



DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

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Q&A with DEFHR Ambassador and Eventing Olympian, Lauren Nicholson



Lauren Nicholson is pictured here aboard Vermiculus, a 14-year-old Anglo Arabian gelding owned by Jacqueline Mars. **Photo by Cindy Lawler**

In September 2020, we kicked off a partnership with eventing Olympian, Lauren Nicholson. Lauren supports the values of DEFHR and has been helping to spread our mission to her social media followers by highlighting an adoptable DEFHR horse every month.

Lauren is currently preparing to compete three horses—Vermiculus ("Bug"), Paramount Importance ("Lou"), and Landmark's Monte Carlo ("Patrick"), all owned by Jacqueline Mars—in the prestigious Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event (LRK3DE) running April 22-25, 2021, in Lexington, KY, so we thought we'd get to know Lauren and her horses better with a short Q&A:

Q: Do Bug, Lou, or Patrick have any lovable quirks? If so, what are they?
A: Bug loves a good banana. He is also small and quick and can be naughty because he thinks it's funny, but I can trust him enough to ride him bareback in a halter.

Lou's personality has really come out this past year and he is a big teddy bear.

Patrick is more of a lone wolf and enjoys being outside and in his paddock as much as possible. He spoke to an animal communicator and said that he prefers a laid-back atmosphere and he'd appreciate it if everyone kept him in the know by verbalizing the schedule and future plans.

Q: Are Bug, Lou, and Patrick buddies with one another?
A: Bug and Lou live in stalls beside each other and they have the same travel schedule. They have cute banter and seem to be buddies. Patrick prefers his alone time.

Q: What are some of your most memorable competition moments with these horses?
A: One highlight with Bug was finishing in ninth place and earning us the top American pair at the 2019 Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials in England. Lou's first five-star competition at Kentucky was special—he went in and performed really well. My most memorable moment with Patrick was winning the "Land Rover Best Ride of the Day," and in turn a Land Rover vehicle at the 2016 Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event by completing the country course closest to the optimum time—he's a cross country cruiser!

We are so appreciative of Lauren's support and ask you to join us in wishing her luck at the upcoming LRK3DE in April! You can follow her journey on Instagram at [@LaurenKiefferEventing](#) and on Facebook [@LaurenKiefferEventing](#).

Register Now for Legacy Summer Camps

We are so excited to have our campers back at the farm this summer and registration is booking up quickly. Please note that our camp will be modified, and participation will be limited, to adhere to state and federal guidelines regarding COVID-19. Keeping our campers, staff, and horses safe remains our priority.

Day Camp:
June - August

Sign your child up for camp where they'll spend the week learning and having fun with our rescue horses while earning service learning hours!



To register your child, visit [DEFHR.org](#) or call 301-854-5037.

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Give your child the best summer ever!



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DEFHR's Counselor in Training (CIT) Program is Launching

We are excited to officially launch a new program for young supporters: the Counselor in Training (CIT) Program.

The CIT program is designed to guide participants 14 years and older toward being effective camp counselors and/or staff members. Counselors in training will learn important skills such as group leadership, time management, coordination and running of activities, building soft skills, and horsemanship. The skills learned through the CIT program are transferable to other areas at school, extracurricular activities, and future jobs.

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Horsing Around with WBFF FOX 45

On March 4, WBFF FOX 45's featured DEFHR on its Hometown Hotspot show. FOX 45's Amy Aaronson visited the farm and interviewed Nicky Wetzelberger and Kate Smith about our Read-A-Thon taking place throughout March, including how to participate and how participation will support the horses.



FOX 45 reporter, Amy Aaronson, spoke with Kate Smith and Nicky Wetzelberger at the farm. **Photo courtesy of Amy Aaronson**

Thank You From DEFHR!

Last month, we asked for help in supporting two quarantines—one for horses new to our farm and the other for staff due to COVID-19 safety precautions—by gifting us with items from our Amazon Wishlist. We are thrilled to share that everything on the Amazon Wishlist and more was fulfilled. THANK YOU! We are grateful for your generosity and eagerness to help our farm during what has been one of the most challenging years we have ever experienced. Thank you for believing in DEFHR and its mission. Together we are giving equines in need a voice.

In the News



"Pro Pop Quiz: What is 'Humane Education' and How Does It Play a Role in Equine Rescue?"

Humane education is something that DEFHR embraces wholeheartedly. Our CEO, Erin Clemm Ochoa, was featured in Horse & Style Magazine explaining humane education and discussing its critical role in equine rescue. Click the button to read the complete article.

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"Discover the Benefits of Summer Camp"

Our community outreach director, Nicky Wetzelberger, spoke about the impact that summer camps have made on her life for Frederick's Child magazine. Nicky elaborates on how camps can provide a space for youth where creativity and stepping out of their comfort zone are celebrated. Click the button below to read the article.

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"The Emancipation of Hard Luck Louie"

Louie Lane came to DEFHR in December 2020 as part of a 17-horse seizure. His story is unique in that he not only had to survive hazardous living conditions, he had to survive them as a blind horse. Read this special horse's story in our latest column on Horse Network by clicking the button below.

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Featured Horse of the Month: Poquito Polkadot



Twenty-five-year-old Appaloosa mare, 15hh

Poquito Polkadot, affectionately known as "Dot," is a stunning mare being offered for adoption under the Guardian Program as a companion-only horse. While she is older in age, Dot loves playing with her friends. She is currently outside 24/7, barefoot, and would make the perfect companion for any herd. Due to dropped suspensory ligaments, Dot needs a farrier/handler that will be patient with her when picking up her hind feet. This sweet girl would love to find a family to call her own.

Email adopt@DEFHR.org for details on this mare.

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