

DEFHR Receives Grant From State of Maryland To Expand Footprint and Equine Welfare Offerings

We are excited about the future of equine welfare in Maryland. On Friday, April 2, Maryland State Senator Katie Fry Hester announced that DEFHR was approved for \$500,000 as part of a Legislative Bond Initiative. The grant will be used to acquire a firehouse property in Lisbon, Maryland, adjacent to DEFHR's farm. Following renovations, the firehouse property will be home to expanded operations and a new educational welcome center.



The opening of the educational center, part of a comprehensive capital campaign effort, will provide equine welfare, humane, and farm-based education with a permanent home in Maryland. Every aspect of the center will be a reflection of our community and it will serve as a way of giving back and inspiring others to be a part of the solution. It will be a destination for people to come and join our mission of helping horses heal.

Thank you to the State of Maryland for trusting us and investing in the future of equines!

A heartfelt thank you to all who played a role in making this grant possible: Governor Larry Hogan; Katie Fry Hester, Maryland Senate D9; Senator Douglas J.J. Peters; Chief of Staff, Nithin Venkatraman; Secretary, David Brinkley; Budget Analyst, Phillip Fleischer; and Howard County Delegate, Abbey Rubeling. DEFHR 's Board of Directors would also like to thank Dana Scanlon (this would have been impossible without you!), Brittany Ebbertt, Caroline Griffin, Wayne Willoughby, and Robin Sagoskin.

Join the Workshop: Imagining the Future of **Nonprofit Business**

We are looking forward to our online continuing education opportunity on Wednesday, April 28 at 12 p.m. All leadership and management staff in animal welfare are invited to an online workshop about navigating the new normal. Click the link event link for details or email outreach@defhr.org with questions. Registration is \$10.

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THE PANDEMIC, ONE YEAR LATER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 AT 12:00 PM

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Honoring Animal Control Officers



An ACO participates in an Equine Cruelty Investigators Training. Over the years, these training sessions have been hosted at DEFHR's farm to educate local law enforcement and ACOs about equine neglect and abuse. Photo by <u>Days End Farm Horse</u> Rescue.

Last week, April 12-16, was Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week and we extended our deepest gratitude to each and every Animal Control Officer (ACO) for their service and commitment to animal welfare. In DEFHR's 30-plus year history, we have been honored to work alongside hundreds of ACOs and witness their selfless acts of service to animals in need. They are the voice of justice and provide suffering animals a voice in court and they are the catalysts for change having dedicated their careers to making the world a better place.

The best way to honor them is by being responsible owners, caring for your pets, and teaching younger generations the importance of responsible pet ownership. Animal Control Officers are everyday heroes!

Happily Ever After: Zola and Uri Have Been Adopted

Over the past month, a number of horses, including Uri and Zola, have been adopted into new, loving homes. Uri is an OTTB gelding that had over 88 starts in his seven-year racing career, earning more than \$57,000. Zola is a Morgan-cross filly that we have enjoyed watching grow throughout her first year of life. Congratulations!



Uri and his adopter. Photo by Days End Farm Horse Rescue.



EQUINE RESCUES PROVIDE SAFETY NETS FOR ADOPTED HORSES



In the News

"Equine Rescues Provide Safety Nets for Adopted Horses"

Changing and difficult life circumstances can make it challenging for owners to continue to care for their horses. In Lisbon's case, she was adopted and returned to DEFHR twice for this reason. Thankfully, horse rescues like DEFHR can provide safety nets for adopted horses and often have the ability to take horses back when adopters' circumstances change. Lisbon's experience is a primary example of how these safety nets work. Click the button below to read Lisbon's story on Horse Network.

Read Article

Featured Horse of the Month: Lisbon



Twelve-year-old Egyptian Arabian mare, 14.3hh

Lisbon is a 12-year-old Egyptian Arabian mare that is ready for her next career.

She originally came to DEFHR in 2017 from Carroll County, Maryland. She has already been adopted out twice and returned, no fault of her own. Lisbon is hoping that third time is a charm!

She is an inquisitive, sensitive mare with a gorgeous mane and soulful eyes. Lisbon has lovely gaits and would be a fantastic partner for someone looking to tackle the trails, do lower-level dressage, or even dabble in endurance.

Lisbon has always been a farm favorite thanks to her sweet and personable disposition.

Email <u>adopt@DEFHR.org</u> for details on this mare.

