

THE HORSE'S VOICE

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"This place is awesome. Nancy and Eddie are the best. They take such good care of the animals and are the nicest people on earth. We love to go there and see all the wonderful things that they are doing. They do such good work with the horses. Truly inspirational."

Karen Platt Foster

"There is no better or more dedicated horse rescue on the planet."

Jeff and Donna Lord

"I am so honored to be able to support you, your horses, and the miraculous work you continue to do. Your love and respect for horses and other animals and your sensitive work with/for Frannie [granddaughter] have helped to make her the wonderful young woman she is. She shines because of your contributions to her spirit and fire." *Sally Mack*

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

"There is no greater reward than working from your heart and making a difference in the world."

Carlos Santana

This issue of the *Horse's Voice* comes straight from the heart with a huge thanks to our loyal donors for another amazing year of purposeful work with lasting, positive impact.

Significant milestones this year include three legal victories in our tireless fight for justice for those who cannot speak for themselves. The first was a guilty verdict on all 41 counts of animal cruelty for the horses we seized last September (page 2). We had another call to action this fall when law enforcement and a judge asked us to remove seven horses from a tragic murder-suicide case—the man shot his wife and then himself (page 6). And we were in court again to enforce a violation of probation for the man found guilty in 2010 of cruelty to Pops—the horse police brought to us with a gunshot wound and starved.



Westport Central School Kindergarten Class of 2014

In addition, we had a very busy season programatically. Our education and outreach programs are as critical to our mission as saving horses, especially when it comes to teaching youth—our hope for the future.

We calculated that after eleven years of welcoming students from the local school nearly every child between the age of 5 and 15 has been through our program. Our high school job shadow student this year who celebrated kindergarten graduation years before summed it up this way; "Thank you very much for the time you spent with me. It was nice to come back after visiting

when I was so little and see how you take care of all the animals. I learned a lot about the different things necessary to keep the horses healthy and happy. I hope to come back again one day."

We also enjoyed weekly visits from the Essex County Mental Health Association in fulfillment of its mission "to provide community members with opportunities to improve their emotional, behavioral, and psychological well-being through therapeutic partnerships", and more...

To our loyal supporters, thank you for helping us make a difference.

Edward Mrozik

41 HORSE SEIZURE UPDATE

In September 2013, we participated in the largest horse seizure in Essex County history involving 41 horses. With the criminal case concluded we are able to publish some before and after photos of the horses.

Pages 2, 3 and 4 chronicle three of the forty-one including Mommy and George (#20 & #21) who were two of the most fragile and Sheldon (#12) who has been referred to by those close to his adoptive mom as a true “rags to riches story”.

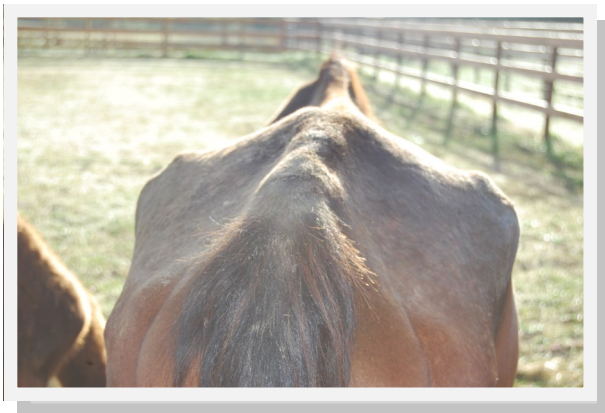


The above photo is of Mommy and George at our farm the day after they were seized. Mommy had no milk to give her foal and as a result he suffered from rickets, a joint deformity from nutritional deficiencies. Within 24 hours, her milk bags returned and little George started to thrive. Having room to run and proper nutrition helped his legs to straighten right up. Page 3 is a chronicle of George’s journey from hell to happiness in photos.



Above: Mommy after gaining some 300 pounds.

An update on the criminal case is on page 4...

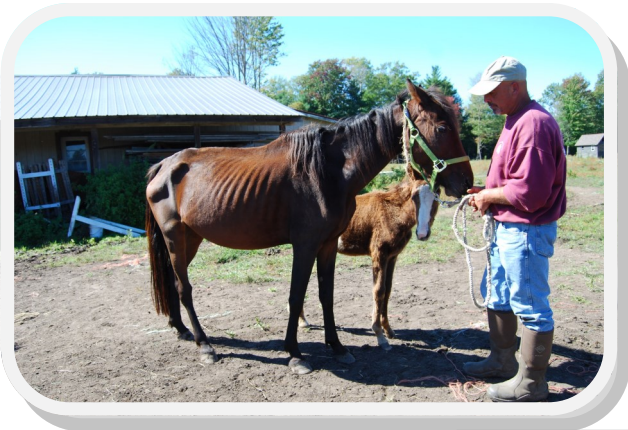


Left: Mommy’s protruding hip, tail & back bones.
Right (left horse): Mommy’s nice round rump.



FROM HELL TO HAPPINESS

“The story of George. Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue quietly and tirelessly works miracles with horses who have been cast off, abused, or left to die. This story has a happy ending (as many of their stories do) so take a look at the photographs and marvel at George’s transformation. And consider sharing the story, or maybe even making a donation. Such good people doing such good things, horse by horse, soul by soul.” *Elizabeth Cody*



Above: George and his mom at the seizure. “Fur on bones” the vet called him & “near death” described his mother, who had no milk to give her foal. The photos to the right are also of little George-before.



The mid and lower photos are George thriving in his new home with his new parents, and one of his canine swimming buddies.



A RAGS TO RICHES STORY

This is Sheldon, formerly #12 from the 41 horse seizure. The photo to the right was taken one month after he was seized and had gained about 100 pounds. The other two photos are of Sheldon now with his new mom, Abby.

Update on case continued...In June, the former owner of the 41 horses seized was found guilty on 41 counts of animal cruelty for failure to provide sustenance under New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. She was sentenced to 41 days in jail (one for each horse), 41 days of community service, and three years probation during which she is prohibited from owning any animals. She was also ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation.



“As it has been a year now since I first met this incredible pony who was formerly #12 in last September's 41 horse seizure, I wanted to share some pictures of him. Sheldon is the best part of my life and I'm so grateful that he ended up with me. He's the greatest horse I could ask for and I cannot imagine being without him. I feel lucky every day that he's mine. Thank you for doing what you do and for giving my boy, as well as many other horses, an opportunity for a second chance.”

Abby Burgess

Though some feel that a lifetime ban on owning or harboring animals would have been more suitable, it is important to remember that action being taken at all is a giant step in the right direction for combatting cruelty.

Our little part in moving this forward...earlier in 2013, at our request, the NYS Humane Association held a workshop for law enforcement, judges and humane organizations on “How to Investigate Cruelty in New York State”. This workshop provided the tools and knowledge to act, and Pat and Sue from NYSHA helped hands-on at the actual seizure. Kudos to all!



HAPPY NEW BEGINNINGS

In addition to the horses who come to our program for rehabilitation and adoption to their forever homes, CMVHR also offers rehoming services to people in need. This page features some of the other happy new beginnings made possible this year by the generosity of our donors—like you.

Right: Charlie and Sigmund. These two boys were summer camp horses for years. The man who wintered them over for the camp relocated and these boys had no place to go when camp season ended, so the camp called us and asked us to take them and find them forever homes. Done!

Directly below: Huey and his lifelong friend Destiny belonged to a woman who, after retirement, found it a financial hardship to



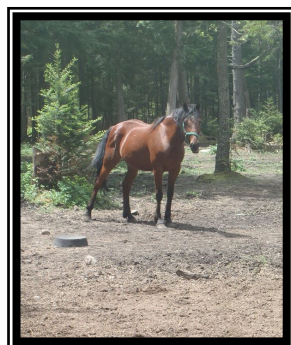
care for them. They had been together their whole lives and the request was to find them a home together. We did—with two sisters (ages 8 and 10).

Bottom left two photos: Sophie (dark horse with the light one) and Beau (solo horse) belonged to a friend who suffered a personal tragedy and was forced to give them up. Like Huey and Destiny, they had been together for many years and the hope was to keep them together. Again, the stars aligned.

Our donors, like you, make these happy new beginnings possible. Thank you!



Wilder (above with Nancy & Eddie) is the second horse adopted from CMVHR to become a Special Olympics horse. He loves his new job caring for those with special needs and melts at the attention he gets from them.



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“As a police officer you see both sides of humanity. Being in the room with all of you is the good side of humanity — it’s what restores your faith in the human animal.” [to the volunteers who helped with the 41 horse seizure]
Sue McDonough, President, NYS Humane Association & retired police officer

On November 2, we were recognized at a reception held by the New York State Humane Association for our “tireless dedication in working with the Essex County Sheriff’s Office to remove dozens of horses from an equine hoarder in 2013, for providing foster care and training to numerous horses, and for finding good homes for them all.”

Also recognized that evening were the amazing volunteers and veterinarians who showed great commitment and compassion during the seizure and those who helped with their care and training during their rehabilitation. It was wonderful to reunite a year later to celebrate teamwork and success.

EQUINE VICTIMS OF A TRAGEDY

In September, at the request of law enforcement and by judicial court order, CMVHR removed seven horses from a farm after a tragic murder-suicide—the man shot his wife and then himself.

Right: Spartacus & Jupiter. Below:
Meko, Phoenix, Theia, & Apollo.



Equally tragically is that one had to be put down due to the severity of his condition at the time of the seizure (lower left photo is of one of his hooves).



Since arriving at CMVHR, the remaining six (above photos) have been evaluated by a vet, brought up to date on vaccinations, dental, hoof care and deworming and are now available for adoption.



Above: Jupiter’s hooves were curled from improper care.