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THE STABLE DOOR

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Fourth Semi-Annual In-Person Meeting

On January 15th, twenty Equine Rescue and Sanctuary Partners, Advisors, and Partnership board members convened for our In-Person Meeting. The day was highly productive, focusing on key discussions around grants, direct placement strategies, and community guidelines.



The Equine Welfare Society graciously hosted the group at their stunning facility in Keswick, VA. Following lunch, attendees were treated to a tour of the barns and met many of the permanent and in-training equine residents.

Their unique program focuses on a highly effective training regimen, leveraging their deep expertise to ensure rescued horses reach their full potential in adoptive homes. After a thorough vetting and assessment, their head trainer develops an individualized, evidence-based training approach (mounted or unmounted) for each horse entering the program.



Permanent resident, Mint Julep, posing with a few new fans

Typically, about seven horses are in training at any given time, each receiving 6-8 months of slow and steady schooling before being adopted into their new forever homes.

February Events

New Volunteer Orientation

Hope 4 Horses
FEBRUARY 14
Fredericksburg, VA

Girls Night Out

Highland County Humane Foundation
FEBRUARY 21
Monterey, VA

Looking Ahead...

Hearts for Horses

Hope's Legacy Equine Rescue
MARCH 14
Keswick, VA



Full Calendar of Events

Disaster Recovery Funding

While we are all grateful to be on the meltier side of the recent snow and ice storm, it's a constant reminder that another weather disaster—be it wind, drought, ice, or fire—is always a lurking possibility.

Prevention and preparedness are paramount to reducing your risks during these events, and there are great resources to help you get organized and ready for whatever nature throws at you.

However, even with good prevention, disaster can damage your facility or hinder your programs. In these cases, there are many welfare-oriented groups that have set aside funding to assist individuals with farms or programs impacted by disaster.



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Natural Disaster prep list from VA Dept. of Agriculture

Banfield Disaster Relief
Fleet of Angels - Emergency Grants
A Home for Every Horse - Absorbine® Disaster Relief for Rescues
Home for Horses Coalition - Relief Fund
Horse Plus Humane Society - Disaster Relief
US Dept of Agriculture - Disaster Assistance Programs
Petco Love - Disaster Relief
Petfinder Foundation - Disaster Response and Recovery
VA Dept of Emergency Management

Funding Available for Equine Rescues and Sanctuaries	Funding Available for Equine Owners
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Horses Needing Direct Placement Homes



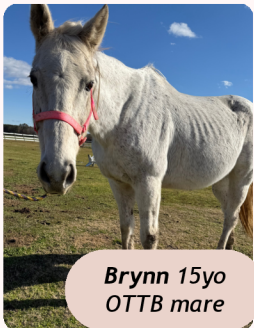
Lady 16yo TB mare



Jazzy 6yo OTTB Mare



Zenith 21yo Dutch Warmblood Mare



Brynn 15yo OTTB mare



Scarlett 8yo TB mare



Tuey 25yo OTTB gelding



Wolfie 24yo OTTB gelding



Krewz 20yo QH gelding

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