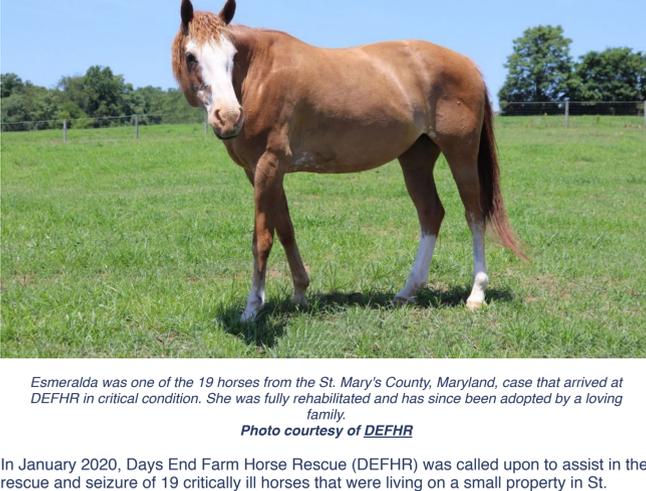




## DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

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### St. Mary's County Woman Sentenced for Animal Neglect and Cruelty



*Esmeralda was one of the 19 horses from the St. Mary's County, Maryland, case that arrived at DEFHR in critical condition. She was fully rehabilitated and has since been adopted by a loving family.*

*Photo courtesy of DEFHR*

In January 2020, Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) was called upon to assist in the rescue and seizure of 19 critically ill horses that were living on a small property in St. Mary's County, Maryland, along with several cows, goats, and fowl. While it was too late for two horses that were found deceased, all 19 horses that came to DEFHR's farm were successfully rehabilitated.

On November 30, 2022, a Maryland judge handed down a sentence to the former owner of these animals for 22 counts of animal neglect misdemeanors. You can read more about the case [here](#).

DEFHR staffers are honored to have been a part of this collaborative effort between St. Mary's County Commissioner's Office, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department, The Animal Control Division, and the State's Attorney's Office to accomplish this outcome for the largest animal cruelty case in the county's history.

These rescue efforts would not have been possible without the support of our wonderful staff, volunteers, and donors. On behalf of the 19 equines from this case, we extend our sincere gratitude to all who enabled us to save these horses.

Now that the case is closed, these horses can continue on with their lives in loving forever homes.

If you are interested in joining our life-saving efforts, please click the buttons below to confirm your tax-deductible gift. Thank you for your support!

[Donate to DEFHR](#)

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### Sponsor a Horse for the Holidays



We are eager to secure holiday sponsorships for all 78 of the horses in our care. Your donation of \$100 will provide care and support to a horse in need. Currently, 65 horses are still looking for sponsors.

Click the button below to make a donation and note the horse you wish to sponsor during checkout. In return, you will receive a letter and photo straight from your sponsored horse. Don't miss this opportunity to help horses in need and receive a great gift in return. We thank you in advance!

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### DEFHR Assistant Trainer Highlighted in World Equestrian Center Magazine



DEFHR Assistant Trainer Leigha Schrader and her own HH Hadwin, a DEFHR alum, were featured in the most recent issue of World Equestrian Center (WEC) Magazine. Earlier this year, Leigha, HH Hadwin, and Vinni the Mini traveled to WEC's Wilmington, Ohio, facility to introduce DEFHR to competitors and onlookers.

Leigha also had the opportunity to compete HH Hadwin and perform a demonstration with Vinni the Mini in the facility's popular Sanctuary Arena.

We are so proud of Leigha and all of her efforts to spread DEFHR's mission. Click the button below to read the article and learn more about Leigha's experience at WEC.

[Read the Article](#)

### Vinni the Mini Makes New Friends

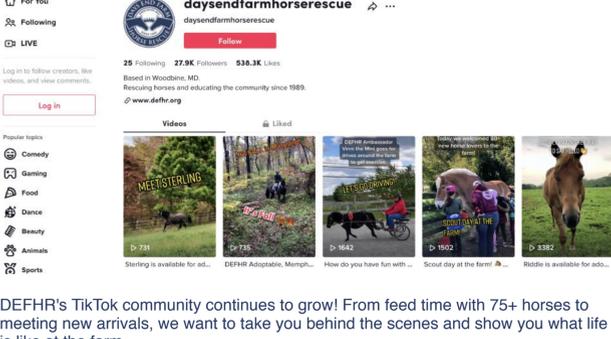


Earlier this month, Vinni the Mini participated in a social day program for less-independent individuals hosted by Howard County, Maryland's Department of Community Resources and Services. He was successful in bringing smiles to the faces of staff and participants.

Vinni loves to travel to events, fairs, and expos to spread awareness of DEFHR's mission and demonstrate the versatility of rescued equines. He also serves as a therapy horse and visits local schools, assisted living homes, and hospice centers. If you're interested in having Vinni visit your organization and to learn more about our programs, tap the button below to visit our website.

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### Follow Us on TikTok



DEFHR's TikTok community continues to grow! From feed time with 75+ horses to meeting new arrivals, we want to take you behind the scenes and show you what life is like at the farm.

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### In the News



#### Dressage Today "From Rescue to Budding Star"

Two-time DEFHR adopter Larisa Quirk is a young dressage professional that has exemplified the capabilities of rescue horses. Most recently, in 2017, she took note of Aria, a weanling at DEFHR. Larisa felt confident that the filly had the potential to be successful in the dressage arena. Now, five years later, Aria is blossoming under Larisa's guidance. Tap the button below to read Larisa and Aria's story on Dressage Today.

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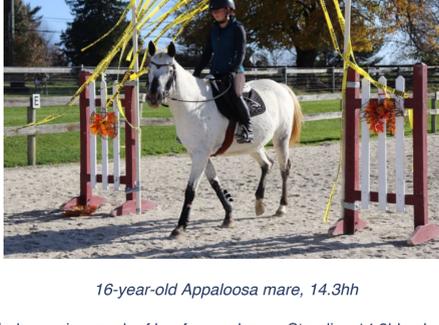


#### Horse Network "Twice as Bright: Two Donkeys Regain the Twinkle in Their Eyes"

Like horses, donkeys and mules serve a purpose as wonderful companion animals for equine lovers as well as for ponies and horses. These social, inquisitive, and intelligent animals bond strongly with one another, so they're often seen in pairs. Two such donkeys, Fiery Frito and Hot Habanero, arrived at DEFHR in September 2021 and were recently adopted by a wonderful family. Tap the button below to read the donkeys' story in our monthly column on Horse Network.

[Read the Article](#)

### Featured Horse of the Month: Darla



*16-year-old Appaloosa mare, 14.3hh*

Darla is a kind mare in search of her forever home. Standing 14.3hh, she is the perfect smaller mount for pleasure riding around the farm or enjoying trails. Darla rides English or Western and has the mindset of more "woah" than "go." Darla is brave to obstacles both in the ring and out on the trails. She has experience with a variety of groundwork activities, self-loads onto the trailer, and stands quietly for the vet and farrier. Her comfortable gaits also make her the perfect couch potato to enjoy a nice backback hack.

Visit [defhr.org/available-horses/](https://defhr.org/available-horses/) and email [adopt@DEFHR.org](mailto:adopt@DEFHR.org) for details on Darla.

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