



# DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

## 30th Anniversary eNewsletter - Issue 1

### Upcoming Events

**August 3 - Horse Care Education Series: Building a Bond Through Groundwork**

**August 21-22 - Two-Day Equine Cruelty Investigator Series**

**September 11 - 2018-2019 Homeschool Educational Program Begins**  
*Learn more here!*

**September 27 - 6-11 p.m. - Kick Off, Kick Back Celebration**

*A fun night on DEFHR's front lawn to kick off our Fall Festival celebrations. Free for all to attend! Come enjoy great food, drinks, and a band! It's fun for the whole family! [Details here!](#)*

**September 28 - 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. - Fall Festival**

*There is fun to be had for all ages with our Hops for Horses Beer Garden, DEFHR alumni horses returning, arena demonstrations, a contest with the horses in costume, pony rides for the kids, a band on the front lawn for all to enjoy, a petting zoo, face painting, and lots of great local vendors! Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children under 18, and children under 5 are free. [Details here!](#)*

### Celebrating 30 Years and More Than 2,300 Horses Saved!

Thirty years ago, Kathleen Howe first noticed Toby, the neglected buckskin gelding that would ultimately change her life and lead to the saving of more than 2,300 neglected and abused horses.

Toby was the first horse taken in by what is today Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR), our internationally known non-profit humane organization, based in Woodbine, MD, which is now celebrating three decades of devotion to the care of horses!

In honor of our 30th anniversary, we're shining a spotlight on DEFHR's work – both past and present – here in our new, 30th anniversary e-newsletters!



*While rescuing and rehabbing horses is a vital part of what we do, it's only one facet of our mission at DEFHR.*

Ensuring the quality care and treatment of horses is the core of our mission, and ever since Kathleen first founded the rescue, we've approached that mission with a three-prong process—intervention, education, and outreach.

We hope that through this e-newsletter, we're able to offer education not only on what DEFHR does, but also on issues of horse care, equine abuse and neglect, and more!

[Learn More About Days End Farm Horse Rescue](#)

## A SPOTLIGHT ON: EDUCATION

It's important to us to not only rescue and rehabilitate suffering horses, but also to provide the community outreach and education necessary to prevent further abuse and neglect. We also believe that horses can play a valuable role in educating children, which is why we offer a number of youth programs that we're shining the spotlight on this month!

### HOMESCHOOL EDUCATION SERIES



Allow your child the opportunity to learn all about horses through our Homeschool Education Program! This program was designed exclusively for homeschool students and allows participants the opportunity to learn about equines by working hands-on with our horses. Topics are different each month, but in each session, students participate in classroom instruction followed by hands-on activity to reinforce the lesson, with possible topics including grooming, leading, hoof care, the digestive system, dentistry, psychology, and more!

Our next session starts September 11, and spaces are limited, so find out more today!

[Learn More](#)

### LEGACY PROGRAMS



Our Junior and Youth Legacy programs are a great way to jump start your child's volunteer experience at DEFHR!

Participants spend five to six hours each day learning about a variety of topics relating to horse care and handling, delivered through classroom instruction and reinforced through hands-on learning activities. Participants will also be given the opportunity to participate in one riding activity during each session.

Our Legacy Varsity program is for volunteers ages 14-17 who have a love for equines and want to continue to advance their equine knowledge through volunteer service that includes hands-on experiences and professional supervision. Volunteers in this program have volunteered for more than 80 hours at DEFHR previously either through our standard volunteer program or Youth Legacy program.

[Learn More](#)

### SCOUT DAYS



Our two-hour program designed specifically for Scouts includes a tour of the farm, horse tales—stories about how the horses came here—horse care (hoof, dental, nutrition), hands-on horse grooming, hands-on horse leading; and a short riding demonstration.

Participants will earn a Days End Farm Horse Rescue Badge. Additionally, this program meets some of the requirements for each of the following badges:

Girl Scouts: Junior Animal Habitats Badge, Senior Voice for Animals Badge, Make Your Own Badge (any level)

Boy Scouts: Horsemanship Badge, Animal Science Badge, Citizenship in the Community Badge

[Learn More](#)

### FIELD TRIPS



We welcome field trips to our farm in Woodbine, MD, allowing students and teachers to experience a day of learning and fun on the farm!

Students are divided into groups to move through a series of learning activities around the facility, with topics covered including: a facility tour, minimum standards of care for horses, grooming a horse, leading a horse, and a riding demonstration.

[Learn More](#)

[View All Educational Programs Here!](#)

### Featured Horse of the Month:

#### Olly Olly Oxen Free

"Olly" is a 14.2 hand, flashy large pony ready to hit any show ring! Dressage, jumpers, eventing - he could do it all! His first recent went out on his first cross-country schooling day where he went over ditches, through water crossings, and up and down bank jumps.

Olly enjoys trailering out for trail rides and hopping over logs. Olly needs a confident, strong intermediate rider to continue his training and confidence building. He has three excellent gaits with a nice, forward trot. Olly also has experience with basic obstacle work such as going over tarp and bridges. Olly cannot wait to find his next partner!



[Inquire or Find Out More About Olly Here!](#)

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