

THE HORSE'S VOICE

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Inspirational Quotes

"Thanks for all the great work you do. You serve as wonderful role models for so many people. I've enjoyed our relationship over the years through the job shadow project. My students always had a very meaningful experience. I'm retired now but I hope my replacement will reach out and establish contact with you. Keep up the good work."

Paul Mudie, retired teacher, Westport School

"So, so good to see the continued amazing and hard work that produces such results. One horse at a time...times 41 or more! Keep up the good work."

Pete and Sue Howe

"Thank you for your upbeat approach and kindness to all creatures."

Mike C

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

"Compassion counts above all else—more than intelligence, wealth, power or prominence. Those who have it and extend it to all living beings, fully understand its potential to single-handedly change the world." *Brennan Browne*

Our work is only possible when compassionate people, like you, join us in our quest to make this world a better place — horse by horse, soul by soul. Our generous donors, adoptive parents, volunteers, outreach program participants, and believers are among those whose compassion truly helps us change the world for the better.

This issue of *The Horse's Voice* celebrates our 2014 donors — many of whom have been right here with us since we opened our doors in 2003. To each and every one of you, thank you.

In the following pages, we also share stories of kindness and compassion, tidbits about a few horses we currently have available for adoption, a tribute to Jupiter who passed over the rainbow bridge this winter, a story about Meko, who found his forever home, and a snapshot of some of our amazing volunteers.



This amazing demonstration of the skeletal structure of the horse was presented at an Open House to benefit CMVHR held by our vets at their clinic. Best painting job ever!

What is not featured in this issue is the tireless behind-the-scenes work that we do as humane agents but can't talk about in detail because doing so could jeopardize a legal or criminal case. This includes accompanying and advising law enforcement on cruelty investigations, counseling individuals on legal situations involving horses, and more. It's the quiet but important work of operating an effective horse rescue.

In addition to saving horses, part of being effectual comes from our efforts to prevent cruelty and neglect, and to help instill kindness and compassion for all living beings. This is done through offering quality education and outreach programs for

local schools, character development workshops, veterinary internships, training demonstrations, and more. This spring we started working with YAP—Youth Advocate Program—for at-risk youth. One segment of YAP's mission is to provide youth with "positive people, places and activities within their community to develop their natural potential and live full, productive lives". We are delighted to work with YAP to advance its mission.

The generosity and compassion of friends like you give us the strength and wherewithal to persevere. With our greatest thanks,

Edward Mrozik

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

“Volunteers reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience and just plain loving one another.” *Erma Bombeck*

Since 2003, we have had the privilege and pleasure of working with amazing volunteers whose selfless dedication inspires us. This year was no exception. This page is a tribute to our volunteers, and to all who donate time and energy for the benefit of others.

Kat (below) hails from Seattle and while visiting her mom in the Albany area, Kat and our long-time friend, Irene, make the trek to spend a few days with us, several times a year!



Kat and Buck enjoy a hug. Buck loves to hug.

Anna (below) moved to the Adirondacks from Virginia during one of the harshest winters on record. Despite the chronic and bitterly cold, below-zero temperatures to which Anna is not



Anna helping Poesy shed her winter coat while Mommy begs for her turn to be brushed.

accustomed, she dedicated every Sunday all winter to helping us with farm chores and horse grooming.

The Vincent-Trombley family (directly below) has been coming to learn about horses and what it takes to care for them. We admire the parents’ commitment to teach their children and to making it a family activity.

Katia (bottom photo) worked side-by-side with us all summer last year when school was out. She put in full days doing farm chores, horse care, exercising, and more. Katia also supervised other volunteers and helped with our kids’ programs. We look forward to Katia’s return this summer!

To all of our volunteers over the past 12 years, THANK YOU!!!



Family volunteer workday. Phoenix is enjoying it!



Katia walking with Pelham after a ride to help keep him fit.

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BerryDunn in Maine for choosing us as your charity of choice for "jeans day" again this year.

Nardone Family [parents, Johnny (age 2), Sophia (10), Kristina (7) and Melody (5)] for setting up a lemonade stand to raise money for the horses.

Rainbow Memorial Trail Ride—in loving memory of Rainbow, equine love for 33 years of long-time donor and friend, Deb—raised over \$500 for Rainbow's less fortunate friends.

Willsboro Central School Ashley MacDougal Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society for raising their annual Christmas gift.

Teachers and students at Westport Central School for its 'Caps for Crane' program to raise money from the whole student body!

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FOREVER HOMES WANTED / TRIBUTE TO JUPITER

In summer 2014, seven horses were rendered homeless when their owner shot his wife and then himself. By court order, the horses were awarded to CMVHR. One horse had to be humanely euthanized at the time of the seizure due to the severity of his condition. A second horse—Jupiter (bottom left)—had to be euthanized this winter after the years of neglect and nutritional deficiencies caught up to her. She could no longer walk and even standing was painful.



The others are hoping to find loving, forever homes. Sadly, as with many domestic violence situations, animal abuse is part of the picture. The evidence of this is in the fearful nature of these horses and their anticipation that every human who handles them intends to strike or hurt them. Theia and Phoenix (below left) have less fear than

Apollo (above right). Apollo's fear is aimed more at men than women. Meko (bottom right) had the worst fears of all. His happy new beginning is magic. His new mom, Kaleigh, is the animal control officer who took over forty dogs off the very same property immediately after the tragedy. When there with law enforcement, Kaleigh spent some time with the horses and fell in love with Meko. Memories of him haunted her, and in the fall, after getting married and buying a farm, she contacted the police and asked where Meko went. They told her he had come to CMVHR. She called to schedule a visit. That visit was more like a reunion. As soon as Meko heard her voice, he came running. He sunk his muzzle into her hair to drink in her scent, remembering her kindness. And when she took him home, it's as if all of his fear of humans melted away. He won't leave her side. Partners for life.



At Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, we don't look for quick homes, we look for the right homes. The connection and bond that Meko and Kaleigh have is what we wish for, and seek. For all the horses have been through, and all that we have put into their recovery, it is worth the wait. Thank you to the donors who made Meko's happy new beginning possible.



Meko and his new mom, Kaleigh.



Jupiter (left) succumbed to years of neglect when her feet gave out on her and she could no longer stand. She was humanely euthanized this winter and buried on our farm.

Rest in peace, little one. Your feet no longer hurt, you can eat all the treats you want, and you can now run free.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

This spring, Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue was honored to benefit from two special events coordinated by remarkable friends and amazing organizations.

Vermont Large Animal Clinic and Equine Hospital (VLAC) held an Open House to benefit CMVHR and CHAMP Therapeutic Riding Facility. The event was very well attended and featured demonstrations on the skeletal structure of the horse (photo on front page), hoof care and corrective shoeing to treat an abscess, similarities and differences between donkeys and horses, and exhibits about colic, ulcers, and general surgical procedures. There were also activities for kids and a raffle. It was informative, educational, and fun.

We were honored to be introduced at the event by VLAC owner, Phil van Harreveld, DVM as “two of the nicest people who deeply care about their horses”. His words were humbling and we were honored to have been co-beneficiaries of a special day.

North Country Barrel Racing Association held a benefit barrel race for the horses. One hundred thirty six competitors rode that day. It was the most well attended barrel race they’ve ever had. Again, we were humbled and honored to have been beneficiaries and to have been able to attend the event and meet so many great people, and their horses.



One of the riders at the North Country Barrel Racing Association race for the rescues.



Kids at the VLAC Open House dress up a retired circus donkey.

The athleticism and camaraderie of the barrel racers and association members is moving, as is the undeniable trust and bond between horses and riders.

It was a great day and we were moved beyond words by the show of support from participants and the incredible number of sponsors for the event. We will list each sponsor individually in the 2016 spring newsletter donor list. We simply can’t thank each one enough.

Words don’t adequately express our gratitude to the doctors and staff at Vermont Large Animal Clinic, North Country Barrel Racing Association, and all those involved in organizing, underwriting, attending, and donating to the events. A huge thank you!!!



Nancy and Kat (see volunteer page) at our booth at the VLAC open house.

