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RESCUE



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Making a Difference One Horse at a Time

CNEER Inc. - 96 New Braintree Rd. - West Brookfield, MA 01585 * Online cneer.com



HORSES CURRENTLY IN THE RESCUE

Annie - Mini mare 28 years young
Badonk - 11 y.o. donkeysanctuary
Bandit - Aged pony - sanctuary
Blaze - 13 y.o. QH
Fortana - 16 y.o. Arabian mare
Jack - Mini gelding 27 y.o.
Jersey Girl - 11 y.o. QH mare
Katrina - aged standardbred
Minnie Pearl - 10 y.o. pony
Olivia - 14 y.o. chestnut pony

Rio - 25? y.o. Tennessee Walker X
Sega - 13 y.o. Andalusian - Blind
Tango - 11 y.o. TB gelding-pending
Tecumsah - TB Yearling
Tex - 24 y.o. Arabian X
Winnie - Paint, aged mare
Whisper/Mama - aged Haflinger
Whiskey - 22 y.o. TB gelding.
Zinga - 21 y.o. Bay TB mare

~ EVENTS - 2020 ~

JANUARY 15th - Annual Board meeting

FEBRUARY 2nd - Quilt raffle drawing

FEBRUARY 29th - Volunteer Training Clinic with Peter Whitmore - Stoney Hill Farm

MARCH - JB O'Reilly Pasta Supper
TBA - **CANCELLED**

MAY 9th - Volunteer Picnic at the Farm
CANCELLED

AUGUST 2nd - Benefit Horse Show
Felton Field, Barre, **CANCELLED**

SEPTEMBER 26th - Annual Benefit Picnic -Ludlow Elks Club
CANCELLED

Our voices to the world:

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The effects of Covid-19 continue to ripple through the equine community. We are receiving multiple surrender inquiries daily from families near and far, who are faced with the most difficult choices and unfortunately, many equine souls are the fallout. CNEER is dedicated to helping as many of those in need as possible. But our resources, too, are being stretched to the max. CNEER depends greatly on its annual fundraisers, "ALL" of which have been cancelled due to COVID-19. That puts the onus on individual donations. Donations that go directly into the care of our lovable charges. Their care and rehab creates the opportunity for adoptions which in turn creates more opportunity for us to rescue. The need for donations has never been greater. There is no donation too small. Spread the word..family, friends, twitter, facebook... spread the love.



A Bit More News

We would like to thank Tantasqua Regional High School' Community Service Program for their donation. We have partnered with Tantasqua to be part of their Community Service Program, unfortunately, the hands on program that we had planned was put on hold due to the Covid pandemic. We look forward to working with students in the near future

THE HILTON

Thanks to a small grant we were able to finally redo the structure outside known to all our volunteers as *The Hilton*. It was becoming worn and it showed. Today we are happy to say it will be ready to withstand the winter months and provide emergency shelter if needed. It is a sturdy structure thanks to the expertise of Derek who brought in and leveled the stonedust to secure the mats that are our flooring and to George who did a great job restructuring the lean-to to withstand New England winters!



Thank you to the Big Y Foods for their non profit program where you can choose CNEER to donate to.

Our Friend

BECKY EKSTROM

This Rescue and every horse in our care is going to greatly miss this beautiful and gentle lady and her loving words of kindness and encouragement. Becky made life easier for all of us. She just would smile and say "It's going to be OK", and we all believed her.

She would often ask if there was a horse that needed something special that she could help. She would pick



the horse that appeared the loneliest to sponsor and shower with carrots. She is still giving to this rescue through sponsorship that is set up every month to care for one horse. Donations came in at a time most needed through her wish to have them sent here in lieu of flowers through her beloved family. **Bob, Kate, Rodger and Jesse.**

We will always remember Becky Ekstrom and smile and know how this world was blessed to have her in it and the inspiration that she still is to all who knew and loved this great lady.

The Joys of Thursday Evenings.

by
Randy McLam & Wayne Mondello

As we drive up the beautiful entrance to CNEER, the horses raise their heads from grazing. They want to see who is coming to visit. We park the truck and enter the barn. It is time to prepare to bring them in for the night. We each walk one side of the barn aisle taking down their dishes from the stall wall; checking their hay and water.

Often, Winnie and Bandit are the first to come in. How gentle they both are.

Next, we bring in all of the horses. Off come their fly masks (even Mama) as they are led to their stalls. Badonk is sometimes hesitant but, for Wayne, he moves right along. Next it is time to prepare the wet food and to put all of their buckets in the little yellow wagon. Badonk is braying and Greta gives us a nicker to let us know they are ready for their evening meal. We go down the aisle dishing out the food. Even Jack and Annie can't wait to eat. It is then that the barn becomes

very quiet. All that you can hear is munching and chewing. We then prepare for the morning meal of the next day. Randy reads the board and Wayne, fills their buckets. it is a good system and it goes quite smoothly.

Time to take out the trash and do one final check of the horses. It's also time to hand out carrots and give Bandit his special, sugarless treats.

As we drive out, there is a feeling of peace that we have tucked in our 4-legged friends for another night. See you next Thursday our special friends!!



FUN FACTS

In our cold New England winters, average horses need 8-10 gallons of water/day. Hay is 10% water... grass is 80% water. So, more hay/ more water! Prevents impaction colic and relieves dehydration stressor. (Jessica Jaheil). ~Thoroughbreds are more likely to have extremely large hearts because of a genetic condition known as the "X factor", passed down via dam lines tracing to the undefeated 18th century British racing champion, *Eclipse* who had a 14 lb heart.

AMAZONSMILE - When shopping online, you can help us feed and care for the horses by shopping with Amazon Smile. Signing up is easy and a percentage of your purchase goes to Central New England Equine Rescue, Inc. if you choose us!



Alezan and Helen

Seems like maybe one year ago that Helen adopted her best friend Alezan from CNEER. Alezan was a feisty but sweet little chestnut Arabian mare. She was blessed to have Helen fall in love with her and care for her all these years.

RIP Alezan



PONDERISMS

- ~Bread may feed my body; the horse feeds my soul
- ~Practice like you've never won
- ~Perform like you've never lost
- ~I wasn't born in a barn but I got there as fast as I could
- ~It is the difficult horses that have the most to teach you. -London Gray
- ~If you don't love your horse at his worse, then you don't deserve him at his best.
- ~One can get in a car and see what man has made. One must get on a horse to see what God has made.
- ~"The horse is a mirror of your soul ... and sometimes you might not like what you see in the mirror"
- Brannaman
- ~Of all the things I wear, my expression is the most important.
- ~The quality of my life depends on the quality of my thoughts.
- ~The heaviest thing I can carry is a grudge.
- ~One thing I can give and still keep: my word.
- ~Ideas won't work unless 'I' do.
- ~My mind is like a parachute...it functions only when open.
- ~The 10 commandments are not multiple choice.
- ~Whoever said a horse was dumb, was dumb.
- Will Rogers



ADOPTED



CHEERIO adopted by DORIS



AMAZING GRACE adopted by SARAH



SOPHIE adopted by JUDITH & STEPHEN



ABBY adopted by AMY & GUY



GRETA'S COLUMN

(Greta Girl is a little bay morgan lead mare)

Well here we are at the end of summer and looking forward to the cool beautiful fall. Our family of volunteers still wipe and disinfect everything from latches to wheelbarrow handles due to COVID. We are all doing mighty fine and are glad horses can't catch COVID! We have three new members of the herd! Rio, Tex and Olivia. Rio and Tex are older and you wouldn't know it the way they try to boss me around. They are pretty funny. Running in the big field like someone is chasing them, Oh wait a minute, that's right I am! Life for Olivia was pretty tough at first here as she was very unruly and sure didn't like anybody telling her what to do. She has come a long way and has the double barrel, kicking thing almost out of her system. She gets along with me and the mini's it's just people she didn't like very much. The storms that hit were pretty darn scary with things flying around and trees crackling and falling all around us. We weren't hurt at all but the fencing took some big hits with trees falling on them and electricity was out which we didn't mind except for the talk that we would run out of well water. Wayne & Randy came to our rescue with huge tanks of water! Derek too was out there with that cutting machine of his clearing our paths to the big field and the drive so volunteers could get here to help with chores. *Guess that's it for now.*

AROUND THE BARN

by Vicky Berry



Welcome to **Rio, Tex, Whiskey, Olivia!**

Sweet mini **Abby, Cheerio and Sophie** have been adopted!!!!WOOHOO

We have a fortified outside shelter! The "Hilton" has been redone to endure this winter!

Allie came to visit us. She is studying at Holy Cross towards being a Future Veterinarian!!!

Tango & Cooper are pending adoption!

Welcome to new volunteers: **Sari, Nancy, Lora, John & Jan**

CONGRATULATIONS to volunteer **Christie Lee** for her graduation from Becker College!

Big Thank You to each and every volunteer for giving **Vicky** a week off to be lazy! A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it in

Visit to **Mr. Chips, Romeo, Juliette and Amazing Grace** in their loving homes. Definite thumbs up. We love seeing them happy, healthy and thriving.

Big thank you to **Jim & Laurie Boutin, Lucas, Jacob and Brenda, Katie, Derek and Devin** for clearing trees out of the drive after the storms and relandscaping by the barn!

We would like to give a huge Thank You to Peter Whitmore for his dedication to helping Sophie find her forever home with a wonderful family!



Our youngest volunteer, Kylie. She has learned well from her Mimi how to stay safe and care for horses at the same time. She has a heart as big as all outdoors and shows it here with each and every horse she helps. Thank you Kylie

Two of our Wonderful, helpful young volunteers here at the farm. *Ariya & Kylie. Pictured here with sweet Rio.*

