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SPRING! I don't think any of us have welcomed Springtime quite so much as after this long, hard winter. It has been a difficult time for everyone especially those of us who caretake our four hooved friends. To see crocuses and daffodils for the first time is a reason to do a happy dance or a happy trot on a trail ride. Thank goodness for New England and its ever changing seasons as the hard times don't last forever!



GUNNER



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The Cisco Kid - 15 y.o. Paint g.
Ziggy - 19 y.o. Grey TB g.
Cole - 19 y.o. QH g.
Sega - 7 y.o. Andalusian
Little Joe - 5 y.o. Welsh pony
Chase - 5 y.o. Paint g.
Minnie Pearl - 3 y.o. pony m.
Churchill - 10 y.o. Belgian g.

Hampton - 9 y.o. TB g.
Gabrielle - 7 y.o. Premarin mare
Gunner - 10 y.o. Half Lusitano g.
Little Lulu - 13 y.o. Paint pony m.
Alex A. - 6 y.o. TB g.
RicO'Reilly - 18 y.o. TB g.
Whiskey Lullaby- 10 y.o. TB g.
Hidalgo - 7 y.o. Paint g.

SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

MARCH 19th, Saturday - JB O'REILLY CLUB Benefit Pasta Supper. Great time, great friends! Meal served 5:30-7:30pm

APRIL 18th, Monday - BARRE MILL Benefit Pasta Dinner! Meal served 5:30-7:30pm

JUNE 5th, Sunday - Benefit Golf Tournament-Scottish Meadows.

JUNE 18th, Saturday, Equine Day @ Klem's in Spencer, MA. Lynn Corrigan, J.Lyons trainer and M. Kellicker will be there!

JULY 10th, Sunday - Horse Show @ Felton Field, Barre. Four Part Series. All proceeds will benefit the horses in the Rescue! Please support this great day!

AUGUST 27th, Saturday Annual Benefit Picnic Ludlow Elks Club 1p.m. - 5p.m. Great food, raffles and friends!

Our voices to the world:

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This Rescue is very grateful to Academy Farm in Stafford Springs, CT! They have donated over ten halters, three pitchforks, tubs of joint supplements, totes, fly masks and numerous medical supplies for the horses! We want to take this time to thank them for their generosity and their giving spirit. They found us through the internet and word of mouth. They decided they wanted to help us in our mission to save horses. We want to let them know that we ALL appreciate their graciousness and generosity! Their philanthropic spirit is a cherished gift to this Rescue, a gift that keeps giving to the horses again and again. Also a big Thank You to Tom Berry for picking up the pallet with all these donations!

Thank You!



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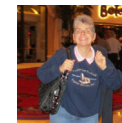


BAYSTATE DENTAL

PC ~ A huge thank you to Baystate Dental PC and the entire professional

Team for their generous donation. Judy Miarecki was instrumental in introducing Baystate Dental to CNEER via a program where an employee chooses their favorite nonprofit organization and then the voting on facebook begins! Judy chose Central New England Equine Rescue, Inc. and received the most votes for that period. Our sincere thanks to the Baystate Dental PC Team and to Judy for choosing the CNEER horses!

T-SHIRT WINNER!



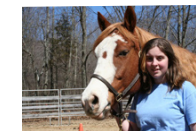
The winner of the new CNEER T-shirt is Laurie Drazek!

Congratulations Laurie...you wore the CNEER T-shirt the furthest away from Barre, MA to Las Vegas, Nevada!

Thanks to all the participants.

Let's see how far our CNEER logo can travel this year! Send in your pictures from wherever you are wearing your CNEER logo via email or snail mail. You will win a brand new T-shirt if you are the one that has traveled the furthest from CNEER in Barre, MA!

Shannon Walsh volunteers at the



Rescue and has loved the Cisco Kid since she first saw him. On March 27th Shan-

non rode Cisco after chores were done. We saw both of them smiling from ear to ear!

Caelyn Adams, 16, volunteers at



Central New England Equine Rescue, because instead of taking care of and loving one horse,

she can love and take care of 8 horses at the West Warren barn. Caelyn loves spending time with the horses and the people that she meets at the barn.

HIDALGO

is a 7 y.o. Premarin gelding. He is simply a gorgeous Paint to look at and breathtaking to watch. His former adopter could no longer keep him as they are relocating.

LITTLE JOE

is as cute as a button, this 5y.o. Welsh pony thrives on TLC. He is in need of training and will make some little special someone a best friend.

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AROUND THE BARN

***Gunner, Little Joe, Hidalgo & Ziggy** are recent additions to the Rescue! Welcome to all four beauties!



*We have a great new facility for our annual picnics: The Ludlow Elks Club~ thanks to **Diane & Carroll Dwyer**.

***Michelle Manzi & Helen George** celebrated birthdays in March.

***Chase** is pending adoption.

***Monty's** divas continue to support all his daily needs! Thank you.

*Welcome to **Erin Fahy** who will be doing her internship from Quabbin H.S. at the Rescue.

***Beam Me Up Scottie, Buckaroo B. O'Reilly and Kammie** have been adopted!

*A big thank you to volunteers **Jen & Jackie Pellequin, Amy, Annie Crouse, Leda and Becky Eckstrom**.

* **Emily Glidden** planned her birthday party to donate to the horses in lieu of presents for herself! Thank you Emily for \$145. What a wonderful gift!

****The Cisco Kid** is a gorgeous Paint and is now at the Warren barn. He has a new friend, **Shannon!**

***The Walsh's** continue to dedicate their Sunday's to help at the Warren facility.

*Thank you **Kendra** for Little Lulu's new halter.

*Thank you to **Crystal &** her daughter **Avery** for their help during February, cleaning & grooming.

*All the Spring shots went very well thanks to **Sarah Newton, DVM**.

*Everyone also had their teeth floated by **Rich Walther**.

*New electric fence went in around the riding ring to double as a corral until the Warren fields grow in thanks to ~ **Mark, Cheryl & Diane!**

THE LEMONADE MYSTERY

We are still waiting to thank her!



by
Vicky

Busy, busy, busy. That is what we usually answer when someone asks how we are. The workload of being sure that 17 horses are getting the best of care and medical attention can be a lot on some days. Loving every second of it and knowing there is nowhere else on earth we would rather be is payment enough for the workload. Still on certain days when I wake up, well let's just say a bit cranky, I want to pull the covers up a little tighter and sink a little deeper into bed before facing the day. Maybe ten more minutes of sleep wouldn't hurt. Right? right. I was having one of those mornings not too long ago when I was drifting in and out of sleep. For some reason, I remembered a little bundle of money that was wrapped in a small piece of paper. It had been deposited in the bank with the Annual Picnic proceeds. It woke me right up. I couldn't remember if I had sent a thank you card to the donor of that little wad of bills. It was a five and three ones. I leaped out of bed and did my chores and called Betsy. "Betsy did you give

me the address of our little lemonade stand donor?" She thought she had. I called Carol our secretary and asked her if she remembered adding a little girls name to the list of personal thank you cards and she didn't remember either. Oh boy...how could I forget such a generous act of kindness? How could I do that? The day rolled on and the little girl who had put up a lemonade stand to help the horses kept entering my mind and I thought about her with a smile. Her actions made me stop and think of how many people love horses and do all they can to keep them safe from harm. I fed, hayed and watered the horses; managed to squeeze a beautiful Fall ride in on Greta who needed some exercise and groomed four of the dustiest friends in the barn, the four who had a good roll for themselves in the riding ring! Still the memory that I might not have let "our little lemonade girl" know that we appreciated her gift to help the horses kept me from completely enjoying this day. I think of her often and her lemonade stand and I smile each and every time that she pops into my mind. Her kindness brings me right back to how many wonderful people there are in this world. How can you not smile thinking of the entrepreneur of that lemonade stand? If you are reading this and you know who she is, please let me know so I can thank her properly. She is one of my heroes.

Vicky Berry

Deposit for the JB O'Reilly Benefit Pasta Dinner

When this Rescue started with \$50 and an emaciated, neglected horse named Daisy in 2003, we (Betsy & Vicky & family) could not imagine where it would go. We just knew it was our turn to give something back to the horses that had kept us sane through the years. Today I deposited \$5190 into the Rescue's account and it was from all our supporters that came out and donated through the **JB O'Reilly Club** Benefit Pasta Supper! We could not begin to hope for an amount of such magnitude back in 2003! A friend and coworker way back then looked at me square in the eye and said "Vicky your organization will grow and you are going to be big!" I smiled and thanked **Sharon Larivee** for her enthusiasm and confidence in the small Central New England Equine Rescue, Inc. but I could not begin to picture that. We have grown from a Board of two to ten Executive Board Members and have a dedicated army of volunteers. They are all points of light, each and every one giving their very best to the horses; from baking goodies for a benefit dessert table, crocheting afghans, to donating money to help rescue a slaughter bound horse; to those that

stay up all night to help tend a very sick horse pull through. There are no words but thank you and that doesn't convey the gratitude that we feel for so many. Our sincerest THANK YOU to all who give so generously... and give so generously of their very best!



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Foster Care Team

The Dave Foster family, a gorgeous setting for Cole and his pal Blinky and they have also recently adopted Kam-mie! Their daughter **Michelle** in NH adopted Scottie!

Incredibly wonderful people!!

The Martin family - they take very good care of our Hampton Bay!

The Crevier Family foster Chase the gorgeous young Paint.

Welcome to our newest foster care homes:

Donna Hiorns who has taken on the care of TB Whiskey Lullaby on her beautiful farm, Twin Oaks. He is such a gentleman and also helps keep Donna's beautiful horse Mac company.

Cindy Olson Walsh now fosters Hidalgo. A great mother, daughter team to take care of Dal and keep their own horse Reba company.

Each and every one of these hard working, care givers do all the physical work for these horses daily on a volunteer basis!

Ponderisms

☪ All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

☪ I believe that even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you - you will find the strength to help.

☪ I believe that credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

☪ The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

☪ Some folks make us happy all the time - either in their coming or their going.

☪ Our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but, we are responsible for who we become.

☪ Bless the friend who stops by and never notices the sock floating in the cereal bowl under the radiator.

☪ It's ok to have butterflies in your stomach. Just get them to fly in formation.

☪ That which doesn't destroy us, makes us stronger.

☪ Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared.

☪ Try to imagine the Lone Ranger without Silver.

☪ If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it!

☪ If your horse doesn't want to go there, neither do you.

OUR FOSTER CARE PROGRAM



Our foster care program is growing! We have wonderful, caring people who have decided they want to help the Rescue with a hands-on approach by being part of a team of foster homes for the horses that need daily TLC and shelter while waiting for their forever homes. Recently, Donna Hiorns and Cindy Olson Walsh have asked to be an important part of our program! Each has taken a horse to their own barns. We have very high standards that our foster homes need to adhere to in order to be a participant in this program. This Rescue can say that we have a great list of foster care homes that are currently full. If you would like to consider being part of this program, please contact Vicky, Betsy or Cheryl. They can explain in detail what is involved or you can visit the website and click on "How you can Help" and then on Foster Care. Thank you to our wonderful, hard working team of foster families! They are: **Elaine Nash** in Lanesboro, beautiful farm and fields. Elaine fosters Gabrielle. **Jean Prouty** who fosters Churchill, the big boy Belgian. It takes a special person to take on a draft horse's care. **Michelle & Denise Kellicker** who foster Alex A. and Little Joe! They have always been a part of this Rescue. Their dedication to the horse-world goes without saying.

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