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MAKING A DIFFERENCE ~ ONE AT A TIME



## **EVENTS - 2024**

**JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>** Board Meeting

**MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**- Volunteer Clinic with  
Peter Whitmore at SHF

**AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>** - Benefit Horse  
Show - Felton Field in Barre

**OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>** - Fall Festival  
at the Rescue, West Brookfield

**TBA**- Palmer Motorsports  
Mustangs on the Mountain

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of horses

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## **SPOTLIGHT**

### **RED ACRE FOUNDATION**

A visit from **Helen Bird** on a beautiful day in July. Such a grand foundation she represents and does it with class and kindness; a rare combination.

Helen toured the farm and met the horses and asked what the future held. I had thought about that many times as I am not a spring chicken. We would have capable hands to keep up the life saving rescue that Betsy and I have created; it would not end with me. A very humbling and powerful realization that I had concluded a while ago. This organization will keep saving lives from slaughter, abandonment and neglect for a long time to come. I ought to say as long as supporters like **Red Acre Foundation** and *you* believe in our mission.

I wish I had taken a picture while Helen was here but I did not. She even fixed my phone from the annoying voice spelling out loud every time I send a text message! We meet the nicest people. **Thank you Red Acre Foundation and Helen for believing in our mission. Red Acre Foundation is the longest grant support of this Rescue.**

# *The Power of a Pitchfork*

by  
*Shannon Beveridge*

Every major decision in my life has been made while mucking a stall. Pitchfork in hand, barn dog in the aisle, and the sound of horses outside is usually the atmosphere that gets me started. When left alone in a stall with nothing but your thoughts and the repetitive motion of scraping, scooping, shaking, and spreading, the mind tends to find clarity. Thoughts you didn't know were buried in your subconscious tend to float to the surface when you give your mind time to wander without the noise of everyday life roaring between your ears. When I was an adolescent cleaning stalls, I would dream of my future (with horses, of course). In my 20s, when relationships with friends and boyfriends became volatile and confusing, answers always came to me in the barn. Every breakup was decided, pitchfork in hand. Career paths and where to live were contemplated as water buckets were scrubbed and refilled. There is power in having a sense of agency over your life. No choice ever made while cleaning a stall

was the wrong one, and my own mind and the quiet company of animals were all I needed to do it. That's some powerful stall magic.

Now that I'm a mom faced with a schedule largely dictated by the needs of others, I find myself in a barn far less than I used to. Yet, those major decisions still come up and linger. For me, when I am feeling untethered, unfulfilled, frazzled, or downright irked, I count my blessings that I still have friends who will offer up their dirty stalls for me to work out the kinks in my life. It does the trick every time, and I am grateful to you all.



**T**here 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

*Albert Einstein*

## AROUND THE BARN

\***Sinatra** is doing great...he has come a long way. He is having fun at SHF where he is being fostered.

\***Mia**, too, is doing great. Head tossing has stopped and she is feeling at home here.

\***Daisy** is the favorite of two little volunteers. She has gained weight and is even running outside to the field.

\*Thank you to **Erin Sheehan Daly and to Penny** for all the love you give to horses that you foster

\*Hoof trims ...every 6 to 8 weeks.

\*Welcome to new volunteers: **John**,

**Al, Shannon, Shari, Chris, Pat and Raegan**

\***Gia** has a new splashy purple halter. A gift from **Christie**.

\***Bill Domey** looks great. He attended the SHF Show and is planning on being at the CNEER benefit show too.

\***Jerry Doble** has celebrated his 80th Birthday!!!! An amazing man always there when you need him...with his sense of humor and his hard work ethics.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JERRY.**

Horse Show soon...lots of prep work and lots of fun too.



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

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### HORSES CURRENTLY IN THE RESCUE

*Badonk - 16 y.o. donkey sanctuary*

*Bandit - Aged pony - sanctuary*

*Belle - 15 y.o. TB mare*

*Daisy - Morgan cross 25 y.o.*

*Sinatra-mini 6 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*

## *Lasting friendships.*

Such a gift to have volunteers that have moved far away come back to the barn and visit us. Cindy came for a surprise visit!

Well, Sari knew about it and kept it under wraps, thus surprising the rest of us. Such a loving and kind lady Cindy is. Her smile lights up a room and her common sense has helped us through many a decision making process. She is a hard worker and an inspiration to all of the Sunday crew to this day....so her visit brought smiles all day long. She picked up the magic wand (pitchfork) and went right to work cleaning and sharing life stories and laughing and recounting her days here. She picked up a brush making sweet Winnie shine like a diamond. It was a beautiful day with sunshine and Cindy and not a cloud in the sky.

Love this rescue and the beautiful horses and people that enter these barn doors.



Brooke, Cindy, Vicky, Sari and Olivia

## **Wheelbarrows**

How do we say thank you?

We had a shortage of wheelbarrows as they do wear out and the prices have sky rocketed.



This shortage was noticed by volunteers Teddianne {who volunteers on Saturday} gents Pat and Jerry {who also volunteer on Saturdays}. Wheelbarrows are a much needed tool to get the job done.

The very next day, Teddianne and her son, Jessie brought a new one over and put it together!

Then Jerry brought two over that he put together for us and Pat texted that he picked one up for the horses! How caring, kind and thoughtful...,there will be no turd left behind in these stalls!!!!

Abundance what a wonderful feeling to be thought of and have those thoughts turned into action by our volunteers.

So grateful.



## Volunteer Clinic with Peter Whitmore

Oh my..where to begin...today's volunteer Clinic with Peter Whitmore...Thank you to Stoney Hill Farm for hosting this clinic, to Peter Whitmore for sharing his incredible knowledge of horsemanship and to our amazing volunteers who never fail to support with their participation and Inspiration.What a glorious, fun, learning clinic it was! Everyone enjoyed Peter's method of teaching us new things regarding how to help horses through critical situations.



## PONDERISMS

- \*The best sermons are lived not preached.
- \*Life is getting up one more time than you've been knocked down
- \*You can't control the wind but you can adjust your sails.
- \*Horses have a way of healing things you never knew were broken.
- \*Sometimes I seem to be missing the zippety part of my doo dah day.
- \*Lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part.
- \*Make your barn a happy place. Everybody returns to their happy place.
- \*It's easy to clean an empty house, but hard to live in one.
- \*All children spill milk. Learn to smile and wipe it up.
- \*Nothing gets frustrations out better than splitting wood.
- \*Check your shoelaces before running to help somebody.
- \*Visit old people who can't get out. Some day you'll be one.
- \*I've seen it and I can't unsee it.
- \*Patience! The windmill never strays in search of the wind.
- \*Imagination is only intelligence having fun.
- \*If you judge people, you have no time to love them. **Mother Teresa**

## CHUCKLES & GRINS

- \*Hold on to what makes you happy. If it tries to buck you off, hold on tighter."
- \*Some of us never outgrew our horse phase."
- \*The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe. Eat Cake.
- \* Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?
- \* Do more things that make you forget to check your phone.
- \* I'm not saying I'm Wonder Woman; I'm just saying no one has ever seen me and Wonder Woman in the same room together.
- \* If at first, you don't succeed, maybe skydiving isn't for you.
- \* The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs... one step at a time.
- \* Life is like a camera. Focus on what's important. Capture the good times. And if things don't work out, just take another shot.
- \* Follow your heart, but take your brain with you. It's your GPS for the heart's wild adventures.

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## *The Magic of Children*

Sometimes, I forget to mention that we have great kids that also volunteer here at the Rescue. The horses love being around them and their laughter. Rylee has a favortie horse here ...Just ask her about Daisy and be prepared to learn all about Daisy's quirks and gentleness.. Avery has her favorites too...just look at pics on facebook and you will guess who her favorites are. Kylie, too, has favorites but she loves them all. Mama is more trusting thanks to her love and handling with kindness. Chase just likes helping in any way he can. We have a great crew from 7 to 87. Recently, we have a new volunteer that fits right in and her name is Raegan. She has a great smile when working around horses with her Mom Shannon.



OUR FALL FESTIVAL WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT

A colorful poster for a fall festival. At the top, two horses stand on either side of a central logo for 'Central New England Equine Rescue, Inc.' which includes the tagline 'Making a difference One horse at a time' and an illustration of a dog and a horse. Below the logo, the main title 'FALL FESTIVAL at the FARM' is written in large, bold, serif font. Underneath the title is the address '96 NEW BRAINTREE RD, WEST BROOKFIELD, MA'. The central part of the poster lists activities: 'PONY RIDES', 'FACE PAINTING', 'PUMPKIN DECORATING', 'WONDERFUL LOCAL VENDORS', and 'DELICIOUS FOOD, DRINK AND DESSERTS'. To the left, there is a list of participating organizations: 'Hamden Mounted Police', 'DCR Park Rangers', and 'Mounted Unit'. To the right, it says 'Music by: DEUX AMIS Folk and Jazz fun'. The bottom section features the date and time: 'SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH 12-4PM'. Below this is the phone number 'Call (413)265-3270 for more info'. The bottom right corner has a basket of pumpkins. The entire poster is decorated with autumn-themed illustrations like pumpkins, leaves, and corn. The text 'WE ARE A 501(C)3 NONPROFIT' is also present.

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# FALL FESTIVAL at the FARM

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Come share with us OVER TWENTY YEARS  
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**RAIN OR SHINE**

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT **DONKEYS**

submitted by Roxann Banks

Jimmy the Donkey was born in the trenches at the Somme, when a Germany shell fatally wounded his pregnant mother. British soldiers were forced to deliver Jimmy in the mud of the battlefield.

The baby donkey was raised by the troops of the Cameronian Scottish Rifles who fed him condensed milk and rations. They even taught the animal to salute by raising one hoof. Jimmy would spend the years with the regiment, hauling supplies and keeping his human comrades' spirits' up.

He was wounded three times before the end of the war, but went on to become a mascot of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the 20's and 30's.

He died in 1943 and was buried in Peterborough's Central Park. A monument was erected to commemorate him.

*Article from Soulful Illumination  
Credit goes to the respective owner.*

## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

We all have many situations along the highway, in the woods, or just seeing an animal in stress where immediate attention is needed to save a life.. One local rehabber who is very good at responding to phone calls is **Krystal (Leahy) Smajkiewicz** in Jefferson, MA (part of Holden) Her number is **508-847-3216**.



Volunteer **Kyna Mackay** is very savvy in essential oils and has put together a wonderful fly spray for the horses. She has been trying different combinations of essential oils to see which one works best. The donkey combination is different than the horse spray. It is amazing how it smells good to us but the bugs do not like it. It works on people too.

**Thank you to Kyna** for applying your knowledge in essential oils and taking the time and cost to make life better in the bug season for our horses. Maybe a table of sprays at Fall Festival?



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