Struggling To Care for Your Horse? Maryland Rescue Provides

Help to Owners When They Need It Most In today's challenging times, many people find it harder to make ends meet. For some

owners, these circumstances make it difficult or even impossible to properly care for their horse. That is where the Owner to Owner (O2O) Program run by Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) in Woodbine, MD, comes in. In this Horse Network article, Brittney Vallot, the O2O Program's Owner Assistance Manager, explains how the program was developed and the extensive support it offers to help owners decide the next steps for their horse during what can be a stressful time.

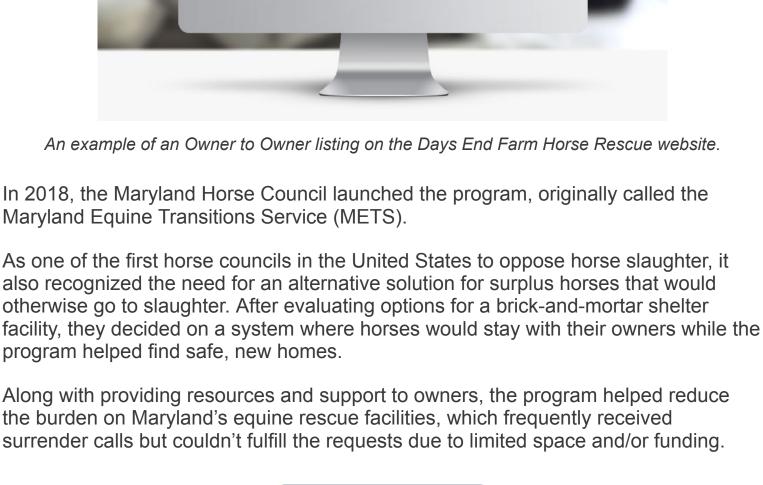


Western show worlds, but hadn't been ridden in several years. When I met him, I could tell he had been very well trained and appeared to be sound and healthy, but it

One month after entering our O2O program, he found a home with Candy Cole of High Ridge Farm in Manchester, MD. A licensed Maryland Horse Discovery Center, offering a safe, friendly, educational experience, High Ridge is big on community

outreach and caters to children through lesson programs and camps. They have taken several other horses from our O2O Program over the years, and we were elated when they took Doc in. Data shows that, on average, horses are transitioned between homes seven times during their lifespan. Each time they are transitioned, they face an increased risk of

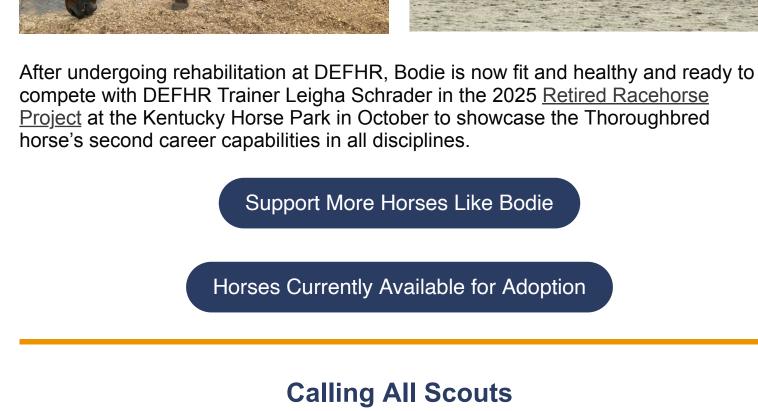
is to provide expert advice to help owners explore their options and take appropriate steps to keep their horse safe.

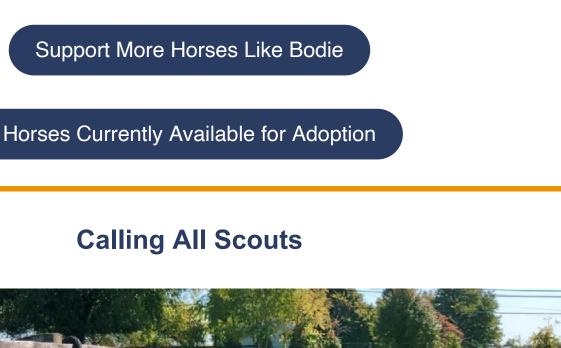


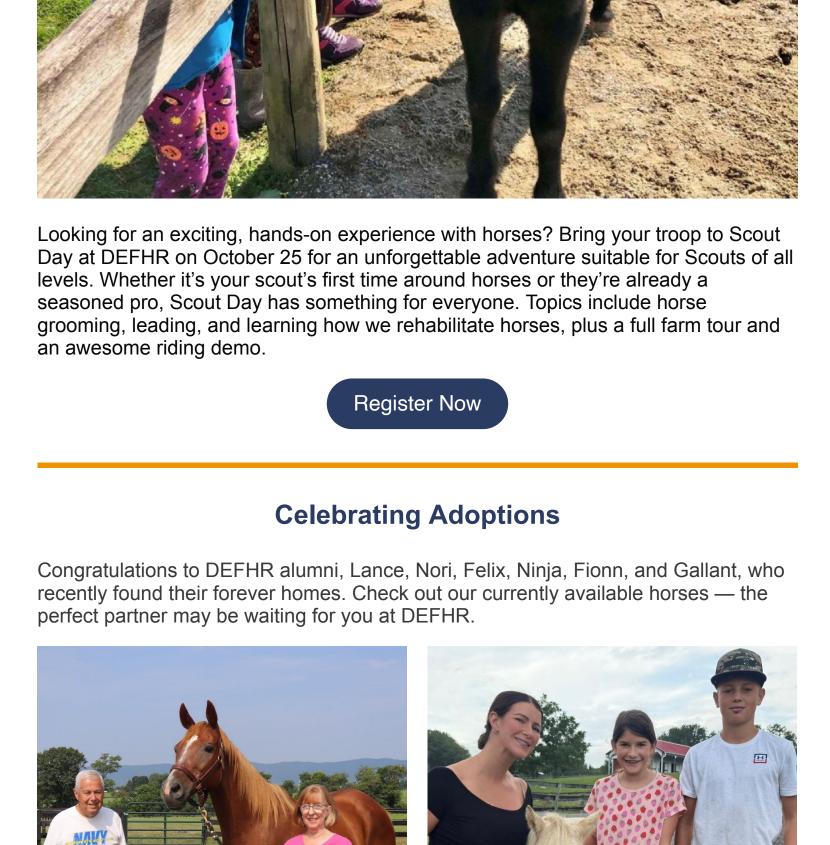
Owner to Owner Available Horses

Former racehorse Brite Bodie arrived at DEFHR in July 2024 as a severe neglect case. His body condition score was 1.5 out of nine on the Henneke Body Condition Scale, and he was suffering from starvation. He had raced less than a year earlier, but a horse's condition can deteriorate quickly without appropriate care and nutrition.

Tremendous Transformation: Brite Bodie



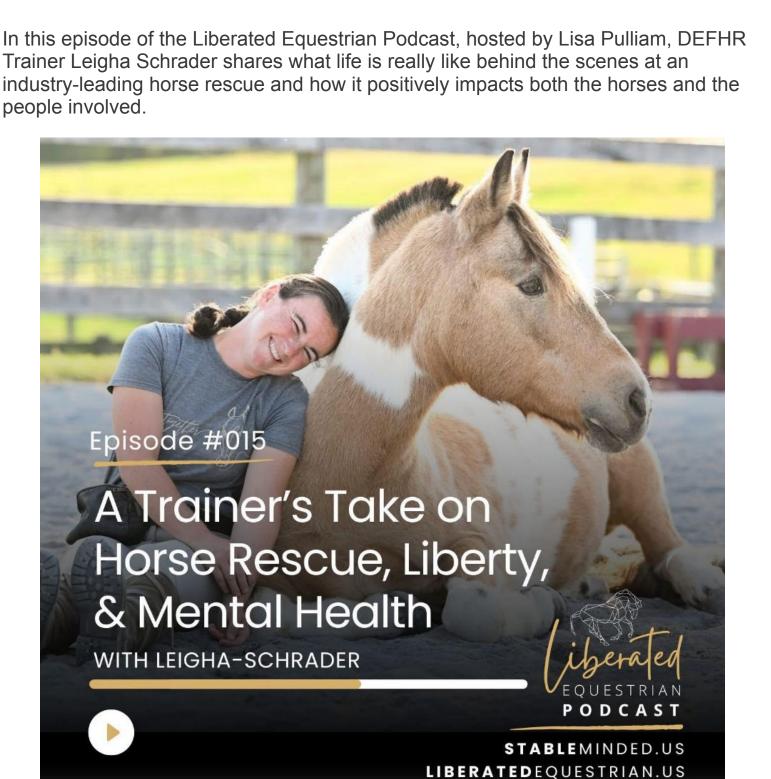




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your own mental health.



DEFHR is delighted to partner with Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) as

DEFHR ambassadors Mini Mick Jagger and Zillow will be on-site during Barn Night on Friday, October 24, while Zillow will showcase his liberty demonstration during the

At Kids' Day on Saturday, October 25, Zillow returns with his liberty demo, while Mini

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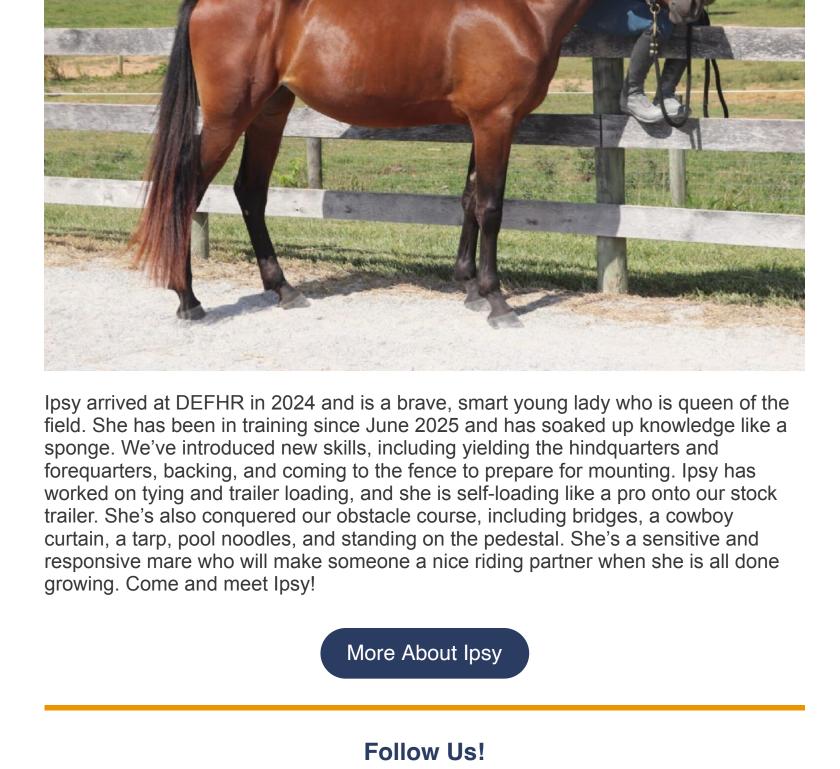
Two-year-old 15hh Standardbred

Mick Jagger is on hand at the pony kissing booth. Meet these remarkable rescue horses at WIHS and learn how together we can transform the lives of equines and

the Official Equine Rescue Charity of the 2025 edition of this prestigious show.

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falling into an unsafe situation. When an owner decides they can no longer keep their horse for any reason, it can be unclear where to turn. Our goal with the O20 Program

An example of an Owner to Owner listing on the Days End Farm Horse Rescue website. In 2018, the Maryland Horse Council launched the program, originally called the Maryland Equine Transitions Service (METS).

Doc, a registered bay Quarter Horse, was in his early 20s and had been born, raised, and trained by his owners. He had a successful career in both the English and was unclear how he would fare going back under saddle at his age.

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