



DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

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Staying Vigilant

These days, most of us are starting to feel like wearing masks and practicing social distancing are now a part of our daily routines. But for many families, their lives lately have been far from normal. Because of the pandemic, many companies instituted work-from-home policies (our DEFHR office staff included), and sadly, countless people in the U.S. were left unemployed. The financial repercussions from this outbreak have been staggering, and nearly everyone has been affected in some way. But for horse owners and rescue organizations, economic hardships can be especially challenging as they struggle to provide adequate care for the animals in their care.



In our [recent article](#) featured on The Plaid Horse website, we shared some of the ways that the fallout from COVID-19 can affect horses—and what you can do to help. One of the most important things is to keep an eye out for animals in trouble.

“There are less eyes and ears on things right now,” says DeEtte Hillman, DEFHR’s Equine Programs Director. “Horses, depending on situation and age, can decline rapidly. If you see or witness anything that’s concerning, make the phone call to report it. Don’t wait. Don’t stop watching out for them.”

Though DEFHR is still closed to the public for the time being, we are continuing to work closely with animal control and law enforcement agencies with active equine cases and rescue situations. Now, more than ever, we all need to remain vigilant to help horses in need. Want to learn the best way you can help us right now? Email us at info@defhr.org.

What to Do if You Suspect Neglect or Abuse

In the State of Maryland, suspected cases of abuse or neglect should be reported to the animal control organization or humane society for the county in which the horse is located. In other states, the procedure may be the same or you may have to contact a local law enforcement agency such as the police or sheriff.

Other Resources

- [Defining Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [Learn About Laws Preventing Animal Cruelty in Your State](#)
- [Unique Ways to Give a Gift to DEFHR](#)



Life on the Farm Videos

Episode 11 is one of the best yet. Meet our incredible team of summer interns who traveled to DEFHR from all over the U.S. Follow them as they go through their day caring for our horses, learning how to clip Barney, and keeping things running smoothly. This episode also spotlights our tiny filly, New Hope.

[Watch Episode 11](#)

In **Episode 12**, Life on the Farm takes viewers off-site on a little adventure with DEFHR horses Laney and Hadwin. Watch how our trainers and horses battle the summer heat, while still progressing with training and having a little fun. You'll also meet DEFHR's newest ambassador horse, O'Malley.

[Watch Episode 12](#)

In the News



"Horse Rescue with Erin Clemm Ochoa"

In a recent interview on "The Equestrian Podcast," our Chief Executive Officer, Erin Clemm Ochoa, shares her 15-year history with DEFHR, as well as our mission of ensuring quality care of horses through education and outreach.

[Listen to the Interview](#)



"And the May Madness Winner is..."

Congratulations to our very own Officer Barney, winner of The Equiry's "May Madness" contest, a voting tournament based off of NCAA's March Madness. Barney is a retired police horse from the Baltimore Mounted Police Unit and now serves as a beloved equine ambassador for DEFHR.

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"The Fallout from COVID-19"

The financial repercussions from the coronavirus pandemic have put many non-profit horse rescues in a bind. In a recent article on The Plaid Horse website, DEFHR staff members offer a few different ways you can help support your local rescues.

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DEFHR Awarded UlcerGard Grant



DEFHR was recently awarded a grant for UlcerGard, thanks to [GreaterGood.org](#) and [Boehringer Ingelheim Equine Health](#). UlcerGard helps prevent and treat the pain and discomfort caused by equine gastric ulcers, a common issue in many horses. In fact, up to 90 percent of horses in our rehabilitation program are affected by ulcers. One of our newest horses, Quiver (chestnut pictured), suffers from gastric ulcers and these treatments allowed us to provide her comfort immediately. Thank you [Greatergood.org](#) and [Boehringer Ingelheim Equine Health](#) for your support and commitment to helping equines in need.

Virtual Adoptions

Clover came to DEFHR when she was just a day old as part of a neglect case, and now she is a two-year-old with unlimited potential. This sweet 14.3-hand, Appaloosa-type filly would make a great prospect for any discipline.

Clover just started a 60-day challenge with our Head Trainer through the Forever Foundation. Let's wish this pair good luck!

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