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THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, WE WERE ABLE TO ACT IMMEDIATELY.

Our vet confirmed the cause: severe worm burdens, lice and prolonged malnutrition. These conditions were entirely preventable with basic care. While Halloumi and Cheddar cautiously began eating, Brie deteriorated further, becoming withdrawn and showing the signs, we so often see when a horse begins to give up. She needed intensive, carefully managed treatment. We prepared for the worst. But because of the expertise of our team and your kindness, Brie began to fight back. Slowly, she turned a corner.

As all three mares improved, we received unexpected news: Halloumi and Cheddar were pregnant. Despite the risks, both continued to gain strength. Halloumi later gave birth to a premature colt, Camembert, who needed weeks of extra care. He could barely stand; his frail legs weren't yet fully developed due to malnutrition. Thankfully, Cheddar welcomed Red Leicester without complication. Today, both boys are thriving. Brie has made a remarkable recovery, becoming a gentle, devoted "nanny" to the foals, a role that speaks volumes about her spirit.

In December 2025, the owner received a seven-year disqualification from keeping equines. Today, the "Cheeses" (as we fondly call them), live safely together, their future secure. None of this would have been possible without you, our supporters. You made their rescue, treatment and recovery possible and gave them the lives they deserve.

Thank you.

WHEN THE RSPCA called asking for urgent help with three horses in desperate condition, we knew we had to respond immediately. What we found was heartbreaking – three small, coloured cobs, later named Cheddar, Halloumi and Brie were in an appalling state. All were emaciated, with no fat reserves left, unsteady on their feet and at risk of collapse. Brie, the weakest, was exhausted and passing only brown water. We feared she was close to death.

Clyde

A GENTLE SOUL, NOW SAFE & CHERISHED

CLYDE IS a handsome old boy and a much-loved companion. Gentle, affectionate and quietly cheeky, he now spends his days surrounded by friends, with plenty of food and the attention he so clearly enjoys. But this was not always his story...

When Clyde came into our care last August, the reality was heartbreaking. The Thoroughbred cross was severely underweight, with ribs, hips and spine starkly visible beneath paper-thin skin. Dehydrated, with very few teeth and no suitable food, his condition told of prolonged neglect.

Following veterinary and police involvement, Clyde was seized and brought to HorseWorld. At the time, we couldn't share his story due to legal proceedings. Now that the case has been resolved and ownership signed over, we can finally thank you for the part you played in his recovery.

Our greatest concern was whether Clyde's fragile body could cope with rehabilitation. In such cases, reintroducing food too quickly can be life-threatening. With expert care, we carefully managed a fibre-based diet, gradually increasing his intake while supporting his digestion.

Despite everything he had endured, Clyde's love of people never faded. His strong appetite and gentle, cheeky nature soon began to shine through. Slowly, he regained weight and strength. His sore skin improved with daily care, and as he grew stronger, he was introduced to other horses, forming close and comforting bonds. Today, Clyde is safe, comfortable and deeply cared for.

He will remain with us for the rest of his life, now enjoying the peace and dignity he deserves. Your support made this possible. Even when we couldn't share his story, you were there funding his care every step of the way.



↑ Clyde when he first arrived at HorseWorld.

✓ Clyde Clyde, 31 and Fagan, 33 are our eldest residents onsite and a wonderful reminder that a best friend can be found at any age.

£1,112.01
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Thank you

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Emergency Response
Fund today:

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HAPPY, HEALTHY AND HEADING TO HIS NEXT CHAPTER!

Soul

MANY OF you donated to Soul's Stable of Stars over Christmas 2024 and some of you even sponsored him. You are all part of this little pony's story. You made it possible for him to recover, and now he's going to live with his best friend.

This is what makes it all worthwhile. Thank you so much.

You can read Soul's whole story at horseworld.org.uk/soul

FANTASTIC EVENTS

JOIN US this year for our new 'Among Horses' events. Get the chance to walk around the beautiful HorseWorld site, meet our experts and enjoy a stroke (or two!) with some of our VIP equine residents. Bring your summer vibes to our new look 'Horse Fest' Annual Open Day. And back by popular demand, come and sing your heart out, with Brian the donkey, at our very merry **Christmas Carol Services** this December.

9 th May SATURDAY	Among Horses Spring Growth
27 th Jun SATURDAY	Among Horses Summer Solstice Pastures
25 th Jul SATURDAY	Horse Fest Our big annual Open Day
20 th Aug THURSDAY	Among Horses Discover Horses
12 th & 13 th Dec SATURDAY / SUNDAY	Christmas Carol Services

For more details and
to book your tickets:

horseworld.org.uk/events-2026



FEED THE HERD APPEAL - UPDATE

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we are delighted to share that our Feed the Herd Appeal was so well supported that all our incremental winter feed costs were covered.

THE WINTER brought exceptionally difficult conditions, with waterlogged fields and one of the poorest hay harvests in years. Like many rescue charities, we faced a significant rise in feed costs, creating a daunting challenge for the months ahead.

BUT WE DIDN'T FACE IT ALONE.

Over 100 rescued horses have been kept well-fed and cared for. Your support has meant full hay nets, warm tummies, and the ability for our team to focus on rehabilitation and future care, rather than worrying about rising cost.

From all of us, and every horse whose life you've touched, **thank you!**



The story caught the attention of ITV and BBC who both featured the appeal on the local news.

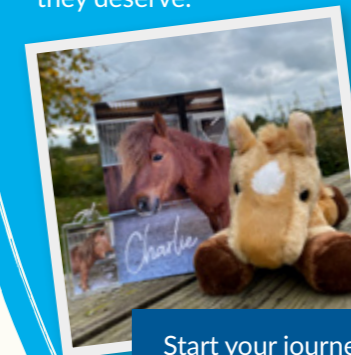
We did it!

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BY SPONSORING a member of the HorseWorld herd, you become part of their incredible transformation. Your support directly funds vital rescue, rehabilitation, and lifelong care, giving these animals the second chance they deserve.



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Discovery

Thank you

HOW OUR EARLY SUPPORT IS CHANGING YOUNG LIVES

ACROSS THE UK, thousands of children with special educational needs and trauma face long waits for assessments and support. For families, that uncertainty can be incredibly difficult.

For nearly two decades, HorseWorld's Discovery programme has been there during that waiting time. Each year, around 300 young people who are struggling in mainstream education take part in a six-week programme, working one-to-one with rescued horses and specialist facilitators. Many are neurodivergent or living with trauma. The focus isn't traditional learning, but something more fundamental: helping them feel safe, calm and ready to engage. As facilitator Kayleigh explains:

"You can't teach a child who doesn't feel safe. Regulation has to come before learning."



TARA'S* STORY SHOWS HOW POWERFUL THIS CAN BE.

Before coming to HorseWorld, Tara struggled with severe anxiety and autism, often feeling overwhelmed by everyday situations. Since joining the programme, she has developed practical skills, but more importantly, a sense of calm and focus.

"When I'm around the horses, I'm not thinking about the difficult things in my life, I'm just present," she explains. Now, Tara can see a future she couldn't before. "Being here has given me confidence, purpose, and a clearer direction."

These connections are powerful. Many of HorseWorld's horses have experienced neglect themselves, and watching them rebuild trust can be deeply meaningful for young people.

*Names changed for identity protection reasons

CLAIRE* SHARED HOW IT HELPS HER MENTAL HEALTH.

"I'd really like to come back to HorseWorld because it's helped my mental health a lot. I've made progress, I'm doing more schoolwork, talking to teachers, and feeling more confident around people. It gives me something positive in my day, and I genuinely enjoy coming here. I think another term would really help me keep moving forward."

After a second term, Claire is now preparing to return to school full time. Stories like these show why early support matters and thanks to you, HorseWorld can be there at that crucial moment.



You can help fund bursaries for students like Tara and Claire. Visit horseworld.org.uk/discovery-bursary

