. Paint gelding

Mama - aged Haflinger

Mia - 18 y.o. mini pinto

Minnie Pearl - 17 y.o. pony

Sega - 17 y.o. Andalusian - Blind

Sully - 17 y.o. Chestnut Appendix

Winnie - Paint, aged mare

Whiskey Lullaby - Bay TB gelding

Zinga - 23 y.o. bay TB mare

Annual Spring Shots Day

March is typically Spring shots time for the entire barn. This year was no different. Appointments made and time was set. A very special thank you to ***Sarah Newton, DVM*** for her patience and calm demeanor through all the shots for our horses. She is truly amazing. Betsy, Annie and Brooke were helping to get the task done for all our equines. Not all horses appreciate these preventative measures but they still must be done. Huge thank you to all.



NEW ARRIVAL

Frank Sinatra

Yes you guessed it, he has blue eyes This little guy arrived from an unusual circumstance. He was won in a raffle and the person that won him did not want to keep him. We found out he was not a gelding and we would have to arrange for him to be gelded in order to help him. After speaking with our vet, we took him into the family. He has been in quarantine and is a sweet guy. A bit feisty but sweet. His appointment has been made and he will soon be evaluated for his abilities to be with children. We are grateful that we can help this little guy who was headed for an auction he was intact. Thank you for your donations to help this little one.



Made a Difference to this One.

Special Events

Success!

Our Annual Benefit Horse Show was well attended last show season and we are anticipating another great day on August 4th, 2024 at the Barre Riding & Driving Club. We love to see the gathering of like minded horse folks who appreciate good sportsmanship, friendliness and professionalism. Mark your calendars and have a wonderful day.

Food booth is open for breakfast and lunch.



Above is *Turn Your Star*, TY for short. He was rescued as a colt, he was skinny, malnourished and alone. He had to be taught to have fun and relax and was trained with TLC. Ty was adopted by Kristen Albano & family several years later. Ty has found his way back to this area and is now at SHF. He was entered in the SHF Winter Show Series and was day end Reserve Champion! It really is a small world. We get to see him often, he is as handsome as ever, flourishing and loving life. Maybe he will make an appearance at the upcoming Annual Benefit Show....be sure to say Hi if you see him..

Franklin H. Green Family

We will soon be zipping around dragging riding ring, corrals and hauling manure -just some of the many uses of this vehicle. The last one lasted 17 years! Used just about every day except when snow was over a foot or two. This is a gift from a very special *Franklin H. Green Family*, the donation was designated for seeing this need and making it all possible for a UTV and resurfacing riding ring and corrals!

Our search for the best prices brought us once again to Flamingo Motorsports bringing it all together and we couldn't be more grateful for making life's farm chores a bit easier. Forever grateful for the kindness and generosity of this beautiful **Franklin H. Green** family.



*Many thanks to Sari Pomponio for the search that led us to
Flamingo Motorsports*

MAKING A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEERS ARE PRICELESS

Stevie has left the
Building!



Our friend and volunteer Stevie has moved to NH. He is a solid, hard working young man who managed to help every Friday while holding down a job at Stop & Shop.

Stevie usually brought Brenda her favorite **Dunkin** bacon bites and **Dunkin** munchkins for everyone else. We all miss him and wish him the very best of everything in his new adventure. Well done Stevie!

Whether you think you can
or can't, you're right

Betsy Bronstein

One of our very talented
volunteers.

Dr. Betsy Bronstein holds a BM, MM and DMA and joined the Joy of Music faculty in 2014. She's shown here with her husband Sam Politz, performing Cajun music at the *2023 Fall Festival for the Central New England Equine Rescue*, at which she also volunteers weekly. Sam, who is an authentic musician from Louisiana, suggested about 12 years ago that she start playing violin again after studying it as a child, with a focus on fiddling. The couple then established themselves as the duo "*Deux Amis*" and have performed extensively in Massachusetts. After a few years, she decided that she wanted to study violin at JOMP with Peter Hughes, as she expanded into classical music on the violin. She now plays with Symphony Pro Musica as a violinist! Betsy loves Bach, and most recently performed a beautiful Bach solo violin piece at Jompathon in addition to accompanying several of her students on cello.

from (*Joy of Music article*)



The Evolution of the Yakutian Horse of Northern Siberia

submitted by Roxann Banks

The Yakutian horse was brought to northern Siberia by migrating people in the 13th to 15th centuries.

Originally domestic horses they went through evolutionary changes so they could survive the plummeting winter temperatures of minus 90 degrees fahrenheit.

They are domestic horses which, through evolutionary changes, are able to withstand the frigid cold by their bodies becoming more compact (shorter legs and body length), growing a thick coat and by decreasing their metabolic rate, heart rate and temperature.

These metabolic and physiological changes mimic hibernation and are called "standing hibernation" ; similar to how squirrels adapt to winter. This altered state allows them to survive and thrive in the inhospitable weather of northern Siberia.

Scientists analyzed the genomes of the Yakutian and were able to determine these evolutionary metabolic, anatomical and physiological changes took place over several centuries; an unusually short period of time (from an evolutionary point).

If interested see:

Why the Horses of Siberia Are Rapidly Evolving

(popularmechanics.com)

Daily Nickers

(excerpts from the book: **Daily Nickers**)

The Favorite Month

April just might be the favorite month of the North country. It signifies the beginning of new life.

It brings flowers to the earth's surface and gives us hope of the warm, beautiful weather to come and the shedding of the cold cloak of winter.

Tulips, lillies, crocuses and daffodils are peeking out from their winter sleep. The world in the North is coming to life once again.

The barn residents are getting friskier, it has been a long winter.

Thought for the Day
Fresh carrots will be growing in the garden soon!



Bandit Before and After his Trim



Whiskers & Lips & Muzzles

Horses use their whiskers to explore and identify things.

Each time the horse's whiskers touch something the nerves fire off a 250mph electrical message to the brain to determine what the horse is touching.

A horse's brain contains cells that receive information from their whiskers.

Horses breathe through their noses.

Horses have a prehensile upper lip. Meaning that they use the upper lip for seizing, grasping, or taking hold of something.

Flehmen:
When a horse curls its top lip up. This happens when the horse traps pheromone scents in the vomeronasal organs so they may analyze them more closely.

Because horses can't see right below their nose, due to the position of their eyes, they use whiskers to help guide them toward and away from edible items and hazardous objects.

**Now I realize that this is possibly so cruel to take away this ability for the horse to sense things. There is not a day that goes by that I don't learn something new from the horses that surround me.*

PONDERISMS

Some of the following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners. How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. The applause dies.

See how you do on this quiz:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with. The lesson:

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money ... or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.

*When you are on a great horse, you will have the best seat you ever had.

*No two paint horses are marked alike, so to own one is to own one of Mother Nature's original pieces of art.

CHUCKLES & GRINS

*How do I know it's Spring? I'm covered with horse hair from the waist up and mud from waist down.

*I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.

Douglas Adams

*We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. - **Will Rogers~**

*Jumping is just dressage with speed bumps.

*The wonderful sight of horses at liberty is magical to watch until they see a mud puddle.

* Green on green makes black and blue.

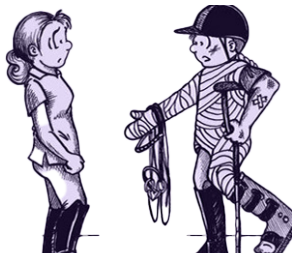
* Equus Keepus Brokeus

* There are only two emotions that belong in the saddle; one is a sense of humor and the other is patience.

J.Lyons

*Fight smog, buy a horse.

*When I hear someone talking about a horse or cow being stupid, I figure it's a sure sign the animal has outfoxed them.



No really, I'm fine,
I can still ride.



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