

Gia's Wait Is Over



Gia with her new owners, Christine and Don Neiffer

The Paso Fino mare Gia, who is 29, finally found her forever home after being up for adoption for three years. In 2020, she arrived at Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) in Woodbine, Maryland, as a neglect case, having been seized by animal control authorities due to extreme emaciation and malnutrition. She may have waited a long time to be adopted, but Don and Christine Neiffer were the perfect match and Gia is their third adoptee from DEFHR. They wanted a companion for their elderly mare Sequoia, and Gia fit the bill perfectly. The mares will live out their days soaking up the sun together on a four-acre property in a large pasture with free access to a barn.

"We were committed to getting Sequoia, who was also adopted from DEFHR, a buddy," explained Don. "Gia is gentle, has no desire to be the boss, and is a good patient for the vet and farrier."

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DEFHR To Break Ground on Major New Project



Phase 1 of construction on Days End Farm Horse Rescue's (DEFHR) National Equine Welfare Center will break ground on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 2 p.m. This marks a milestone in the non-profit's vision not only to rescue and rehabilitate suffering horses but also to prevent abuse and neglect through education and community outreach. The Center will allow for an expanded footprint and enhanced equine welfare offerings as DEFHR continues to broaden its reach, becoming a national destination for equine welfare learning. In 2021, DEFHR acquired the adjacent Lisbon firehouse property and will repurpose it to expand its operations, which includes the Equine Discovery Building as Phase 1.

The Equine Discovery Center, which will encompass 12,000 renovated square feet in the building, will serve as a place of discovery to support mission-driven activities with interactive educational displays to educate visitors about equine welfare. The building will also house new administrative offices and a large seminar/event space with capacity for 200 people.

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Join DEFHR's Summer Legacy Camp



Help foster your child's love of horses with DEFHR's popular summer Legacy Camp, a fun, inspirational and educational experience for young horse lovers. There are two programs, Junior Legacy (ages 7-11) and Youth Legacy (ages 12-17). Camp runs June 17 through August 9, Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants will groom horses, learn about horse care and handling, both through classroom instruction and hands-on learning activities. Activities include under saddle games, water day, creek walk, tie-dye shirts and game day.

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In the News



Horse Network "She's an Answer to My Prayers"

In the spring of 2023, a 14.2hh Arabian mare named Callista who was in her mid-teens arrived at DEFHR as part of a neglect case. Callista had her teeth floated, hooves trimmed, received routine vaccinations, and was treated for parasites. When she was back to full health, it became apparent that she was a sweet, inquisitive mare. DEFHR had the perfect adopter in mind.

"I went down and looked at her and fell in love," said adopter Mary Ellen Breon, who was looking for a companion horse. "Callista is one of the nicest horses I have ever had. Every day I go out to the field and groom her; I don't even have to put a halter on."

Click the button below to read Callista's story in our monthly column on Horse Network.

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Featured Horse of the Month: Blue Bell



30-year-old Part-Shetland mare, 10.1hh

Blue Bell may have been named after the cow, but her whinny sounds much more like a pig! Blue Bell has a lot of hair to brush and would be perfect for kids to love. She is offered as a non-riding companion to a loving home to live out her days. She enjoys affection and has a funny personality to keep you smiling. If you are willing to provide some extra care and love to an older pony, please consider Blue Bell.

Visit defhr.org/available-horses/ and email adopt@DEFHR.org for details on Blue Bell.

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In 2023, DEFHR Opened Its Doors for 55 Horses in Critical Condition

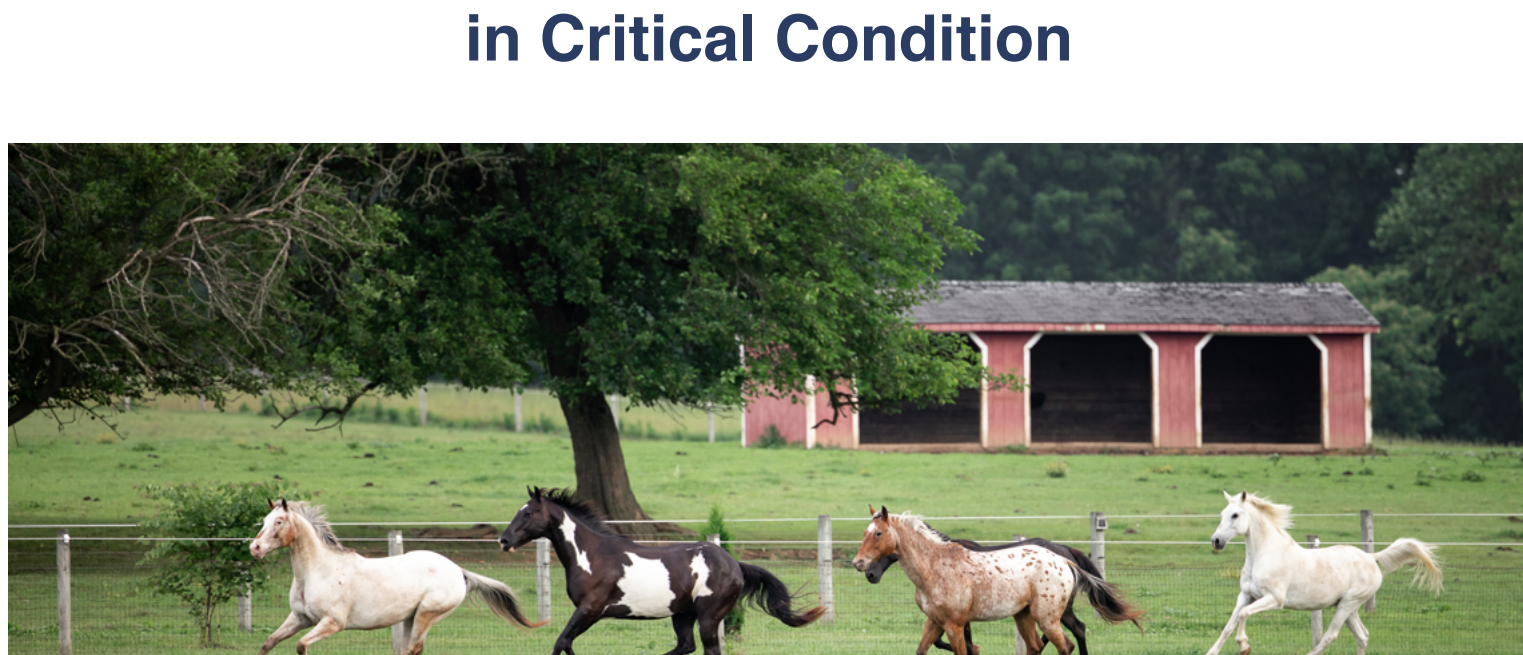


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