

## DEFHR Rescues 13 Mares and Foals



In early March, Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR), Woodbine, Maryland, rescued 13 mares and foals who were suffering from extreme neglect in West Virginia. All of the horses were starving and battling internal and external parasites. The mares are fighting for their lives as well as the lives of their nursing foals.

DEFHR staff is committed to helping all 13 horses make a full recovery and is appreciative of the support they've received to date. If you're interested in donating to support their care, click the button below.

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## Remembering an Equine Welfare Pioneer



DEFHR staff, volunteers, and its Board of Directors were saddened to learn of the passing of Kathy Schwartz-Howe, the organization's co-founder and executive director for 24 years.

Kathy, 71, of Woodbine, Maryland, passed on March 6, 2023, following a battle with Alzheimer's.

A pioneer for equine welfare, Kathy and her then-husband Allen were one of the first to provide resources and education to law enforcement officials and animal advocates. Kathy's mission was to make horses accessible to the community by creating a welcoming facility where anyone could learn and receive hands-on with these incredible animals. This mission comes to fruition on a daily basis at DEFHR. The organization remains committed to creating a culture of humane care and compassion for all equines in an effort to end the vicious cycle of neglect and abuse.

Thousands of horses have her to thank for their second chances and countless people are indebted to her for her contribution to the advancement of equine welfare.

[Read Kathy's Story](#)

## Join DEFHR's Equidopt Grooming Program



If you'd like to make a consistent, hands-on impact on our horses during their rehabilitation journey, consider becoming an Equidopt grooming sponsor. This program offers sponsors the opportunity to build a relationship with an assigned horse through weekly grooming sessions. The sponsor will also receive a DEFHR-branded grooming kit, seasonal gifts, and opportunities to participate in quarterly ground clinics.

To learn more about the Equidopt Grooming Sponsor program, click the button below.

[Learn About Equidopt](#)

## Join Us for Scout Days



DEFHR's popular Girl/Boy Scout Day is back. Individual Scouts and entire troops are invited to a two-hour hands-on program on Saturday, April 22, and Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will take a tour of the farm and enjoy time leading and grooming horses as well as learning about DEFHR's horse training program. All Scouts will receive a DEFHR patch. The cost is \$10 per Scout.

[Learn More and Register](#)

## In the News



### Horse Network "Disco Finds His Groove"

Disco found his happily ever after as a young seven-year-old. Now, 12 years later, he is continuing to enjoy the good life with his adopter Shannon, but it wasn't all coming up roses from the start. Tap the button below to learn how Disco and Shannon found their groove together.

[Read the Article](#)

## Featured Horse of the Month: Dory



29-year-old Tennessee Walker mare, 15.3hh

Dory is a spicy older lady who thrives in a quiet environment with a smaller herd. She is sound and healthy so she has been doing some riding (walking only a few times a week) but would also be content as a non-riding companion.

She can be a bit of a worrier when she is away from her friends so she would love an adopter who understands that. She does a sweet snort when she gets a little overwhelmed but tries very hard to be polite and mindful of her person. She is barefoot and living outside 24/7 in a large herd of mares, but she has also lived with one other gelding and did quite well.

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

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