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Left in a stable for 10 years: Quest makes amazing recovery

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Quest's hooves had grown to three feet long. © Days End Farm Horse Rescue

An equine rescue operation in Maryland in the US has shared the remarkable success story of a pony who had been confined to a stable for 10 years.

Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) said animal control officers in Washington County, Maryland, were completing a routine welfare check in 2015 when they came across an old stable. Three horses were living there, and the animal control officers later learned that the horses had been confined there for more than 10 years.

One, a 12hh pony stallion named Quest, had hooves that had grown three feet in length, curling and spiralling out, making it nearly impossible for him to walk.

When a case has been identified as requiring intervention and seizure of a horse or horses, the DEFHR team goes with the animal protection officials to pick up the animals involved and transport them back to its farm in Woodbine, Marlland.

"In the weeks and months that followed, we witnessed an incredible transformation both physically and mentally. A pony that had not been able to lay down in years was now rolling in the mud and calling out to other horses at the farm. Quest was learning to be a horse again," staff at the rescue said.

Quest was cleared for training by the rescue's veterinarian and farrier five months after arriving.

What to eat to lose weight?

Pick a Protein	Pick 1 or 2 Veggies	Add Fat
To reduce the hunger hormone Meat Chicken breast, Lean beef, Pork tenderloin, Turkey breast, Bison, Lamb, Rabbit, Quail, Duck Deli Meats Turkey breast slices, Roast beef slices, Turkey pepperoni, Prosciutto, Turkey bacon Canned Meats Tuna, Sardines, Mackerel, Turkey chili, Chicken broth Organ Meat Liver, Kidney, Tongue, Spleen Fish Salmon, Cod, Tilapia, Trout, Halibut, Haddock, Catfish Seafood Shrimp, Crab, Mussels, Clams, Lobster, Scallops Eggs Plant-Based Protein Tofu, Tempeh, Edamame, Seitan, Lentils, Chickpeas, Black beans, Kidney beans	Choose low carb options Low carb veggies Spinach Kale Broccoli Cauliflower Zucchini Cabbage Brussels sprouts Asparagus Bell peppers Mushrooms Green beans Celery Swiss chard Arugula Collard greens Bok choy Radishes Eggplant Okra Snow peas Spinach Romaine lettuce Cucumber Tomatoes Artichokes Hearts of palm	For flavor and satiety Nut oils Almond, Walnut, Macadamia nut, Hazelnut, Pecan, Pistachio, Cashew, Brazil nut Non-Dairy Fats Avocado, Coconut oil, Olive oil, Coconut milk, Coconut cream, MCT oil, Cocoa butter Dairy Butter, Ghee, Heavy cream, Sour cream, Full-fat Greek yogurt, Whole milk, Cottage cheese Full-Fat Salads Dressings Green goddess, Bacon vinaigrette, Tahini Full-Fat Cheeses Cheddar, Mozzarella, Cream cheese, Feta, Brie, Gouda, Parmesan Sauces Hollandaise sauce, Mayonnaise, Pesto sauce, Alfredo sauce Others Almonds, Walnuts, Pecans, Brazil nuts, Cashews, Chia seeds, Flaxseeds, Sunflower seeds

In order to increase the likelihood of a successful adoption, DEFHR brings horses to local horse shows, fairs and festivals to further their training, at liberty work, and exposure to crowds.

"Throughout his summer of appearances, Quest's remarkable character continued to shine through, inspiring all who met him," DEFHR said.

Quest's adoption is pending, but there are [several other horses and ponies](#) at Days End Farm Horse Rescue waiting for the perfect new home.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Days End Farm Horse Rescue.



Quest was able to begin training just five months after his rescue. © Days End Farm Horse Rescue



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Quest has thrived since his rescue. © Days End Farm Horse Rescue

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It is amazing how he went through that and now is acting like it never happened! I have heard many stories but this one so far is my favorite!

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