



H.O.R.S.E. of CT

*dedicated to the
rescue and
rehabilitation of
abused and neglected
horses*

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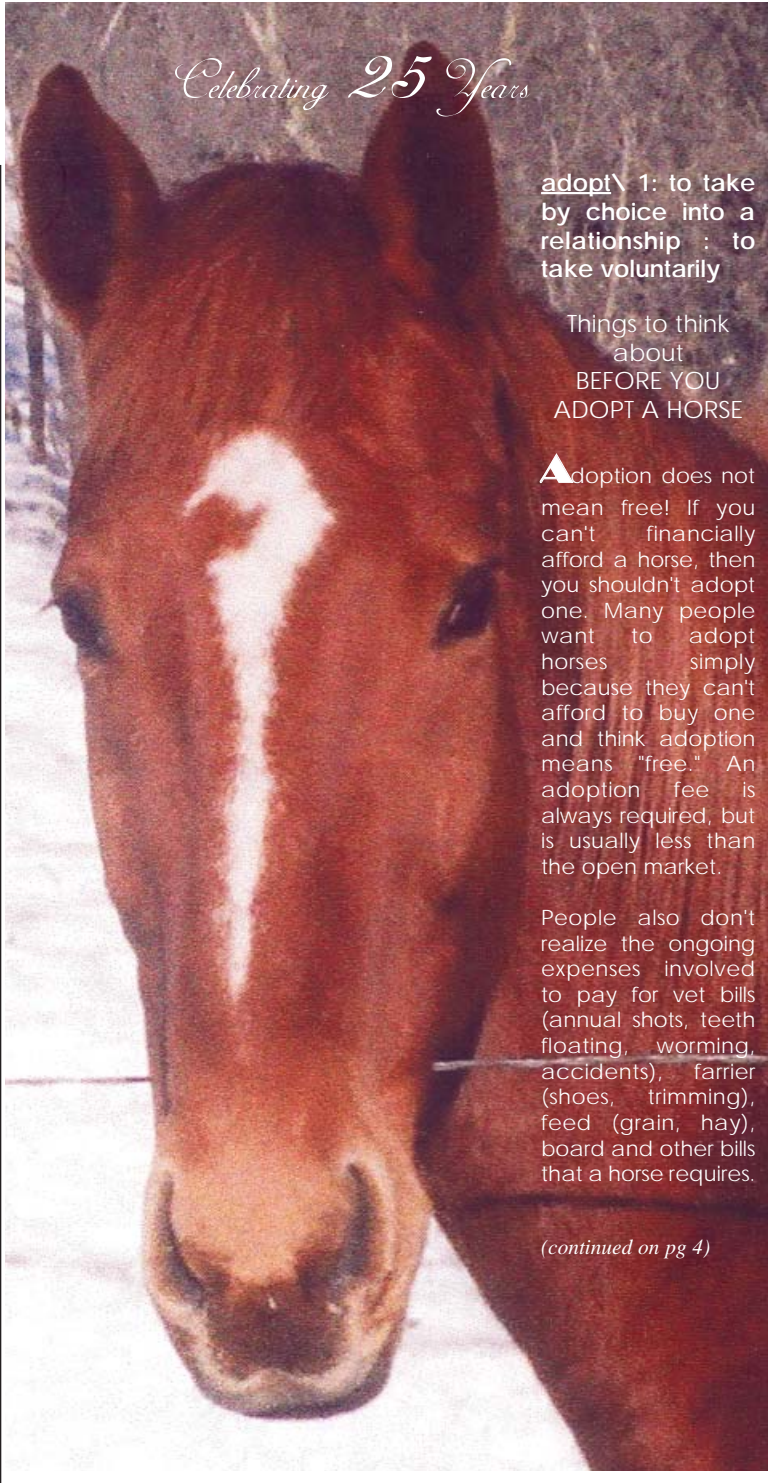
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Celebrating 25 Years

**adopt\ 1: to take
by choice into a
relationship : to
take voluntarily**

Things to think
about
**BEFORE YOU
ADOPT A HORSE**

Adoption does not mean free! If you can't financially afford a horse, then you shouldn't adopt one. Many people want to adopt horses simply because they can't afford to buy one and think adoption means "free." An adoption fee is always required, but is usually less than the open market.

People also don't realize the ongoing expenses involved to pay for vet bills (annual shots, teeth floating, worming, accidents), farrier (shoes, trimming), feed (grain, hay), board and other bills that a horse requires.

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Letter to the editor

Volunteering at H.O.R.S.E. of CT has been an amazing experience. Maybe a mid-life crisis pushed me into seeking a way to get involved with horses, and when I came upon the H.O.R.S.E. of CT website, there was no way for me not to get involved. I have very little experience with horses and I was worried I might not be able to learn at my age. I emailed to inquire and got a response from Sally encouraging me to come for a tour.

The day I showed up, Sally took me with her on her grooming expedition and gradually worked me into the routine. That day I was introduced to Lady and Misty, Endora and Breezy, Cody and Charlie, and many other beautiful beasts. Soon I found myself grooming right beside Sally, and becoming familiar with the sounds and behaviors of these horses. I learned that Lady just wanted to know where I was while grooming her because she is blind on one side, but that she was so gentle and well behaved. I also experienced Cody butting me with his nose as I was brushing him, and I figured out that he was just pick-pocketing the carrots I had in my hardware apron! That's when I really fell in love. That funny communication just did it for me.

What struck me most, was how well all of the horses had been cared for here, and how sad some of their stories were before they arrived at H.O.R.S.E. of CT. They all seemed to give off an aura of wanting human contact, and knowing some of their stories made it even more unbelievable that they could still trust humans. After thinking about it, it didn't surprise me. I've been a dog person most of my life. One of the dogs I own, I adopted. She is the most responsive and most attached dog that I have. She seems to thank me every day. I get the same sense from these horses, especially when I watch Patty or Sally caring for them.

So what do I get in return for making Thursdays my day at the horse farm? An incredible sense of worth from having worked hard, satisfaction from having done something worthwhile with my time, great exercise, but most importantly, an incredible sense of peace just derived from the touch, the smell, the sound, the sight of these amazing creatures. Eye to eye with them is the most spectacular experience. H.O.R.S.E. of CT has done so much to make their lives so much better.

Joan Moreno

She loves to help horses

Instead of birthday presents, she asks her friends to make a gift to The Humane Organization Representing Suffering Equines (H.O.R.S.E.) of CT, Inc.

Located in Washington (Connecticut), H.O.R.S.E. is dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of abused and neglected horses. Since 1982 they have intervened on behalf of suffering horses by providing relief, recovery, shelter and rehabilitation and, once the horse is healthy and able, an adoptive and loving home.

"I like to ride horses," said Olivia, who has been taking lessons since she was 5 years old. She rides regularly at Avon Valley Show Stables in Avon. "I have these kind of birthday parties because I want to help horses that need help so they can find a new family and get loved," she said.

Olivia's mom, Mary-beth, says that Olivia first became aware of H.O.R.S.E through one of the instructors at her riding stable. That instructor told of a horse that had been abandoned and was eventually placed with H.O.R.S.E. Ever since then the horse, named M&M, has been healthy and happy in its new home.

This year Olivia invited about 20 of her friends to her birthday party. Each of the friends had an opportunity to ride Tonto, an 8-year-old pinto pony from the Strain Family Horse Farm in Granby. "I'd anticipate that we will raise nearly \$200 for the organization and in October of 2004, we had a bake sale at our horse show that raised nearly \$400," said Mary-beth.

"I don't have a pony but I'd like to," said Olivia. "In Avon you need two acres to have a horse on your property," said Mary-beth. "We have only one acre here. I have to laugh because sometimes Olivia asks the neighbors if they would like to sell some of their property so we can meet the two-acre requirement.

"I am just thankful for her friends who have come to the party and for their generosity. Helping horses in need really means a lot to Olivia," she said.


Avon Post
June 16, 2005
She loves to help horses
By: Jay Nowakowski, Correspondent



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Horses for adoption

Champ	
	Quarterhorse
	Gelding
	19 years old
	15'1 hands

Bronson	
	Belgium Draft
	Gelding
	Yearling
	16 hands


Charlie	
	Quarterhorse
	Gelding
	10 years old
	16'2 hands

Quey	
	Registered Thoroughbred
	Gelding
	18 years old
	16'1 hands

Lady	
	Reg Appaloosa Roan
	Mare
	25 years old
	15 hands

Cody	
	Quarterhorse
	Gelding
	12 years old
	15'2 hands

Breezy	
	BLM Mustang
	Mare
	14 years old
	14 hands

Utopia	
	Morgan draft
	Mare
	5 years old
	15'3 hands

Mogul	
	Canadian Warmblood
	Gelding
	19 years old
	16'3 hands

Stetson	
	Standardbred/Warmblood
	Gelding
	21 years old
	16'3 hands



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Things to think about before you adopt fun farm fotos

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Adopting a horse means dedicating yourself to care for this animal for the rest of their life, not abandoning it because it can no longer perform as he/she did when they were younger or more healthy.

Don't have too many expectations when adopting a horse. Far too many people call rescues with a whole list of requirements that few horses could possibly live up to.

What will the horse's general riding purpose be? Most rescued horses end up being adopted out as trail or pleasure horses only. Also many horses are no longer rideable, but are looking for homes as companion animals.

Some horses may not be 100% sound or completely child-safe. Try to play down things like color or even breed or gender. The horse's temperament and your riding ability is what is really important when looking at a horse that is going to be yours for, hopefully, the rest of his/her life.

If this makes sense to you, then please read our Pre-Adoption Requirements and, hopefully, you and H.O.R.S.E. of CT can find the "perfect" fit for your adopted horse ... and you. Adoption becomes a lifetime partnership between you and your horse.





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Before & After

Butterscotch



Wish List

Apples, Carrots, Horse Cookies, Treats
Blue Seal Feeds: Strider, Rider, Vintage Senior/Victory
\$7-\$11/bag
Brushes \$5-\$10
Disposable Cameras
Costco Gift Cards for Film Developing
Double Ended Clips - 10 for \$10
Fly Masks - Pony to Large Sizes \$15-\$35
Fly Sheets - Sizes 70 - 84 \$35-\$100
Fly Lotion/Spray: Chemical & Natural \$15-\$30/bottle
Halters: All sizes - Foal (safety) up to xLg \$15-\$50
Horse Blankets (Waterproof) Sizes 62-84. \$65-\$300
Leadlines - Regular & with chain \$10-\$25
Plastic Pitchforks - \$15
Rubber Mats \$35 per mat
Shavings \$4 per bag
Showsheen \$12
Vet Supplies (SWAT, Vet Wraps, Gauze, Wound Cleaner, Wormers (Strongid, Zimectrin) \$7-\$13
Water Defrosters (Heaters) - to \$45
Wood Fencing - Three-Hole Type \$28 per section

Needs List

Payoff Mortgage: \$145,000
Indoor Arena: \$55,000 - \$120,000
Seven Stall Barn with Hay Storage: \$36,000
Pavement for Parking Area and Driveway: \$15,000
Grant for Farm Help Position: \$10,000
Vinyl Fencing: \$10,000
Siding for Run-In-Sheds: \$8,000
Back Hoe Attachment for Kubota Tractor: \$7,900
Three New Run-In-Sheds: \$5,500
Add Over-Hangs to Run-In-Sheds: \$3,500
Sand and Gravel for paddocks \$2,500
Re-roof half of the Current Barn: \$1,750
Metal tube gates: \$69 - \$109

How to report an abuse case

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As a minimum, report:

- 1) Name and address of suspected abuser.
- 2) Location of abused animal and directions to location.
- 3) Condition of animal & environment animal is kept in.
- 4) Date animal abuse/conditions witnessed.

Witnessing the abuse or neglect of an animal is not an easy thing to stomach. However, it is easy to say, "Someone ought to do something about this!" and drive away believing someone else will. Many times this mindset allows the abuse to continue long enough to end in prolonged suffering and death. To lend a more expedient end to abuse and neglect, here are some steps to follow should you spot such wrongdoings. Once you've identified neglect, what's the next step?

1. Approach the owner. If the horse's owner is approachable, speak with them first. Rule out any possibility that the animal is actually at a facility where it is on the road to recovery from someone else's misconduct. It can also be possible that the owner isn't aware of the proper care a horse needs. This can especially be true with new owners of hard-to-keep animals or those in special circumstances. However, if the owner is known or appears to be hostile, skip this step.

2. Collect evidence. The key to establishing credibility when filing a complaint is to document what you witness on film. It will be a lot easier to rally the support of legal officials with documented proof. If possible take photos or video from a public area adjacent to the property - whether public road or sympathetic neighbor's property. Be sure to photograph all possible angles of the horse and property, showing whether there is feed available, water (if available, is it clean?), condition of fences, any junk in the area where the horse is kept, etc. Be sure to get pictures of the horse's feet, and evident scars or open sores, views showing body condition and so forth. If you are video taping, narrate as you go. If using a still camera, immediately after taking pictures, write down all your impressions. Always get permission to enter anyone's property ahead of time. If you are confronted by an owner, leave.

3. Contact the Authorities. Humane societies, animal control officers, the Sheriff's Department and the officers of the State of Connecticut all have the authority to seize the animal if necessary. DO NOT ever go in and just take the animal yourself without permission. This is a felony and you may be prosecuted.

Thanks to Hopeful Haven Equine Rescue's website for this information.



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BUTTERSCOTCH blank note card.
\$10 for a pack of 5
[photograph by Marcela Staudenmaier]



PLAYFUL COLTS card.
\$10 for a pack of 5
[original art work design by Marbie Guyon]



H.O.R.S.E. of CT silver plated pin. \$8.

The purchase of these items
benefits H.O.R.S.E. of CT, Inc.

Nielsen ratings for how many people watch animal planet?

Average number of hairs in a horses mane?

Number of chews it takes for a horse to eat a carrot?

NO ... THIS IS THE NUMBER OF HORSES THAT WERE SLAUGHTERED IN AMERICA IN 2005!

In 2004, 65,976 horses were slaughtered!

25,781 more horses were slaughtered last year than the year before! and ...

The USDA is considering a petition submitted by the three foreign-owned slaughter plants that slaughter horses in the United States to allow for the continuation of horse slaughter in this country!

End the slaughter of horses in America for food! Write to your elected officials and tell them you are against horse slaughter in this country and expect their support of the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act. In addition to H.O.R.S.E. of CT, many other humane organizations support this cause. Below are a few website

addresses we urge you to visit. You can take action on these sites today by sending a pre-written letter to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, your state's senate and house representative ~ or all of them! Please pass along to friends, family and colleagues and help!



ASPCA
<https://secure2.convio.net/aspca/site/Advocacy?&id=1827&JServSessionIdr006=a39u5v1nx1.app23b>

Humane Society
https://community.hsus.org/campaign/2005_horse_slaughter2

PETA
<http://www.peta.org/alert/automation/AlertItem.asp?id=1360>

USDA
<http://www.nass.usda.gov>
nass@nass.usda.gov

**please
write
today!**

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Thank You



Erin and Kate Thoms raised \$82 for H.O.R.S.E. of CT painting nails at the Oktoberfest in New Milford in September.

Instead of birthday presents, Loren Winters asked her friends to make a gift to H.O.R.S.E. of CT. Her generosity raised \$160!

Make a Donation



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and ... Alexandra Nager raised \$130 at her birthday party!

H.O.R.S.E. of CT would like to thank the following foundations for their generosity in 2005. Without their support, it would be very difficult for H.O.R.S.E. to continue helping abused equines.

ASPCA
Ahimsa Foundation
Bernice Barbour Foundation
Equus Foundation
Harcourt Foundation
Julie Uris, Twin Spruce Foundation

Laurie and Brian Conroy, Conroy Charitable Gift Fund
Lilac Foundation
PetSmart Charities
Thoroughbred Charities of America



YES, I would like to make a donation!

Enclosed is my check/money order in the amount of:

- \$10 Worm 1 horse / Treats
- \$25 2 bags of grain for a senior horse
- \$50 Sponsor 1 horse for 1 month
- \$100 1 horse shoeing or 1 dental visit
- \$250 1 week of grain for 20 horses
- \$500 Rehabilitation for 1 horse for 1 month
- \$1,000 Dedicate a run-in-shed (brass plaque included)
- \$2,000 Dedicate a new split rail fenced paddock (brass plaque included)

I heard about H.O.R.S.E. of CT from: _____

Please add me to your mailing list / eblasts / update my mailing information:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

cut along dotted line and mail ~ please make checks payable to:

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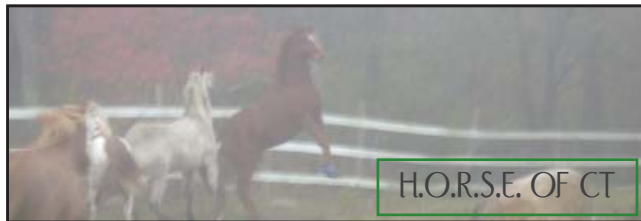
The Humane Organization Representing Suffering Equines (H.O.R.S.E.) of Connecticut, Inc., is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of abused and neglected horses. In addition to direct intervention, H.O.R.S.E. also maintains an ongoing commitment to educating the public regarding horse care.

H.O.R.S.E. was established in 1982 and moved to its permanent home in 1995. Volunteers staff the organization, and intervene on behalf of suffering equines by providing relief, recovery, shelter and rehabilitation. Once a horse is physically and mentally rehabilitated, the process of seeking an adoptive home begins. All prospective adoptive homes are carefully screened.

We require a contract, which guarantees that the horse shall not be bred or sold. Adoption is a lifetime commitment.

H.O.R.S.E. receives no town, state or federal funding. Monies are raised through memberships, sponsorships, charitable contributions and our own fundraising activities. The donations go directly to the horses.

We investigate all cruelty complaints (which are kept strictly confidential). If a problem exists, cooperation is first sought from the owner. Prosecution is pursued only when there is no other recourse. Horses placed in our custody are provided with immediate veterinary and farrier care. In addition, we are available upon request to speak to interested groups to raise public awareness of our purpose and support.



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Do you know of grants that would help?

H.O.R.S.E. receives no town, state or federal funding. Monies are raised through memberships, sponsorships, charitable contribution, fundraising activities and readers like you. We are seeking new ideas and advice on how to apply for grants and innovative ways of funding. Sadly, since 9/11, our consistent and reliable base of funds provision has dwindled considerably, even going down to zero in some cases. Our survival, the horses survival, depends on the public. Maybe you know of, or know someone who can help obtain, sources to seek grants from. These can often be disparate types of entities, like other humane and rescue organizations, government agencies, corporate sponsors, educational institutions and even "angel" foundations or individuals. Your help is needed. If you have any input or experience in this area, please contact us. Thank you.

Since its establishment in 1982, H.O.R.S.E. of CT has rescued over 450 horses

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