

THE HORSE'S VOICE

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QUOTABLES

Working at CMVHR was the best experience I've ever had and it was an absolute joy working with you both and getting to learn so much about working with horses. I just hope I can do it again sometime.

Cassandra Dunn

2011 Intern, Becker College—now a Certified Veterinary Technician — thanks, in part to her experience at CMVHR (see page 3)

Excellent Horse Trainers- Excellent place for my granddaughter to learn --Eddie & Nancy are the best at what they do!!!!

Win Belanger

Proud grandfather of Cassandra Dunn, 2011 Intern

I arrived at CMVHR a stranger, but left with a farm full of friends.

Megan Sudduth

2011 Job Shadowing Program, Westport School

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we enter our 10th year of operation, there is much to celebrate. First, we celebrate friends like you, whose generous donations make our work possible. The national recognition and awards we've received -- Humanitarian Award, ASPCA Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination, and North American Horsemen's Association Safety Awards -- belong to you. The horses whose lives you've saved salute you. The young people whose lives have been enriched by our education and outreach programs thank you. The developmentally disabled adults who have found a voice through the spirit of the horse shout out in gratitude for your support.

This year was no exception in terms of the positive impact our mission-driven work had on horses and humans.

Horses: We helped find homes for nearly a dozen horses and one donkey named Buttons, who was placed with his lifelong friend Jed. Jed's and But-



Jed's and Button's owner was tragically killed.

tons' young owner was tragically killed in an automobile accident and her family asked us to help find them a home where the two equines could stay together. Losing the young woman who loved and cared for them was hard enough. Losing each other would have been equally devastating. We were successful helping place them in a new home, together.

Humans: This year we hosted our sixth consecutive character development workshop for the Westport Kindergarten class, a job shadowing program for a local high school student, an internship for a Becker College

student studying veterinary science, and volunteer workdays for kids and their parents.

This issue of the *Horse's Voice* shares the positive and lasting impact your gift has on horses and humans. In the case of the people whose lives have been enriched by your support, we'll let their words do the talking. For the horses, as always, we must be their voice. Devoting our lives to living among them makes that possible. We hope you enjoy the read. Thank you for your support.

Eddie Mrozik

THE SAD SIDE OF OUR WORK

Right photo: One of ten horses from a local cruelty investigation. We were asked to assist the State Police and a local veterinarian with evaluating and condition scoring the horses. Two of the horses who were suffering from starvation and neglect were surrendered to CMVHR by the owner. Several others, who were being boarded, were returned to their owners. We understand that at least one had to be euthanized because of tendon damage from improper hoof care and extended periods of time standing in a stall in its own feces and urine.



Left photo: Over the rainbow bridge. Butch was rescued from slaughter. Improper hoof care over time resulted in contracted hooves that caused chronic lameness. At CMVHR, corrective shoes, good feed, and flat, sandy ground gave Butch a quality life for seven years. This Spring, at the age of 20, her condition worsened and was no longer able to be managed for the quality of life she deserved. She was humanely euthanized. In this photo she is doing what she loved most — being the star of our education and outreach programs.

Right photo: Pops, the Belgian draft who was brought to Crane Mountain by authorities after being shot and starved. Pops was just over 800 pounds when he arrived in May 2010 and the gunshot wounds had been left untreated for nearly three weeks. His owner was charged with not providing proper sustenance and medical attention, but was not charged with shooting him. Today, Pops tips the scales at 1,266 pounds and the gunshot wounds have healed completely. After sixteen months, the case has just come to trial. As of the writing of this newsletter, the case was pending.

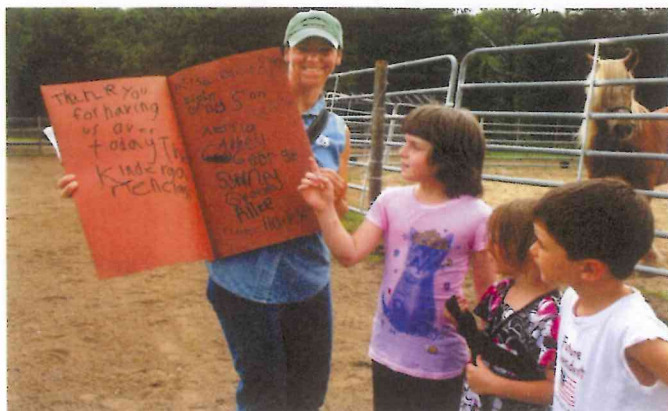


If there were more Eddies and Nancys in the world, this place would be a far better one. I have never seen such a beautifully maintained place where those who cannot fight for their own destinies are in the best of hands. You have far more than a farm, or even a rescue center. If every child in the region, at some point in their lives, had to spend a week working with you, learning from you and simply watching the relationships of these special creatures with one another, you and eventually with the kids themselves, we would have less cruelty and simple thoughtlessness in how every living thing on earth is treated.

Tina Mattingly Levy

HELPING MORE THAN HORSES

KIDS LEARN KINDNESS



For the sixth consecutive year, we welcomed the Westport School Kindergarten Class for a character development workshop in June. The program incorporates respect, responsibility, kindness and caring. It is important to teach kids to prevent abuse. The educational component is as important to us as receiving horses, in terms of making an impact.

We also hosted a freshman from Westport School for a job shadowing program as part of the school's 'Introduction to Occupations Course'. Here is an excerpt from the paper she wrote about her experience at CMVHR:

I took away many lessons from this experience. I expanded my general horse knowledge. The other lesson that I learned was an emotional lesson. I learned that you have to be patient. During my time at CMVHR there was never a rush. Eddie was very patient when he was working with Poncho. Horses can sense if a person is scared or any other feeling. When you are patient, the horse is at ease and it is much easier to work with.

Unfortunately, my time at CMVHR had to come to a close. As I reflect on my time being there, I remember a quote that was on a flap of my raisin box that I ate for lunch. The quote was "Appreciate the beauty around you – it's there!" At first I had no clue what this quote meant. Then I realized such a beautiful place is just in our backyards. I arrived at CMVHR a stranger, but left with a farm full of friends.

Megan Sudduth

CREDITS FOR COLLEGE



This summer we hosted our third college intern. Cassandra Dunn, a student at Becker College in Massachusetts is studying veterinary science. Her goal is to be a large animal vet. After spending nearly three months working side-by-side with her this summer, we'd say being a large animal vet is her calling.

She completed her 200 hour requirement — and then some — feeding, cleaning, doing wound repair, foal care, natural horsemanship training, working with the farrier, vet, and more. Her time with us also helped her to earn her certification as a Veterinary Technician. We are both proud and honored to have Cassandra as part of the CMVHR family.

Thank you — our loyal supporters — for making it possible for us to offer quality education and outreach programs like these to the local community, and beyond.



After the character development workshop, each student had his or her picture taken with Pops for a scrap book.

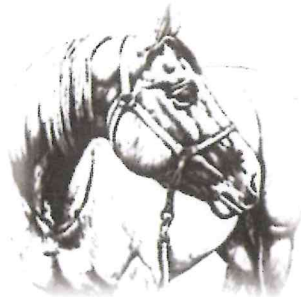
"What a great experience for all involved."

Micheline Wilson
CMVHR friend, supporter,
and adoptive parent of
Remington

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APPLAUDED FOR OUR EFFORTS

Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, Inc. received a grant from Blue Horse Charities in recognition of our work to successfully rehabilitate, retrain and rehome registered thoroughbreds. Blue Horse Charities, based in Lexington, Kentucky was formed in 2001 by Fasig-Tipton to assist non profit organizations that work to provide a humane solution for Thoroughbreds no longer suitable for breeding or racing. "Blue Horse appreciates and applauds the work of Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, Inc. for their efforts on behalf of Thoroughbred racehorses", says Erin Crady, Executive Director of Thoroughbred Charities of America and Managing Agent for Blue Horse Charities.

MISSION-DRIVEN WORK

People often ask us what happens to the horses that come into our program once they are fully rehabilitated. The ultimate goal is to find new, forever homes for them. Some, however, aren't easy to place due to injury, age, or medical needs. These equine friends live out their days here on the farm, enjoying the quality of life they deserve.



Story of Love: a thoroughbred we helped place in a new home this year

Adoption fees for the horses we place, and donations from friends like you, are what fund our program. We receive no money from the federal or state governments nor from the national ASPCA. Adoption fees are reasonable for adopters and only cover a small portion of the actual costs that go into caring for the horses while they are here with us.

This year, CMVHR helped find homes for nearly a dozen horses. The good news is that placing this many horses is exactly what we strive to do through our mission-driven work. The not so good news is that only one of those horses was adopted directly from CMVHR for a fee. The others were similar stories to Jed's and Button's (see *President's Letter*), where a family tragedy or other crisis resulted in a desperate situation for horses and humans and we were asked to help, by using our networks to widen the circle of reach.

The impact of our work on the lives of the equines is immeasurable. The impact on the families we help is priceless. The impact of no adoption revenue on our bottom line, however, is not as favorable. Your gift this year will help to replenish this critical fund to care for the horses awaiting adoption, or those living out their days with dignity here at the farm. Your gift also enables us to keep our quality education and outreach programs going strong.