

THE HORSE'S VOICE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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2005 ADOPTIONS

Atticus, Cisco, Cochise, Daybreak Edition (Greyson), Naya, Splash, Sundance, Tuffy and Willie.

IN THE NEWS

- *Adirondack Life* magazine ran a feature article about our program in June 2005 entitled "Horse Heaven".
- 2004 adoptees Saucy and Aruba were spotlighted in a full-page article about Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue in their local paper (MA) with their new mom, Jen—"Dekoshak to the Rescue".
- Nancy was featured in the member profile of *NAFE* magazine, a publication of the National Association of Female Executives.
- Channel 5 News ran a feature story about our program during prime time TV.
- North Country SPCA mentioned us in their radio-thon.

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Traditionally, my opening letter highlights the successes made possible by the generous support of friends like you and the hard work of dedicated volunteers. The following pages will do just that because we have exciting things to share since our last letter.

We like our newsletter to be a "feel good" read, but we'd be remiss if we didn't

check-in once in a while on our reason for being. Titling our newsletter *The Horse's Voice* is deliberate because though we teach the language of the horse through all that we do, we stand firm that we must speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

These magnificent and majestic animals — the horse — are the foundation of who we are today, and we owe them that. Horses were our first mode of transportation. They tilled our fields, delivered our mail via pony express, led Paul Revere in his famous ride, and carried us in



T-Bone was rescued from slaughter in July, 2004.

death...hit by a captive bolt gun causing even more pain and trauma... wounded but still conscious...a panicked victim struggles to gain footing on the slippery blood-soaked floor of the kill chute...a still-moving victim is hoisted, to be cut up in view of still-living victims. While the dismantling of these once-beautiful creatures goes on...¹

...we can and must save them.

hunt and in battle. Today, they are often the forgotten ones. They have somehow become disposable; tossed away after giving their all to us.

100,000 horses are commercially slaughtered each year in the U.S. After putting their trust in us and becoming our friends, too many are sent to a brutal and inhumane death.

"Doomed horses are lined up for cruel termination. The last hours of these intelligent animals are filled with dread as they experience the noise, smell and sight of

The quoted piece you just read is from the narrative description of 1SHARK's horse slaughter video published in Bill Heller's new book, [After the Finish Line—The Race to End Horse Slaughter in America](#). We are proud to be listed in Mr. Heller's book as one of the rescue organizations teaming up to save these magnificent animals from this horrible fate.

Please help us by making a tax-deductible donation today.

Eddie Mrozik

BIRTHDAY GIFTS FOR THE HORSES

There's an old saying that goes something like this; "it's greater to give than to receive".

Well several young horse-lovers inspired us again this year by asking that in lieu of birthday presents for themselves, friends and family make gifts in

their honor for the horses at Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, Inc.

This year, Dejanira Plumstead, hand-delivered a card with a note that said "I have everything I need or want and I knew this would help." Brooke Fos-

ter, Lorraine Lewis and Abby Heitzman, inspired by Popeye, one of our rescues also raised money for us in lieu of gifts.

Their selfless generosity moves us beyond words. Happy birthday from all the horses you've helped save.

WITH DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO OUR 2005 SUPPORTERS

Anonymous
 Susan Ackerbauer
 Daniel Arbour and Elise Beauregard *
Sunset Farm Ltd. *
 Judy and Bob Armando
 Arsenal Inn
 Karen Azer *
 David Baine and Lori Bennett
 Bill Barbolt and Kathy Shiell
 Kay Barton
 Patricia Bashaw
 Juliet and Tony Benaquisto *
 Jessie Benway
 Pam Bernstein
 Nicole Birkholzer
 Stacy Bissell
 Julie and Tom Bisselle
 Blue Horse Charities *
 Brittani Bolton
 Bill and Elsa Boyce *
 Richard and Christine Brewer *
 Gary Brewer and Tracey Mehan
 Allan and Virginia Campbell
 Sandra Carpenter *
 Stacey Carrigan *
 Shari and Terry Chase *
 Heather and Chloe Conlee-Goot
 Patricia and Ennio Corsi
 Christine Costa *
Dream Catcher Farms *
 Daniel and Jody Cracco *
Beacon Light Foundation *
 Terry Crowley and Robert Haggerty
 David Curry
 Scott and Diane Davis *
 Carl Davis *
 Paul Duggan and Alice Fitch *
 Frances Eisinger *
 Melissa and Dominic Eisinger *
 Don Engel *
 Russell and Margaret Evatt
 Fiona Farrell *
Full Circle Farm *
 Deb and John Feeley *
 Lane Fenimore
 Mariko Fine-Lease
 Rebecca and Steven Flint *
 Karen, Wallace and Brooke Foster
 Betty Ganje *
 Annemarie Gleason
 Susan Grady *
 Graphics North
 Tracy Grinnell and Gary Frost
 Lynn Grivakes
 Gail Guenther-Mazer *
 Allan and Mary Gunn *
 Liz Haigh and John Knoblock *
 Irene Harbison *
 Keith and Paula Harrison *
 Keith and Debra Hayden
 Brenda Hayes

Jim and Joyce Heckler *
 Elli Hess *
 Jan Higgins
 Christina McEntee Holbrook *
 Dean and Tina Holbrook *
 Anne B. Hutchins
 Robert and Carol Iannuzzo
 Frisky Irwin
 Donald Jaquish
 Dick Johnson *
 Wendy Joy-Hayes
 David and Jane Kastan *
 Susan Kastan *
 Peggy Kendler *
 Herbert Kimsey *
 George and Heidi King
 Michael and Wendy Kowalski
 Richard and Brenda Kuzmiak
 Ernest and Kimball LaPrairie
 Nancy LaRose
 Alice Lauyer *
 Cheryl and Rudley Lewis
 Lorraine Lewis, Abby Heitzman
 & their generous friends
 Donna Lord
 Arthur and Diane Lucarelli *
 Cara Lucarelli *
 Doug and Sarah Luke *
 Gerald Lynn
 Honorable MotorVerna Lynn
 Donald and Sally Mack *
 Kristina Macyowski
 Eileen Mader
 Greg Mairs and Robert Perry
 Joan and Paul Mance
 Jim Marshall
Adirondack Stampede Charity Rodeo
 David and Terry McConaughy *
 John and Evelyn Mingo
 John and Lori Mingo
 Morris Tool & Machine Co. *
 Joseph and Dawn Mostowski
 Leona Mostowski
 Eddie Mrozik and Nancy Van Wie *
 Bernie and Karen Mueller *
 Debbie Mull
 Nicole Nutt
 Jeannie Orlandi
 Sandy Owen and Louis Polese
 Peter and Patty Paine *
 George and Cathy Painter
 Edward Parma *
 Michael and Mary Beth Peabody *
 Pat and Sven Peterson *
 Timothy and Joanne Pine
 James and Tina Pine
 Karl and Denise Platt
 Pumpkin Hill Foundation *
 Lydia Raine Pleasants
 Pleasant Valley Feeds
 Vicki Putnam

Catherine Quaglietta and Peter Gokey
 Ronald Ranc
 Maryann Sauro and Mary Randall *
 Lisa Reid
 Kathryn and William Reinhardt
 Stacy Robinson
 Rosina Rue
 Joan and Edward Sackman *
 Wendy Savoie
 Michael and Diane Scaptura
 William and Suzanne Schulz
 Debbie and Karl Shafarzek
 William Smith *
 Robert and Kerrie Snyder
 Dr. Betty Spence *
 Roland Stearns
 Janice Strang
 Susan Taylor
 Lillian Tessler *
 Stephanie Tompkins *
 Nancy Tracy *
 Caroline Treadwell
 Libby and Sandy Treadwell
 Grace Uhlig
 Fred and Jean Vetter *
 Jim and Ginger Visconti
 Dayton and Sarah Wakefield *
 Glenda and Deborra Wallace
 Anja Weismuller
 Sarah Wight
 Patricia Wilber
 Aline Wilson *
 James and Barbara Wilson *
 Michelene and Win Wilson *
 Ned Wilson and Judy Walsh *

GIFTS MADE IN HONOR OF:

Julie Bisselle's 1st grade class
 Frances Eisinger
 Doris Fee
 Brooke Foster's birthday
 Kristin Hayes
 Abby Heitzman's birthday
 Hobo and Chatter (horses)
 Jake the dog
 Lorraine Lewis's birthday
 Nancy Tracy
 Robyn and Ed's wedding
 Rosanne and Eugene Schaffer's 60th anniv.
 Libby Treadwell

GIFTS MADE IN MEMORY OF:

Bev Davis
 Kathryn Farnsworth
 Andy and Stella Haigh
 Dr. Irene Lenhardt
 Samantha Perreault
 in loving memory of Marilyn Schmidt, DVM
 in memory of Tilton, a real gentleman—I am so
*happy that you came to spend your retirement
 years in my pasture. I like to think that you were
 happy and content out there with the other horses,
 and it seemed that you even came to enjoy the
 company of the llamas. We all miss you.*

HORSE OF THE YEAR



MAGGIE MAGEE

Maggie Magee is a story of horse lovers uniting to save a life. In June 2004, we received a call from a trainer at Saratoga Harness track about a 3 year old mare in the neighboring barn to hers who put her hoof through a chain-link stall gate and tore her leg wide open.

If you can visualize chain-link and imagine the force of a kicking horse, Maggie's leg went through and bent the fence to create a trap that made it impossible for her to pull her leg back out. No one is sure exactly how long she'd been like that before someone found her. She was cut out of the fence and left in her stall to heal without medical treatment.

The wound developed proud flesh and her range of motion was at risk. A vet was called. The owner was told that surgery was required, but Maggie would never race again.

Maggie's owner told the vet to destroy her.

The call to us was to ask us to save her. We had 24 hours to get her out of the barn before she was to be put down.

We explained our program to the woman who called for our help, that we operate on donations and would need to raise the money for Maggie's surgery. She quickly responded that she would pay for it if we would rehabilitate her post-surgery. We were so moved by her deep concern for Maggie and her willingness to step right up, we signed on to the team.

A week later we picked Maggie up from the track fully bandaged and ready to go. Her caregiver cried. She had become so attached to this sweet girl in the short time she cared for her that she quietly asked; "How do you do it? How do you devote your time to healing and helping them, and then let them go?"

We get asked that a lot. And we cry every time. That's the bittersweet part of our work.

But when we receive calls, e-mails, videos and cards from our adoptive parents and their new equine loves, we know we did right. Here's what Maggie's new mom had to say when we told her Maggie is our horse of the year.

"Maggie Magee as "Horse of the Year?" WOW! That's quite an honor! She's the best. I truly think she's the smartest horse I've ever had. Right now I'm on vacation in North Carolina so she and Mick are at "horsey camp" in Amsterdam at a friend's place. They have many, many horses and many acres to run so Miss Maggie Magee was in her glory. She took off with tail held high and just floated around that huge field with grace and style. Oh what an entrance she made.

I do intend to take her down to have my dad drive her this summer. It's so nice to have such a versatile horse. She has learned to be a trail horse crossing streams and going over logs and is still getting used to log trucks. I've done quite a lot of Natural Horsemanship training with her.

I would be happy to talk to anyone interested about how wonderful the Standardbred breed is. Happy trails, Nancy"

So, to the trainer who called to ask for our help and stepped right up to the plate to pay for Maggie's surgery, to Maggie's new mom, Nancy, and to all of you whose contributions made it possible for us to rehabilitate Maggie after her surgery — we salute you and thank you for being a part of the team that saved this beautiful girl from death.

Emergencies like Maggie's are not uncommon. Gifts to the "So Call Me a Doc" fund are put aside for rapid responses to critical situations, urgent care, and surgical intervention to save our equine friends and give them the chance at life they deserve (see page 4—"Not Letting Go of Louie").



Maggie Magee and Nancy hit the trails.

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Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, Inc. is dedicated to giving abused, neglected, abandoned, and slaughter-bound horses a second-chance at life by providing shelter, care, emotional and physical rehabilitation, and adoption services to qualified and approved homes. To prevent abuse and neglect, Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, Inc., through educational programs and on-site visits, will teach responsibility, kindness, patience, and overall good animal husbandry.

MODELS WANTED—ALL AGES AND SIZES

Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue now offers rugged wear by Jerzee, Hanes and Luna Pier. These were hot items last year at our events and we sold out! A new shipment has arrived, so grab 'em fast.

All proceeds benefit the rescue horses. Call or e-mail today.

PS - They make great birthday and holiday presents.



Shirts and sweatshirts sport a full-size logo on the back, a pocket logo on the front and come in sizes: Kids, Small, Medium, Large, or X-Large.

EMBROIDERED BASEBALL CAPS
(tan, green, grey) - \$15

T-SHIRTS (cream, forest green, maroon)
SHORT-SLEEVE—\$10
LONG-SLEEVE - \$12

SLEEVELESS T-SHIRTS (royal blue,
black, gold) - \$9

DENIM SLEEVELESS SHIRT—\$18

CREW NECK SWEATSHIRTS (red, forest
green, maroon) - \$18

HOODED SWEATSHIRTS (blue, dark
green, red, maroon) - \$22

TOTE BAGS (white, dark blue) - \$9

NOT LETTING GO OF LOUIE

Meet Just Letitgo Louie, a 3 year old off-the-track thoroughbred whose size, grace and warm, friendly disposition will steal your heart.

Like Maggie Magee, our Horse of the Year (see page 3) Louie needs a team of people to unite to give him the chance he deserves. Bred to race, this guy has heart and determination, but doesn't have the ability due to a condition called Osteochondritis Dissecans or OCD. The joint cartilage in his hocks has fragmented into little pieces. He also has a bone spur.



Louie was donated by a caring breeder. When his racing times slowed, she ordered x-rays and a full body scan to determine if he didn't have the heart to race, or the body. When she learned of his condition, she contacted us and asked us if we would rehabilitate Louie for a new, less strenuous life. She loves her horses and raises them herself to learn every quirk and personality trait, hence her ability to quickly detect when something's not right. This is the second horse she's donated to Crane Mountain. The first was DeCabellero, Louie's half-brother, who's currently available for adoption.

Louie needs surgery to repair his legs. The surgery could be as much as \$4,000, or more. We're committed to Not Letting Go of Louie, but we need your help. This handsome boy deserves every chance at life that we can give him. His 3rd birthday was May 28. What a birthday present it would be for Louie to know that a team of friends like you united with us to save him. Please consider a tax-deductible contribution for Louie today.