



There is more in the soil at Tara Farm Rescue besides just dirt and mud. There is magic beneath, and it heals what others call hopeless... embracing the burden of so many animals throughout the years. You see Tara Farm Rescue holds a special place for animals when they are here, and heaven holds a special place when they leave.

2023 Newsletter

Welcome to our 2023 newsletter. Please enjoy all of the updates to the Rescue, many pictures, and we encourage you to share with your friends and family. This year we have given new life and homes to several horses, cats, chickens, pigs, goats, and yes even a turkey. We have some new volunteers enduring the never ending manure clean up. But they also take time doting on, brushing, and taking our rescue animals for walks. We always appreciate the attention and love they give to our animals.

We have a wonderful new handy man for the farm named Nestor. He has been such an asset to us, very hard working and loving. If you stop by in person, say hello.

We want to take a moment and thank all of the wonderful and talented professionals we have the pleasure of working with over the years starting with Jodi Clark and Teresa Gagnon at Mending Fences Wellness for their massage therapy, magna wave and laser work. You bring so much relief and comfort to our four legged residents. Doug Raucher for your tremendous talent with horse dentistry. Your efforts have provided the necessary corrections allowing for our horses to begin their journey back to health. Dr. Bud Allen and Dr. Andrew Flint have provided superior chiropractic care for years and years. You both have helped countless horses move in comfort. Cody Kriz for your excellent farrier services. You have provided so much service to our horses and given them the ultimate solid foundation, good feet. The wonderful vets and professionals at Bolton Veterinary Hospital, Fenton River Veterinary, Green Valley Veterinary, Kirby Veterinary and Stewart Equine Clinic who have always been there for our animals. Of course, we can't forget G.M. Thompson's for their excellent customer service over the years. And finally, we also want to extend a huge thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters of Tara Farm. Thank you to everyone that contributes to the success of Tara Farm Rescue.

- Bonniejeanne Gorden

This year we want to take a moment to introduce you to a longtime volunteer and someone who we are calling our Volunteer of the Year. Pictured left and right is Tony Gorman. Tony has been such a great friend to Tara Farm Rescue over the years. He jumps in and helps with whatever is needed. Pictured lower right is Tony helping to trim a tree that was interfering with the Tack Room roof. Tony has probably worked on just about every building on the farm, and plenty of the fencing. Tony always has such a positive and willing attitude. He is always thinking about how he can help the Rescue out. Thank you, Tony, we hope you remain part of the Tara Farm fabric for years to come.



"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Stephen Grellet, 1773-1855

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Adopted this year....

Kahasi



Gambler



Vaquero



Olivia



Coco



Bruce



Sebastien



Still looking for a forever home...

Tara Farm was fortunate to be able to place many horses this year into forever homes. Unfortunately, this handsome guy pictured right (Justin) is still looking for his forever partner.

Justin's story is still waiting for an end. He is waiting for someone to be his special person. This 16.2 hand, 22 year old handsome TB gelding is full of life, and doesn't have a mean bone in his body. He loves to work, and please.

He looks forward to hunter pacing, fox hunting, ring work, and especially trail. He's healthy, strong and ready to go. We think the right person will fall in love with this tall, dark, and handsome boy, we certainly have!



Our Wish List has been updated...

Volunteers: volunteers to help with ground maintenance, shovel manure, clean troughs, brush animals, wash food buckets, carpenters, grant writers, someone to help maintain our website, photographer, folks who can assemble raffle baskets for fundraising

Food: high fat low protein horse grain, hay stretcher pellets, chicken feed, first and second cutting hay square or round bales, pot belly pig food, dry and canned cat or dog food

Supplements: Cosequin ASU, Previcox, Equiox, BS Sentinel Care Gastric Support, UlcerGuard, Prascend, Chasteberry, horse wormer

Barn Supplies: shavings, stall dry, wheel barrows, duct tape, bleach, scoopable litter, fly spray, 10' & 12' metal tube gates, pipe fencing

Farm Supplies: 4 x 4 in. and 6 x 6 in. fence posts, 1 x 6x 8 ft fence boards, a new well, round bale racks, tar/millings for parking area, brush hog and a hay conveyor

Medical Supplies: tongue depressors, thermometers, Epsom salt, Vetwrap, gauze

Office Supplies: envelopes, copy paper, ink cartridges (Canon #240 and #241), stamps, clear plastic sheet protectors

Construction: We need a new 12' x 12' 3--sided shelter in a new summer field

There are always other ways to help...

We always welcome volunteers at the farm, but there are other ways to help if farm life is not your thing.

- Drop off a bag of pet food, or even mailing us coupons for dog & cat food, cat litter, see above for a sampling of our list
- Visit www.tarafarmrescue.com to make a secure monetary donation via Paypal.
- You can shop through www.Smile.Amazon.com, add Tara Farm as your favorite non-profit. We have a wish list through Smile.Amazon.com and donations will be sent directly to us.
- Tara Farm also offers pony rides, and petting zoos on the premises for your birthday party or event, in addition to lessons, and horse boarding, and trail rides weather permitting
- We are always looking for grant writers to help support the Rescue.

Gift cards are always welcome, here are some of our most utilized resources...

~ G.M. Thompsons Feed, Mansfield, CT

~ Tractor Supply

~ Walmart

~ Home Depot

~ Green Valley Veterinary Services, LLC, Mansfield, CT

~ Stewart Equine Clinic, Windsor, CT

~ Kirby Veterinary Hospital, Mansfield, CT

~ Fenton River Veterinary Hospital, Tolland, CT

~ Bolton Veterinary Hospital, Bolton, CT

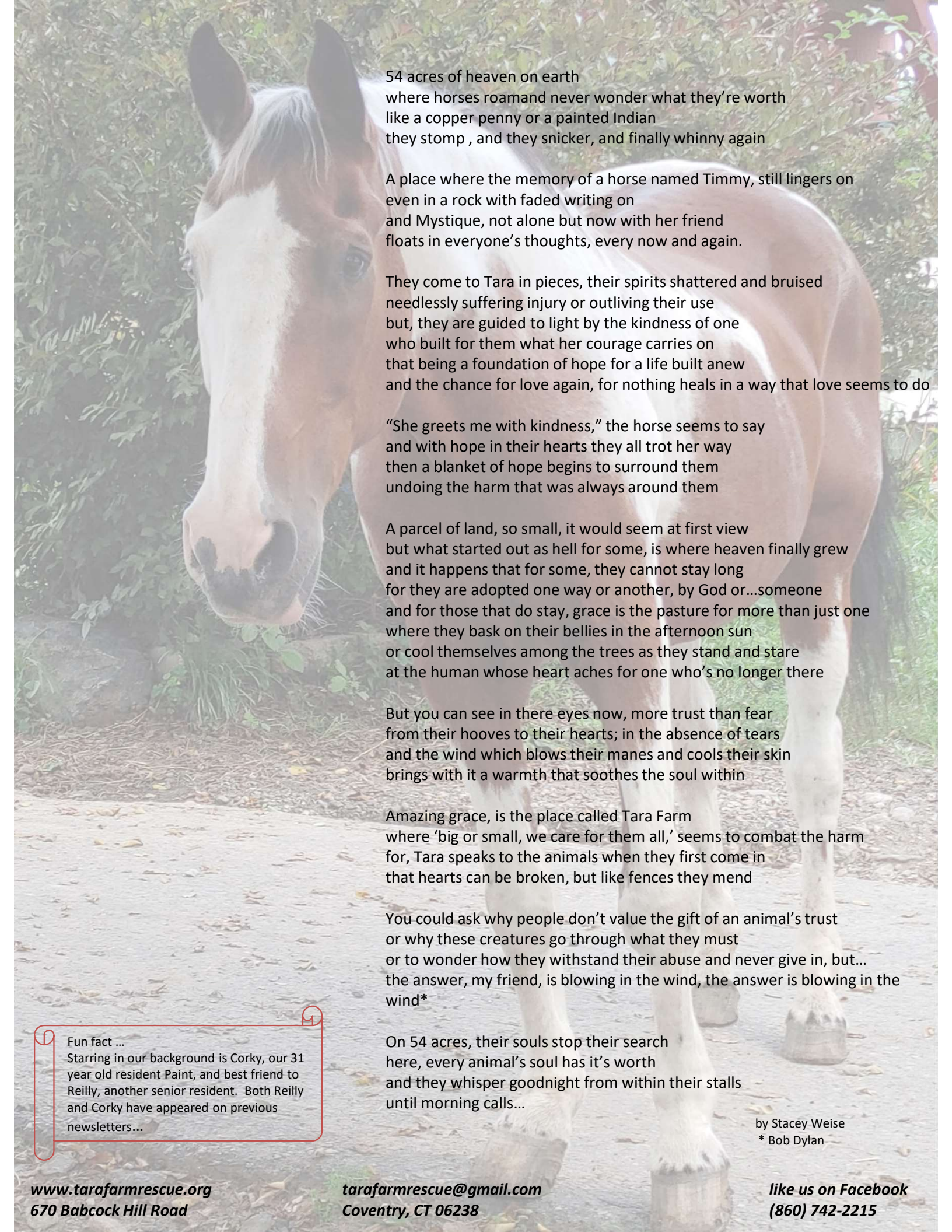
~Mending Fences Wellness, Killingly, CT

2023 Tara Farm Rescue updates!

Tara Farm was very fortunate to receive a generous donation this year from a loyal supporter of the Rescue.

Boomer's barn was in dire need of a new roof and thanks to this supporter we were able to finally replace it! We had to replace from the inner beams on up to the exterior metal panels. It was a big job and made a bit difficult with the rainy weekends, but our volunteers, including Tony Gorman, John Carlson and Nic Vesho persevered, and now, we have a new roof on Boomer's barn for years to come. Pictured right are before (top) and after (bottom) shots of the roof.





54 acres of heaven on earth
where horses roam and never wonder what they're worth
like a copper penny or a painted Indian
they stomp, and they snicker, and finally whinny again

A place where the memory of a horse named Timmy, still lingers on
even in a rock with faded writing on
and Mystique, not alone but now with her friend
floats in everyone's thoughts, every now and again.

They come to Tara in pieces, their spirits shattered and bruised
needlessly suffering injury or outliving their use
but, they are guided to light by the kindness of one
who built for them what her courage carries on
that being a foundation of hope for a life built anew
and the chance for love again, for nothing heals in a way that love seems to do

"She greets me with kindness," the horse seems to say
and with hope in their hearts they all trot her way
then a blanket of hope begins to surround them
undoing the harm that was always around them

A parcel of land, so small, it would seem at first view
but what started out as hell for some, is where heaven finally grew
and it happens that for some, they cannot stay long
for they are adopted one way or another, by God or...someone
and for those that do stay, grace is the pasture for more than just one
where they bask on their bellies in the afternoon sun
or cool themselves among the trees as they stand and stare
at the human whose heart aches for one who's no longer there

But you can see in their eyes now, more trust than fear
from their hooves to their hearts; in the absence of tears
and the wind which blows their manes and cools their skin
brings with it a warmth that soothes the soul within

Amazing grace, is the place called Tara Farm
where 'big or small, we care for them all,' seems to combat the harm
for, Tara speaks to the animals when they first come in
that hearts can be broken, but like fences they mend

You could ask why people don't value the gift of an animal's trust
or why these creatures go through what they must
or to wonder how they withstand their abuse and never give in, but...
the answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind, the answer is blowing in the wind*

On 54 acres, their souls stop their search
here, every animal's soul has its worth
and they whisper goodnight from within their stalls
until morning calls...

Fun fact ...
Starring in our background is Corky, our 31
year old resident Paint, and best friend to
Reilly, another senior resident. Both Reilly
and Corky have appeared on previous
newsletters...

by Stacey Weise
* Bob Dylan

Sponsor me not simply to save me, but to give me the renewed life that I so deeply deserve.....

Available for Sponsorship:

Tara Farm has many geriatric horses, and other animals, that have medical or age-related issues making them difficult to place. Please consider sponsoring one of these residents to help us with the cost of their care. This allows us to help new rescues. On the back of the newsletter are examples of what typical expenses are to support our various residents. With your sponsorship you are more than welcome to come to the farm and groom, spend time with your sponsored animal and take walks. We thank you for your continued support in helping us with these special animals.



Tara Farm is offering group trail rides on a weather permitting basis. We have some of the best blazed trails in eastern CT. Call the Rescue for details and scheduling.



We had another great Hunter Pace this year. A lot of familiar faces, but some new ones too. Thanks to everyone for coming out to support the Rescue and enjoy our trails. We hope to see you next year.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. EVERY ANIMAL WE SAVE MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Yes, I would like to make a donation! Enclosed is my check/money order in the amount of:

- _____ \$15.00 Worm 1 horse/treats
- _____ \$58.00 2 bags of grain for 1 horse
- _____ \$120.00 Sponsor 1 horse for 1 month
- _____ \$225.00 1 horse shoeing or 1 dental visit
- _____ \$550.00 1 week of grain for 20 horses
- _____ \$1,450.00 150 bales of hay (approx. 2 weeks worth)
- _____ \$8,200.00 Completely support a rescue horse for 1 year
- _____ \$ _____ Another resident (cat, goat, pigs, chickens)
- _____ \$850.00 Teeth cleaning for 1 cat
- _____ \$250.00 Annual dog/cat veterinary check up/visit