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SOME TEACHERS HAVE 4 LEGS

Some children need something different

WHAT MAKES a great teacher? Someone who listens? Who doesn't judge? Who makes you feel safe enough to try, get things wrong and try again?

At HorseWorld Discovery, some of our best teachers have four legs. Horses live in the present. They don't know what happened at school yesterday, what diagnosis a young person has or what's written in their file. They respond to what they see in front of them.

They don't need words, eye contact or explanations either. You can simply stand quietly beside a horse and begin to connect. But there's something else that makes HorseWorld's horses rather special teachers. Many have needed something different too.

Bertie, for example, is a Shetland who doesn't like living with other Shetlands. Put him with the "big boys" and he's perfectly at home. For a young person who has struggled to fit in, Bertie's story can open up a conversation about finding your own place.

These aren't lessons delivered on a whiteboard. They're conversations that begin with a horse. A horse that doesn't judge, diagnose or instruct. It simply responds and **that's where learning can begin again.**



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PEOPLE HELPING HORSES HELPING PEOPLE

SINCE 1952, HorseWorld has been giving horses a second chance. It began with one woman, Mabel Cocksedge, and a determination to save working horses from slaughter. Seventy-four years later, that belief in the value of every horse has grown into something extraordinary. HorseWorld has rescued thousands of horses, ponies and donkeys from neglect, mistreatment and abandonment. Some arrive frightened of people. Some have suffered years of neglect. Each is given the time, expert care and patience needed to recover, rebuild trust and wherever possible, find a new home.

Some of our rescued horses join HorseWorld Discovery, our Equine-Assisted Learning programme supporting young people who may be struggling with education, trauma or circumstances that make conventional learning difficult.



ARCHIE IS ONE OF THEM

He was rescued in 2013 with four other horses, horrendously malnourished and riddled with worms. At first, we weren't sure he would survive. He did.

Today, Archie is part of our Discovery herd. On the cover, he's pictured with a student, who had been unable to cope with school. Now he is preparing for college and working towards an OCN Level 1 certificate in skills for professions in Animal Care.

A horse given a second chance, helping a young person find theirs.

THAT'S HORSEWORLD: PEOPLE HELPING HORSES, HELPING PEOPLE.

Meet our Discovery horses
horseworld.org.uk/discovery-horses

HOME FROM HOME

RESCUING a horse is only the beginning. Once they're ready, one of the best things we can do is find them a loving home of their own because every horse we successfully rehome creates space for another horse who needs us.

Today, around 200 HorseWorld horses are living in wonderful private homes. That's 200 horses enjoying life with their rehomers and 200 spaces we've been able to create to help other horses in need.

But rehoming doesn't mean saying goodbye. Our horses remain part of the HorseWorld family for life. And if circumstances change, we'll always be here to welcome them home.

JUST ASK ERNIE

Ernie arrived at HorseWorld in 2013 as a neglected and malnourished two-year-old. With time and care, he recovered and in 2019 went to a wonderful loan home, where he was deeply loved for 6 years and even became a champion show pony.

When his loaner's circumstances changed in 2025, Ernie came home to HorseWorld.

And now he's begun another chapter, this time as a Discovery teacher. His love of attention is proving rather useful: grooming is a big part of Discovery and Ernie is always very happy to oblige.

For Ernie, coming home meant there was somewhere safe to return to. For another HorseWorld horse, a new home could mean we have space to say "yes" to the next rescue call.

COULD YOU REHOME A HORSE?

We have lots of horses and ponies looking for loving homes, from companions to youngsters with potential. You don't have to own your own land, you just need to be able to offer the right horse the right home.

Could one of them be waiting for you?



Meet our horses looking for homes
horseworld.org.uk/rehome



TILLY'S STORY

TILLY* HAS grown up in a large family that has faced many challenges, receiving support from a range of services during difficult times.

School has been particularly challenging and, as a result, Tilly is no longer in mainstream education. Without the structure of school, she has found it difficult to build friendships, connect with trusted adults and establish a routine. She also struggles with sleep, affecting her wellbeing and ability to engage with education and social activities.

Tilly was referred to HorseWorld by the Avon and Somerset Police Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP), who recognised the significant challenges and vulnerabilities she was facing.

Many different approaches and services had tried to support Tilly, but she struggled to engage.

HORSEWORLD WAS DIFFERENT.



Something about the horses reached her. Here, Tilly has found something incredibly important; a place where she feels **safe and calm**. She engages with our team, her facilitator and, most importantly, the horses. She can relax, build trust and begin to express herself in a way that feels right for her.

In fact, **HorseWorld is currently the only service that Tilly is engaging with**. That is why Discovery matters.

Tilly is now returning for a second term with Discovery Plus. For her, HorseWorld isn't simply somewhere she enjoys visiting, **it's a vital opportunity to connect, feel safe and begin to build a brighter future.**

*To protect the young person's privacy, their name has been changed and the images shown are of another student.

SPONSOR A TEACHER

YOU'VE MET some of our four-legged teachers. Now you can make them part of your family too.

Two very special horses have recently joined our sponsorship scheme – and both are beginning extraordinary second careers with Discovery.

Ruby

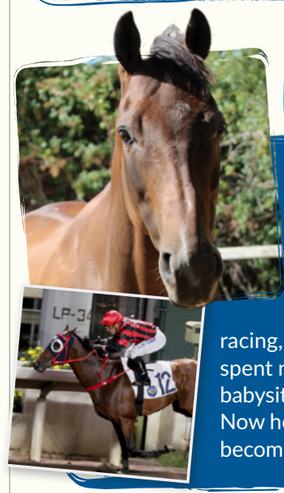


FROM POLICE HORSE TO TEACHER

Magnificent 17hh Clydesdale Ruby joined HorseWorld after retiring early from South Wales Police because of arthritis. Calm, gentle and quietly confident, she's now being prepared for a very different kind of public service – helping young people through Discovery.

Photo: South Wales Police

Warren



FROM RACETRACK TO CLASSROOM

Former racehorse Warren has swapped life on the track for something considerably slower. After retiring from racing, he came to HorseWorld and spent nine months helping us by babysitting our newly weaned foals. Now he's training for his next job – becoming a Discovery teacher.

Photo: HKJC

WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Sponsor Ruby, Warren or another HorseWorld favourite and you'll receive regular updates, invitations to exclusive Sponsor Open Days and the chance to get to know your chosen horse.

Your sponsorship helps provide the food, care, training and veterinary support they need all year round.

Looking for a special Christmas gift? Sponsor by 19 December and you'll also receive a gift box and toy horse to put under the tree.*

Sponsor your favourite today
horseworld.org.uk/sponsor

*Christmas gift offer subject to relevant terms and delivery dates

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A DISCOVERY GROOM

EVER WONDERED what it takes to get our four-legged teachers ready for school? Discovery Groom Lou takes us through a typical day.



8AM MORNING WORKOUT
First job: find today's Discovery horses and bring them in. They live in herds across our 160-acre farm, so that can mean a 20-minute trek there and back – whatever the weather!

9AM SCHOOL DROP-OFF
Time to prepare the horses and equipment, for their Discovery session and share insider knowledge on each horse; like the fact that Purdy loves a good scratch on her bottom. Her half-sister Bumble definitely does not.

11AM TEACHER TRAINING
While sessions with young people are underway, I might work with one of our horse teachers-in-training, introducing them to things like wheelchairs, umbrellas, unusual noises or farm machinery so they learn to stay calm and confident.

ISH LUNCH?
Three Discovery sessions, horse care and inevitable last-minute changes mean lunch gets squeezed in somewhere. Being flexible is essential!

4PM AND... BREATHE
My favourite part. The yard quietens and the horses head back to their herds. Another day caring for some very special horses – and helping young people discover what they're capable of.

P.S. Lou is currently doing considerably less running around than usual after breaking her leg while out riding her own horse. Get well soon, Lou – we need you back for that 8am trek!

BRING YOUR SKILLS TO HORSEWORLD



THERE ARE lots of ways to make a difference here – and not all of them involve a horse.

We're looking for people who can spare some regular time and bring their skills and experience to HorseWorld.

COULD YOU HELP WITH...?

- Events & fundraising
- Gardening & tidying
- Fencing & field work
- Office support
- Working with young people
- Experienced horse handling*

Whatever you're good at, giving a little of your time could help us do more for the horses and young people who need us.

Visit **horseworld.org.uk/volunteer**
Or call 01275 832 425

Volunteers must be 18+ and have their own transport. Some roles require specific experience, availability and/or a DBS check. Horse-care volunteers must have appropriate practical horse-handling experience.

Thank you!

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