



DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

30th Anniversary eNewsletter - Issue 2

For 30 years, the core of our mission has been ensuring the quality care and treatment of horses through intervention, education, and outreach.

This month, as we continue to celebrate our 30th anniversary, we're delving into intervention and what this facet of our mission looks like at Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR).

A Spotlight on: Intervention

All of the horses that come to DEFHR for rehabilitation come through animal protection agencies from across Maryland and surrounding states that have had to intervene in severe cases of abuse or neglect.

When a case has been identified as requiring intervention and seizure of a horse or horses, our DEFHR team goes with the animal protection officials to pick up the animals involved and transport them back to our farm in Woodbine, MD.

Once seized, the horses are considered live evidence in an active court case. As such, they are photographed upon arrival and a veterinarian is on hand to provide an evaluation and immediate care to start the rehabilitation – and often life-saving – process.

Here's a look at just two examples of DEFHR intervention success stories!



Quest

Animal control officers in Washington County, MD, were completing a routine welfare check when they came across an old stable where Quest and two other horses had been kept for, as they would come to find out, more than 10 years!

Quest's hooves had grown three feet in length, curling and spiraling out, making it nearly impossible for him to walk.

In the weeks and months that followed, we witnessed an incredible transformation both physically and mentally. A pony that had not been able to lay down in years was now rolling in the mud and calling out to other horses at the farm. Quest was learning to be a horse again!

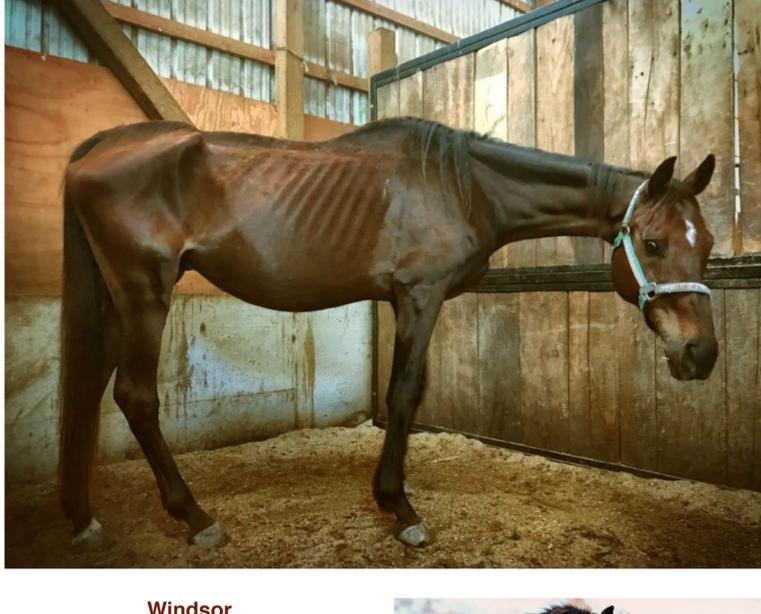
He continued to surpass all odds when he was cleared for training by our veterinarian and farrier five months after arriving.



In order to increase the likelihood of a successful adoption, DEFHR often brings horses to local horse shows, fairs and festivals to further their training, at liberty work, and exposure to crowds.

Throughout his summer of appearances, Quest's remarkable character continued to shine through, inspiring all who met him.

We are so proud of Quest and so thankful for a chance to be a small part in his incredible journey!



Windsor

Around 5 p.m. on June 22, 2017 DEFHR received a call for help from Carroll County Animal Control. Within an hour our emergency response team was ready to deploy and help 18 horses in desperate need of care. While our emergency response team was en route, our barn staff, interns, and volunteers prepared our main barn for the horses' arrival, setting up a quarantine area and a first aid station and prepping each stall with fresh water, bedding, and hay. With 18 horses on their way, our entire main barn would be operating as a critical care facility for these horses.

Out of the 18, Windsor was one of the most emaciated. His body was completely depleted and malnourished.



After weeks of rehabilitation, he slowly started gaining weight, becoming stronger and stronger each day. We were so happy the day Windsor joined our main gelding herd and was cleared to start in training. Almost a year after he first arrived as an emaciated gelding, Windsor boarded the trailer ready for his next chapter and a new home with a young girl who is spoiling him rotten!

[View More Intervention Success Stories Here!](#)

Days End Receives Brennan Equine Welfare Fund Grant

The Brennan Equine Welfare Fund (BEWF) has announced Days End Farm Horse Rescue as one of 12 recipients of the organization's annual grants, thanks to our work with a horse named Dobbin's Dapper Drummer.

In 2018, "Dobbin" was seized along with four other horses in West Virginia after they were found neglected and malnourished. We transported these five horses to our facility in Maryland where they received immediate critical and rehabilitative care. During Dobbin's recovery it became clear that he was a calm, personable gelding that enjoyed being with people. He was evaluated and trained and was adopted in April to be a therapy horse for Trails of Purpose, a unique Certified Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) Center that helps veterans overcome trauma through the partnership of horses and humans.

Grants from Brennan Equine Welfare Fund are used to serve equine rescue shelters across the country that provide dignity to final years of aged, injured, abused, starved and slaughter-bound horses, as well as those used in medical experimentation.



Upcoming Events



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 Concert Under the Stars

A fun night on DEFHR's front lawn to kick off our Fall Festival festivities and 30th anniversary celebrations. Free for all to attend! Come enjoy great food, the Hops For Horses Beer Garden, and The 19th Street Band - Live at DEFHR! 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!](#)

Featured Horse of the Month: Kayle's Kinetic Karisma

Karisma is an un-bred Thoroughbred mare looking for her forever home! She loves having a job and being pampered for hours on end. Her comfortable gaits and brave personality would make her the perfect trail horse, but she is also game for some ring work and would make a great lower level dressage prospect! Karisma is currently on 12-hour turnout (she loves her stall!), but she has been out 24/7 as well. Karisma gets along well with other horses, stands well for the vet/farrier, and loads on the trailer.



[Learn More About Karisma!](#)

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How Can You Help?

There are a large number of ways to get involved with Days End Farm Horse Rescue! Here's how:

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