



FAVORITE HORSE RESCUE

DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE, MARYLAND

Days End Farm Horse Rescue has rescued and rehabilitated over 2,000 horses since 1989. This rescue has gone from a small non-profit sheltering a few horses to a full-scale, well-respected national rescue and rehabilitation facility housing up to 150 horses annually from across Maryland and the neighboring states. The organization helps to retrain and send horses out for adoption, and to prevent abuse and neglect through community outreach.



FAVORITE DOG RESCUE

DANNY & RON'S RESCUE, SOUTH CAROLINA & FLORIDA

Year after year, Danny & Ron's Rescue tops the EQLiving Gold List for their charitable work as well as their good standing in the horse community. Subjects of the 2018 documentary "Life in the Doghouse," this pair have rescued thousands of dogs since their founding after Hurricane Katrina inspired them to save the dogs left homeless after the storm. Since then, they have rescued puppy mill dogs, bait dogs, and many more. What's unusual about Danny and Ron is that, in an effort to rehabilitate the dogs and to build trust, the rescued dogs live among them in their home.



FAVORITE FOR HELPING EQUESTRIANS

EQUESTRIAN AID FOUNDATION, FLORIDA

The Equestrian Aid Foundation assists people in all corners of the equestrian community, from farriers and grooms to riders and trainers, with financial grants to help them cope with catastrophic injury or illness. This worthy cause has long been a favorite of EQLiving readers. The grassroots network of horse people helping other horse people can make the difference in people's lives to keep them from losing their homes, jobs, independence, and dignity throughout difficult situations. Since 1996, the foundation has provided over \$3.2 million in grant support.



FAVORITE THERAPEUTIC RIDING

GIANT STEPS THERAPEUTIC RIDING, PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA

Founded in 1998, Giant Steps Therapeutic Equestrian Center has harnessed the therapeutic power of horses to help people of all ages overcome physical, emotional, behavioral, cognitive, and developmental challenges. With a focus on its community, Giant Steps aims to create a safe space where their clients can engage in social activity and connect with one another. Programs offered range from mounted therapeutic riding classes to ground equine-facilitated learning lessons that help clients improve their physical strength, and enhance their emotional and social capabilities.