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An update on our
Emergency Appeal ponies



Welcome



As the days get shorter and the nights longer, I always look for inspiration from the work we are doing at HorseWorld, and this newsletter is no exception.

It gives us enormous pleasure to share an update on our emergency appeal, when we rescued 5 frightened ponies during the summer. Unhandled and malnourished, they have needed months of dedicated support from our amazing team, and now as you will see, they are learning how to trust people.

Rehoming has also been busy over the summer. When I read the feedback from Emma who has rehomed Blackjack "We love him so much...", it bought a tear to my eye. What a wonderful outcome!

The 2022/23 academic year has been a huge success for our Discovery programme with over 300 students benefiting from spending time with our special rescued ponies. When we help a young person, it changes their life forever, and right now there are so many that need our support.

Looking ahead to the winter months, I do hope you will be able to help feed our HorseWorld herd by giving to our special Hay Appeal. When it gets cold and the grass stops growing, hay becomes vital to provide that much needed forage to get our horses, ponies, donkeys and mules through to the spring.

Your support is vital to our work, you are very special – from all of us at HorseWorld, thank you x.

Petra Ingram HorseWorld CEO

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Events

Magical moments on the yard
with our supporters



Open Day 2023

Our annual Open Day was scheduled to happen on Saturday 15th July, a weather forecast of high winds and torrential rain made it impossible to safely hold the event. We were devastated to disappoint our wonderful supporters.

We rescheduled the event to Saturday 16th September and thankfully, the weather was in our favour. Over 2,000 supporters attended raising over £5,000 for the charity. There were various talks, tours and demonstrations as well as food vendors and HorseWorld merchandise.

Thank you to everyone who made the day such a success!

Our HorseWorld Sponsors

On Saturday 7th October, we welcomed HorseWorld Sponsors to a special on-site event to meet their chosen friends. We try to hold these events a couple of times a year to give our Sponsors the chance to see their friend face-to-face, talk to the grooms who care for them and generally have a nice couple of hours on the farm. To find out more about sponsoring a HorseWorld animal, see page 14.



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Appeal Update

You may remember just a few months ago we appealed to you, our brilliant supporters, for your urgent help. We had taken in five frightened and malnourished ponies after receiving an urgent call to help with a major rescue operation involving multiple rescue charities.

The ponies came to us in a terrible condition. They were starving and so very scared. After spending time in our Isolation Unit to rest and recover, our team set about very gently trying to gain the trust of these petrified little ponies.

Once the test results showed they were not carrying anything contagious, and when our welfare team judged the time to be right, the little herd was moved into a paddock closer to the yard to help them become used to the day-to-day activities of our busy site. Every day, multiple people, horses and vehicles go past. These new experiences are helping the ponies become more comfortable with their surroundings and in turn making them less fearful.

We have already noticed that in just a few weeks their courage has increased and so too has their curiosity. When walking past their paddock, they sometimes approach the fence to get a closer look at you, turning their head and extending their nose to get a good sniff.

Take a look at this photo for example. Georgia, one of our Welfare grooms, was spending time in the pony's field to gain their trust. Whilst Georgia was making sure her body language was relaxed, Pretzel and Peanut decided to approach her for a gentle scratch. This may seem like a minor interaction, but this is a huge breakthrough for these once-terrified ponies.

You all responded so generously to our appeal for help. The monies raised will help secure a future for these ponies who still have a very long road ahead of them, and there's no way of knowing what's around the corner, but thanks to you we'll be with them every step of the way.

ABOVE: Peanut trying to be brave.

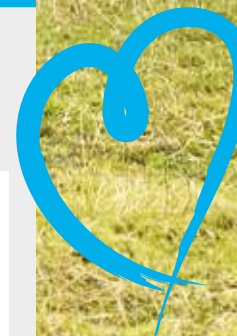
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Plum; Relaxing in the
safety of HorseWorld.
BELOW: Pretzel, Peanut
and Peaches with Georgia.



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Rehoming Success Stories



Grace gets to see the world!

We rescued Grace in 2017 with her foal Poet. It was apparent that Grace had received very little handling previously and was nervous around people.

Thanks to our patient and dedicated grooms here at HorseWorld her confidence grew, and she soon became much happier being around people.

Grace was rehomed to Fiona in May 2021, after she was looking for a non-ridden companion for her daughter's mare, Orla. They have all fallen in love with little Grace and have developed a strong



ABOVE: Grace and Orla are best friends.

connection with her. They often take Grace for mini adventures around the local area and she is always so brave and excited to see the sights.

Recently they even had Grace's stable door cut in half to accommodate for her small size. Look how pleased she is!

To find out more about rehoming a rescued horse or pony

Please visit horseworld.org.uk/rehome/



Blackjack has hit the jackpot!

Blackjack arrived at HorseWorld in 2019 from a welfare charity that had become overwhelmed. Accompanied with 3 other youngsters, Blackjack was allowed time to mature and enjoy his youth with his friends before starting his groundwork and basic training.

Our team soon spotted that this little chap had the potential to be something special so we were delighted when, in March 2021, he was rehomed by Emma and her daughter Grace. Emma continued his training and he developed into a perfect riding pony for young Grace. From going on hacks to recently competing in a local pony show, Blackjack is taking the world by storm.

"We love him so much and he's so happy loving his life as a kid's pony. I may be biased but they are the cutest pair. I can't even begin to explain how loved he is!" said Emma, Blackjack's rehome.

Thank you so much, Emma and Grace, for taking such good care of Blackjack and loving him as much as you do.

ABOVE: Emma and her Daughter, Grace having fun with Blackjack.





Discovery *Update*

The last academic year has seen our team work with over 300 young people as well as staff training and continual professional development.

The NHS estimate that around one in six young people have a probable mental health disorder. Therefore, it's more important than ever that we keep up to date with the latest research so we can support the mental health of our students by giving them the social and emotional skills they need to thrive in life. This means understanding each pupil as an individual and tailoring both group and one-to-one provision to meet each child's specific requirements.

In addition, Facilitators and grooms have attended Intelligent Horsemanship (IH) training as part of HorseWorld's development programme and investment in continual professional development. This means that all staff are now using the IH strategy when working with the horses.

The summer holidays provide our team with a good opportunity to plan activities for the next academic year and to spend some quality time with our horses.

The focus has been on helping our equine friends stay at a healthy weight which can be a challenge with the lush grass. We are looking forward to introducing some new horses and ponies into the Discovery programme in the upcoming year including Beth and Odette.

The whole Discovery team are excited to welcome students back after the summer holidays. With new topics in place for our students including obstacles to learning, our facilitators are working hard to support students through the change of academic year which can often be a challenging time.

Following facilitator and referrer feedback, HorseWorld Discovery learning offer is now based around a twelve-week programme. The benefit of a longer intervention will support the students to manage their time when back in their educational setting. It will also give students more time to build a trusting relationship with HorseWorld Facilitators and achieve strategies to support their barriers to learning.

HorseWorld Discovery is continuing to evolve; providing greater impact for the young people that attend the programme.

To read more about Discovery go to horseworld.org.uk/discovery/



RIGHT: Waffle and Sarah.

Can you help feed the HorseWorld Herd?

We've noticed a dramatic increase in the number of horses being abandoned across the South West over the last year and with the Winter approaching we are appealing for help to buy hay.



This year, we've received a record number of calls to our equine welfare team with owners increasingly desperate to re-home horses due to the combination of the credit crunch and the increasing cost of feed.

It seems that the economic climate and the spiralling cost of hay is pushing owners to desperate lengths, and we are seeing an increase in owners operating on a shoe-string who can no longer cope. As a result HorseWorld are being asked to take in more horses and this has impact on our costs, particularly at this time of year.

We are operating at capacity and carefully plan for our winter feed supplies but with the increasing prices we find ourselves appealing for extra support this Winter.

HorseWorld provides a home for life for over 100 horses on our farm in Whitchurch. The extreme weather patterns of a heatwave in spring meant that the normal grass supplies in the paddock were sparse, followed by the rain downpours which flooded land and meant we were unable to produce our own hay.

The Hay for HorseWorld appeal has been set up on line to help raise funds to continue to care for all our horses and donkeys during the Winter months.

£5 could help us buy one bale of hay, £10 could help buy two bales of hay whilst £20 will ensure a Shire horse like Lolly receives hay every day for a week.

£20 could feed a large horse for a week

£5 could buy a bale of hay



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Charlie

The recent economic crisis and rising cost of hay is leading owners to abandon horses and putting rescue charities like HorseWorld at breaking point!

Any funds not used for hay will go towards the general upkeep of the animals and running costs of the charity such as feed, bedding, veterinary fees, farriery, dentistry etc.

A big thank you



A big **THANK YOU** to Castlemead Insurance Brokers who visited us for a day of volunteering. The team gave our Isolation Unit a deep clean and a fresh lick of paint. What a difference it's made; it looks good as new!

Jenny Godwin's Memorial Show

On Sunday 3rd September, we attended Jenny's Memorial Show in aid of HorseWorld and Avon Riding Centre. The show was in memory of Jenny Godwin who was very well known in the local equine community and for many years, ran a very successful tack shop. Jenny tragically passed away earlier this year. The show organised by her friend, Shelley Ford and husband, Pete Godwin was a huge success and was a beautiful tribute to her.

In total, Jenny's Memorial Show raised a staggering £2,545.10 for HorseWorld and the same for Avon Riding Centre. This will be a huge help for both charities and we are very grateful for the huge amount of work and effort that went onto the event and to everyone who contributed to making it such a success.



Interior design for Donkeys (and a mule!)

Our HorseWorld staff gave our donkey barn a stunning makeover fit for a mini donkey herd. Like horses, donkeys are natural foragers and love to have interesting things to sniff, taste and generally poke their noses into! It's really important that the whole herd have healthy minds as well as bodies, so the team decorated the donkey barn with tasty branches and sweet-smelling swing balls. We think Cowslip, Barnaby and Tilly the mule approved!



Remembering Jenny Kingshott

HorseWorld remembers and gives thanks to long term supporter and lover of horses, Jenny Kingshott, who passed away in summer 2022.

Jenny's warm and sunny personality made her a beloved member of her little community in Clevedon. She loved to spend time in nature and in her garden, filling it with pots and plants of many different types and colours. She lived life with a sense of fun and was a fantastic dancer, spending many enjoyable hours at her line-dancing club. Jenny was a great lover of animals and horses in particular, visiting HorseWorld a couple of times throughout her lifetime. She is remembered with love and is deeply missed by her friends and neighbours.

Jenny's legacy lives on through the generous gift to

HorseWorld she included in her will. Two thirds of the horses here are thriving thanks to gifts like hers providing food, shelter, medicine – as well as the gentle care and human companionship they need to recover and live full and happy lives. Thanks to gifts like Jenny's, HorseWorld is able to welcome more horses, ponies and donkeys through our gates in the future.

If you'd like to find out more about promising one of these special gifts to HorseWorld, you can get in touch by calling **01275 893026** or emailing legacy@horseworld.org.uk.

Sponsorship

We are pleased to welcome a new addition to our sponsorship scheme.



Sponsorships make great Christmas presents!

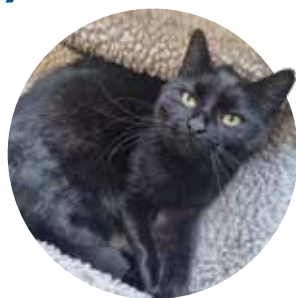
Sponsoring a HorseWorld animal is a great way to help the charity and make a new friend.

Little Charlie here was rescued with horrifically overgrown hooves, every step was agony for him. Now he's happy, healthy and is a valued member of the Discovery Team. Charlie is one of many HorseWorld animals you can sponsor.



Jay the yard cat!

NEW



Jay came from a rescue charity that were struggling to rehome him as he has a condition that means he cannot be near other cats. Black cats are also the most difficult to find homes for. His job on the yard is to keep the rodents away from the feed room and he does a very good job.

To find out more

Just scan the QR code or visit horseworld.org.uk/sponsor



HorseWorld's sponsorship scheme is a fantastic way to adopt a horse and contribute to the work of the charity. You could have a new best friend for life! horseworld.org.uk/sponsor or call 01275 893020

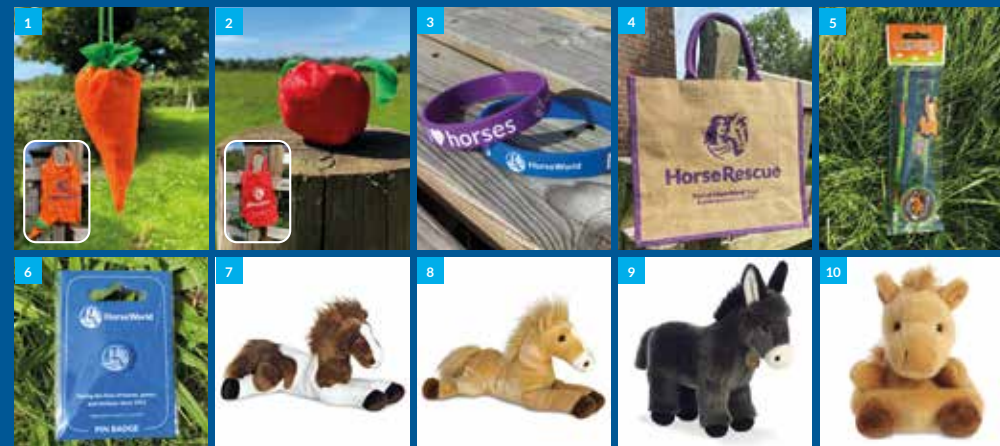


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- A cuddly toy of your sponsored animal
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