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HorseWorld

Autumn / Winter News 2022



Welcome



It's our 70th Anniversary and what an eventful year it's been! There is so much to tell you about, I almost don't know where to start. It's a joy to be able to bring you our Autumn/Winter Newsletter, packed full of fascinating stories from our busy working rescue charity.

We've seen numerous heartbreaking cases of horses needing our help these last few months. Many of these have been young foals found in shocking condition and have needed extensive nursing to help them pull through. It's no way for any living being to start their life.

We pride ourselves in providing these animals with a safe space, the medical care they so desperately need and the emotional support to overcome their past. We offer them the freedom to be happy, perhaps for the first time in their lives.

In this issue, you'll meet our cover star, Forest. This young foal was found abandoned alongside his emaciated mother, Blossom. Due to malnutrition, Forest's little legs weren't developing properly. Thanks to some special glue on shoes, he's now growing stronger by the day and his sweet, mischievous character is beginning to show.

We will also bring you news of three little babies rescued last Christmas called Sprout, Spud and Parsnip. We weren't able to tell you about them at the time as we were still hoping their heartless owner would be brought to justice in the Courts. We can now bring you the full story of the foals amazing journey from death's door to the happy, healthy group of youngsters they are today. You'll also read an update on several rescues I was involved with when I joined the charity in 2020; it broke my heart to witness their suffering but so rewarding to see the positive outcomes.

We bring you an update on our evergrowing Discovery Courses which are going from strength to strength as well as some of our rehoming success stories. I hope you enjoy reading about them and remember, none of this could happen without you, our supporters. Thank you for being a part of the HorseWorld family, changing lives for the better.



Petra Ingram HorseWorld CEO

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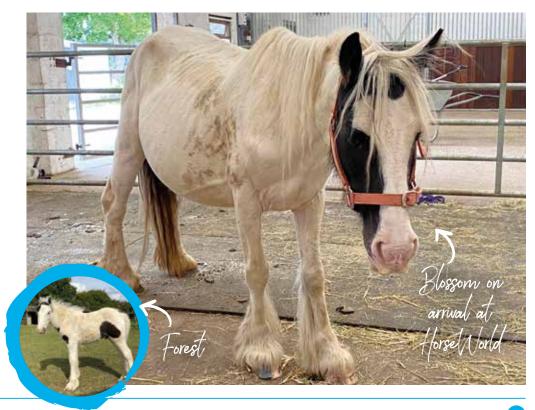




In August, we received a call from the RSPCA to ask if we could take a severely emaciated mare with a young foal at foot.

We immediately rushed to the scene where we were greeted with a heartbreaking and haunting sight.

A frail looking cob mare, barely standing was accompanied by a weak and fragile young foal in a field with no food or water at all. It was clear the mare had suffered prolonged neglect and it was a miracle she had managed to give birth to a living foal in such condition. Her skeletal body





had nothing left to give her baby and they were both in imminent danger of dying.

The mare had to be offered water frequently in small amounts as she was so thirsty, she risked overwhelming her depleted system by desperately gulping down everything offered to her. Back at HorseWorld, she and her foal were brought into our Isolation facility where she was given plenty of hay, a deep, straw bed to lie on and clean, fresh water. It had been a long time since she had known such comfort and kindness and her foal had never seen anything like it before. The grooms decided to name the mare, Blossom and her foal, Forest.

All newly rescued horses are examined by the vet, tested for various diseases and a program of rehabilitation is put in place. Blossom was found to have lice and worms, overgrown hooves, dental problems and runny eyes. Her feeding regime needed to be led by the vet as she was so emaciated, it would be dangerous to suddenly introduce too much food at once. She had a long road ahead of her.

During their first week at HorseWorld, it became clear that Forest was having trouble walking. The extreme malnutrition his mother had suffered during pregnancy meant his legs weren't developing in quite the way they should. It was decided he would need to be fitted with

little glue on shoes called lateral extension shoes. This would alter the way he walked slightly so that the muscles and tendons could develop in the correct way as he grew.

As a horse rescue charity, we sadly see cases like Blossom and Forest all too often. He is not the first foal we've had that needed to be fitted with special shoes either (You may remember Duchess and her foal Cinderella – so called because of her little slippers). With the help of your donations, we can not only pay for the immediate veterinary care they need but ensure that despite their poor start in life, they can go on to live the rest of their lives free of pain, suffering and neglect. Once they arrive here at HorseWorld, we guarantee they will always have a safe and loving home however long their life may be.

Can you help horses like Blossom and her foal, Forest? Any donation you can give will make a difference. horseworld.org.uk/ winter-appeal



How your donations could help Winter appear

All of the animals you see in this newsletter were rescued because of the generous support of people like you.

£2

could buy a hoof pick to remove stones from the horses hooves.

£5

could buy a bale of hay.

£10

could pay for a bale of shavings for a horse to lie on in the stable

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could buy one dose of worming medication for one horse or a sack of specially formulated feed for the rescued pregnant and lactating mares.

£20

could pay for one horse's hooves to be trimmed. They typically have this done every 6-8 weeks to keep them comfortable.

£30

could vaccinate a horse for a year.

£40

could buy a fly rug for pony with Sweet-itch (an allergy to midges) or a 5-litre bottle of fly spray.

£50

could pay for a newly rescued horse to have a microchip and passport (which they need by law).

£75

could pay for a routine dental treatment for one horse. This is needed every 6 months to a year depending on the horse.

£200

could pay for a horse to have his hooves trimmed for a whole year!

£500

could pay for the initial veterinary assessment for a newly rescued horse or pony, including a scope (with sedation) to check for infectious disease, a full blood profile checking for any problems with the liver etc as well as vaccination and lice treatment. This is needed before they can mix with the rest of the HorseWorld herd.

£1,000

could buy all the equipment to set up a basic track system to keep laminitic or overweight ponies healthy and allow them the freedom to roam. 120 electric fence posts, 600 metres of electric tape, electric fence unit, battery, and the wire to connect both inner and outer fences under ground.

£2,500

could buy a stable-sized field shelter.

£5,000

could buy a double sized field shelter

Donate today

Scan the QR code or visit horseworld.org.uk/winter-appeal







Small or large – every donation will make a huge difference to our work. We couldn't do this without you. Some people like to consider leaving a gift in their Will. Turn to page 18 to find out more.

han you

For helping us to help them!

Healing a broken heart

Sometimes, both human and equine broken hearts need healing and the sanctuary of HorseWorld can provide the perfect environment to do just that.

Tilly

One of our more unusual new arrivals here at HorseWorld is Tilly, a 12-year-old Mule. Tilly was living with her elderly companion, Bussey when their owner unfortunately passed away. A member of HorseWorld's staff took over the care of the pair until eventually, 32-year-old Thoroughbred, Bussey sadly reached the end of his days. Tilly had lost both her owner and her companion so it was agreed she should come and join the HorseWorld herd.

Mules are very sensitive animals and Tilly struggled to adjust when she first arrived. She became withdrawn and refused to eat. One of our Volunteers, Lin (who you might know as 'The Donkey Lady' due to her extensive knowledge and passion for donkeys) befriended Tilly and helped her to settle in, showing her the love and care she needed to realise that moving home was not so bad after all.



Those who have visited HorseWorld for many years might remember Garth, a Mule who lived at HorseWorld from 1975 until he passed away at the grand age of 46-years-old in 2009. Lin had known and loved Garth for all of those years. (Incredibly, Lin has been volunteering at HorseWorld for over 50 years!) and she was absolutely devastated when he passed away. When Lin set eyes on Tilly, she reminded her of Garth and she found herself spending more and more time with her, giving her a groom,

and talking to her gently, reassuring her that all is ok. The pair have now bonded very closely and

have helped each other to move forward.

Here at HorseWorld, the staff and volunteers love and care for all of the equines as if they were their own. This brings both reward in seeing an animal progress and heartache when they reach the end of their days. We wouldn't have it any other way.

Jasper

In our Autumn/Winter 2020 newsletter, you may remember reading about the sad story of three very badly neglected horses that were part of an RSPCA seizure, Sydney, Havana and Jasper (You can read previous newsletters on the About page of our website). They arrived at HorseWorld in June 2020.

Of the three, Jasper was the youngest and was not in as poor condition as the other two. He was estimated to be around two years old, completely unhandled and uncastrated. Once he had settled in, the grooms needed to gradually and patiently earn his trust.

It became apparent as
Jasper matured that he had a
problem with his stifles, which
are the joints at the top of the
back leg between the hip and
the hock (the equivalent of
our knee joint). As he walked,
the stifles would lock. This is
a relatively common problem
in youngsters but those who
haven't received the correct
nutrition at a young age can
be more prone to it.

A rehabilitation program was put in place for him by our Vet and Physiotherapist which meant the grooms needed to take him for regular walks to build up the muscle around his stifles. This progressed to long

reining (walking behind with long reins as if you were driving a carriage) and lunging (working at different paces in a large circle on a long line). Jasper was examined by the vet every other week and continued this rehabilitation programme for around a year.

When the vet and physiotherapist were happy with his progress, it was decided he could be backed for ridden work which will enable him to eventually be rehomed to a loaner that can keep him in regular work and maintain the muscle he needs to keep him sound and comfortable. As Jasper has a weight limit of just eight stone, he will be well suited to an experienced child

or small, lightweight adult.

Jasper is doing well and loving his new role. He is not quite ready for rehoming at the time of this newsletter going to print but do keep an eye on our website if you are interested in rehoming him or another of our rescued ponies. Every horse or pony that finds a home through our loan scheme leaves a place here at the farm ready for the next one to be rescued.

ABOVE: Jasper (left) and Aura (right) being ridden. Aura arrived at HorseWorld in 2019 with 4 other cobs after more than 200 animals were removed from a Surrey farm in a huge, multi-agency operation.

HorseRescue

For more information about rehoming a horse from us, please do check out our website! Here you will find lots of information about the rehoming process and what you can expect. horseworld.org.uk/rehome

Foster story Roaming Rio

Rio was rescued after being found straying on a village hall playing field along with another pony back in 2016. He was believed to be around 2-years-old at the time.

When he was old enough, the HorseWorld trainers decided Rio would be a perfect candidate for the new Foster Scheme, where horses are placed with loaners who are experienced in equine training methods consistent with HorseWorld's ethos. The loaner then teaches the horse vital life and social skills they will need to reach their full potential in life. They then return to HorseWorld to either become a Discovery horse or, as a well mannered, trained equine. will stand the best chance of finding a more permanent loan home.

The Foster Scheme helps to make space available at HorseWorld to rescue more horses in need and frees up time with the trainers so more horses can be educated. Nik from Trowbridge was the perfect fosterer for Rio.

"We were happy to take part in the Fostering Scheme because after suddenly losing my horse we needed a companion for his friend."
Said Nik "I wasn't emotionally ready to 'replace' him, so I decided that maybe losing him, meant we were able to help something else instead.

"Already knowing the amazing job that HorseWorld do, I decided they would be the place to go. Especially as any horse who came to us would've undergone medical and behavioural tests, so would be ready to join our other horses without needing to be quarantined first.

"We feel grateful to be supporting a charity and having a pony to love and bring on, knowing he will be ready to go back to HorseWorld soon. Then if I am ready to find myself a new ridden horsegreat! If not, we'll hopefully keep supporting Horse World's fostering scheme whilst we still have a space at our yard."

TOP: Rio strikes a pose BOTTOM: Rio happy in his Foster home





If you are interested in finding out more about the Foster Scheme, go to horseworld.org.uk/foster

Rehoming

Olaf arrived at HorseWorld in September 2020 as part of a group of 5 ponies that were part of a large RSPCA seizure operation.

The group that came to HorseWorld also included mares Elsa and Pebbles who later gave birth to foals, Buttons and Bambam and two other mares, Anna and Wednesday. You might remember the foals from the cover of our Autumn 2021 Newsletter (you can read previous newsletters on the About page of our website).

The whole group were very nervous and unhandled. Our teams worked tirelessly and patiently to slowly gain their trust. Olaf needed to be castrated before he could join the rest of the HorseWorld herd but aside from the difficulties handling him, the vet also discovered he had a heart murmur so extra care would be needed during the operation.

Thankfully Olaf made a full recovery and progressed in leaps and bounds with his training. He was ready for a new home but finding a loan home for a pony with a difficult past and a heart murmur wasn't going to be easy.

Thankfully, Kirstin from Wiltshire fell in love with him and he has now settled into his new family like he's always been there

his new family like he's always been there.

"When we thought about rehoming a pony to keep our other horse company we couldn't have even begun to inquisitive and wants to be included in everything. He is an absolute star."



think how attached we would

become to little Olaf," Said

Kristin, "He has fitted in so

well. He loves cuddles and

is such a character. He is so

If you would like to offer

a rescued pony a home, please visit horseworld.

org.uk/rehome

Discovery

After working with over 300 young people during the last academic year, the horses and staff had a well earned pause. The summer holidays provide our team with a good opportunity to get on top of paperwork, plan activities for the next academic year and to spend more quality time with our horses. The focus has been on our future plans for Discovery, how we can support more young people and exercising our ponies to help them stay at a healthy weight which can be a challenge with the lush grass. The horses enjoyed hacking on some new routes on the local roads as well as cantering through the fields before the ground became too dry and firm.

The beautiful British heatwave disrupted our routine for a short while and saw our vard staff working early in the mornings to beat the heat and ensuring our horses were cool and happy. They came up with lots of ways to keep the horses refreshed including giant mint and garlic flavoured ice lollies!

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

We have welcomed two new (human!) faces to the team. Amanda has joined us as a Trainee Facilitator and Graham who is our new Head of Discovery. We are delighted that Sharon who has been running the Discovery



programme since 2007 will continue to support our young people in a part-time capacity. As with any new team, they each bring their own wealth of experience and we are excited to have them on board.

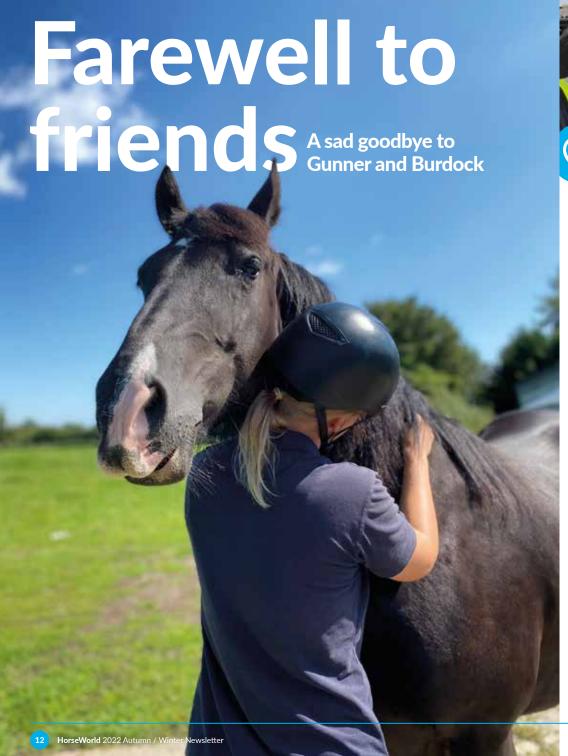
In terms of our equine colleagues, we waved a fond farewell to Leo and Kyra as they both retired after many years of work with Discovery. Leo came to HorseWorld in 2004 as a voungster and went out on a couple of loan homes before returning to HorseWorld to come and work on Discovery.

Leo has been a firm favourite with our students and will be greatly missed. Kyra was also rescued in 2004 along with eight other horses. She went out on loan to a riding school for a number of years before coming back to Discovery. Kyra was always a solid

and dependable member of the Discovery team. In recent months, Kyra had suffered gastric ulcers which meant she was finding some aspects of her work uncomfortable. Her ulcers were successfully treated however the decision was made to retire Kyra as she was letting us know that she wasn't fully happy in her work anymore. While we will miss both Leo and Kyra. we know that their retirement is well deserved and we will be forever grateful for the difference they made to hundreds of young people over the years.

ABOVE: Kyra







ABOVE: Gunn on arrival

In July, we said a very sad goodbye to Gunner and Burdock, two ponies that have touched the lives of a huge number of people in so many ways. Both horses arrived at HorseWorld in terrible conditions; unloved, uncared for and all alone in the world but went on to thrive and change the lives of others.

Gunner arrived at HorseWorld in 2013 having been seized by the RSPCA along with two other horses. He was severely emaciated, had rainscald (a painful skin infection caused by the skin being persistently wet) and had an upset stomach that lasted for weeks despite extensive veterinary treatment. This meant his emaciated state didn't improve until this was resolved.

Burdock arrived as a foal in 2002 also in poor condition. His coat, mane and tail were so matted with burrs (the hooked seeds of the Burdock plant), that his coat had to be clipped and much of his mane and tail had to be cut to remove them.

They each made a full recovery and lived many years happily here at HorseWorld. Both equines have been truly amazing and loved their jobs 'working' as part of our Discovery programme. Over the years they have had a positive impact on the lives of literally hundreds, if not thousands of disadvantaged and vulnerable young people. (The charity help around 300 students a year through Discovery) They were both such valuable members of the team.

Gunner was HorseWorld's Black Beauty. With his good looks, cheeky character and big heart, he never failed to bring a smile to the face of anyone who saw him. He was always ready to share an apple at lunch time (as long as you weren't disturbing his nap time) and ear scratch in just the right place was his idea of pure bliss!

Burdock was the sweetest pony we could've asked for to work with our students. He was small yet mighty, and seeing him pulling a member of staff across the yard to the tastiest patch of grass was a regular sight! He loved working with the younger children but would never fail to make the older students smile too.

Gunner and Burdock were both living with chronic illness in recent years and we were doing everything we possibly could to keep them comfortable. However, their conditions rapidly deteriorated, and after exploring all possible treatments our team and vets knew the kindest thing was to put them both to sleep. The death of one of the HorseWorld herd is always heart-breaking, but to lose two of our muchloved horses in such a short space of time was tremendously difficult.

Whilst we wish with all our hearts that they could be with us for many years to come, thanks to you – our supporters – since their rescues they have known nothing but love, the very best of care and have lived meaningful and fulfilling lives.



HorseWorld pays tribute to HM The Queen

Image courtesy of BCA Films, Wokingham

Throughout her remarkable life, **HM The Queen** shared a deep and meaningful connection with horses.

ABOVE: Her Majesty The Queen with Margery Pelling. Margery's dedication to The Friends of Bristol Horses Society (later to become HorseWorld) and to Equine Welfare was recognised in 1992 with an MBE.

Throughout her remarkable life. HM The Queen shared a deep and meaningful connection with horses. They were a huge part of her private life as well as an integral part of every ceremony and celebration. She also recognised the positive impact horses can have on all our lives. In the year of her 70th Jubilee, an anniversary shared with HorseWorld and following the sad news of her death, it seems fit to honour her deep and passionate love of all things equine.

Her Majesty had her first riding lesson at the age of three and was given her first pony, a Shetland mare, by her grandfather King George V when she turned four. It was a lifestyle that would never leave her. She was spotted still riding her Fell ponies in the grounds of Windsor Castle at the age of 96. The joy she expressed around horses was clear for all to see throughout her life.

In 1992, Her Majesty awarded an MBE to Margery Pelling, one of our charity's founding members who ran the charity for over 40 years. It was an honour for the society to be recognised in such a humbling way.

HM The Queen also recognised the horsemanship skills of our Patron, Monty Roberts and encouraged him to show the world, changing the way horses continue to be trained across the globe forever. These training methods are used at HorseWorld to this day.

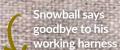
We, at HorseWorld thank Her Majesty for her positive influence on equine welfare throughout her lifetime.





Ben, the horse vho started it a

Our Spring/Summer Newsletter this year was a special 70th Anniversary edition which told you the fascinating story of our history (if you missed it, you can read it on the 'About' page of our website). To continue celebrating our 70th year, here's a little gallery of pictures from the past.





Madge Checkley bottle feeds a rescued foa





Jack Miles welcomes the retired pit ponies





Bleak winter



Last Christmas, while most people were enjoying the festivities, we were fighting to save the lives of three innocent foals who were found abandoned and left to die.

The babies, who have been named Spud, Sprout and Parsnip were discovered as part of a larger group of very young ponies all aged between one and six months that had been abandoned on a strip of land next to a main road in Wales. The group were severely neglected, emaciated and suffering from various medical conditions including worms and lice.

We were contacted by the RSPCA who asked if we could take three of the ailing group. They were urgently trying to find places within rescue charities for them all to go where they would receive the intensive and veterinary care they so desperately needed.

The foals were rescued just before Christmas and all looked like they could do with feeding up so the grooms thought it would be appropriate to name them Sprout, Spud and Parsnip as a reference to Christmas dinner. All three were absolutely terrified of people which made their treatment and care very difficult. What on earth had these poor babies been through in their short little lives? They should have been at their mothers' side until at least six months old. Instead, they were dumped like rubbish and left to die out in the cold. It was utterly heartbreaking to think about. The grooms spent a lot of time over the Christmas period just quietly sitting with them to gain their trust and help them overcome their excessive fear of humans.

All of the foals had severe problems with locking stifles (a joint at the top of the hind legs) with Parsnip and Spud being the worst, this is believed to be due to extreme malnutrition. They were very underweight and weak, having been torn away from their mothers while they were still suckling. They had to learn what food was and had to be introduced to grass, hay and hard feed as something new. The dedicated team here at HorseWorld worked around the clock to give them the best chance of survival.

This shocking discovery is sadly not an isolated case, in the last year we have rescued a record number of horses in desperate need.

BELOW: Nervous faces peep out of the trailer on arrival at HorseWorld.





Statistics* released by horse rescue organisations revealed that the UK remains in the grip of a horse crisis where there are simply too many horses and too few responsible owners to offer them a home, leading to shocking levels of neglect and abandonment. This problem has been compounded during the Pandemic and is leaving Welfare Charities such as HorseWorld at breaking point and relying on the general public to support escalating costs. It is anticipated this particular group were dumped there by the breeder as unwanted, low value stock and left to die.

ABOVE: Settling in having never seen a nice big straw bed before. RIGHT: Spud is a little bewildered by it all.

Donate today

Can you help horses like Spud, Sprout and Parsnip? Any donation you can give will make a difference. Scan the QR code or visit horseworld.org.uk/winter-appeal

to donate today.





These innocent Christmas babies have had an incredibly difficult and challenging start in life but have so far, shown an unstoppable belief in their own future and with such optimism they surely deserve the chance of a brighter future. The costs for taking care of such a rescue are significant and we depend on the generosity of supporters like you to help us meet those costs. Anything you can donate to our winter appeal will help to change the lives of horses, ponies and donkeys in need.

Thank you for enabling these babies to see brighter times ahead.

*Source: www.horseworld.org.uk/report



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It's a privilege to speak to people who have added gifts in their Wills to transform the lives of horses and ponies in the future. Gifts in Wills are so important to HorseWorld; two out of three of the horses here are funded by these special gifts. Any size gift can make a real difference to an equine in need by providing food, shelter, veterinary care and rehabilitation training.

I run free events at HorseWorld for people who would like to know more about gifts in Wills. They're an opportunity to hear more about their impact and ask questions, have a tour around the site, and meet some lovely ponies. If you would like to join us for the next event, call me on 01275 893026 or email legacy@horseworld.org.uk.

Thankyou, Jenny





A time for celebration

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported our 70th Anniversary Open Day on 30 July. It was a huge success with over 1,800 visitors coming through the doors to meet the rescued horses. Events like these are so important to the charity's fundraising efforts so we were really grateful to those who supported us.

HorseWorld Shire horse, Dime (who is now living in a fantastic loan home) came back to visit for the day and gave a demonstration in full harness. We were also treated to a demonstration by Avon Fire and Rescue Service who showed us how they lift heavy animals using their fully articulated model horse.

The day raised over £7,000, a massive help towards the ongoing costs of caring for the rescued horses, ponies and donkeys. Thank you to all of our volunteers, cake bakers and everyone who came along. Next year's events will be posted on our website in the Spring. If you haven't already signed up to receive our emails which will keep you updated, you can do so at horseworld.org.uk/subscribe



We were very grateful for all the support we received for the Open Day, THANK YOU to all who played their part!

Whether you have provided gifts for the raffle and silent auction; donations towards our costs; your time before, during and after the event; or your expertise and insights; we couldn't have done it without you.

- All our HorseWorld staff, volunteers and fantastic cake-bakers!
- Ann Smith
- Asda Whitchurch
- Avon and Somerset Constabulary
- Avon Fire and Rescue
- Avon Valley
- BBC Radio Bristol
- Better Foods
- Bristol Army Cadets
- Bristol and Clifton Golf Club
- Co-Op Stockwood
- Dom the Ice Cream Man
- Equine Dental Services South West Ltd
- Gloria Smeardon
- Ian Hobbs from IH Technical Services
- James Foster Wessex Working Horses
- Lansdown Place
- Lynda at Temple Spa
- Michael Bell
- Noah's Ark Play Centre
- Noah's Ark Zoo
- Rog the Fruit
- Slimbridge Wetland Trust
- Somerset Soap Company
- Suez Group
- Tara Price TLP Equine Services
- Tesco Metro Whitchurch
- Tesco Midsomer Norton
- Wookey Hole

Hoofing

On Sunday 25th September, one of our Discovery staff members took part in the Bristol Half Marathon in aid of HorseWorld. A huge big THANK YOU to Louise and those who sponsored her. She raised £469 for horses in need!

This was a really welcome income as the charity has recently seen a large number of abandoned and neglected horses and received a steady flow of new arrivals here at HorseWorld. The cost of living crisis has had an impact on the number of abandoned and neglected equines and together with the rise in animal feeds, there is an increased pressure on welfare charities. All our new arrivals need veterinary care, farriery, dentistry and feeding.

Having never taken part in these events before, we have started looking at this new avenue of fundraising in the hope it will help support them all. If you'd be interested in taking part next year, you can register your interest by emailing <code>fundraising@horseworld.org.uk</code> or keep an eye on the events page of our website.

BELOW: Louise in training with Charlie coming along for moral support.



HORSES FOR HEALTH



This summer, the Horses for Health Event supported HorseWorld in addition to grants for Riding for the Disabled Association and smaller charities through the Horses4Health Equine Welfare Grants Scheme.

The grants helped to transform the lives of ponies in need like Honey who was rescued by the Moorland Mousie Trust 10 years ago when her owners became too ill to take care of her. The charity are working to protect the endangered rare-breed Exmoor pony.

Honey helped with conservation grazing and then went on to become a fantastic ridden pony.

However, she developed equine metabolic syndrome and her carers were no longer able to manage her condition, so she was moved to Moorland Mousie Trust's Exmoor Pony Centre where she will support their work with vulnerable people.

Thanks to the dedication, support, energy and enthusiasm of Horses for Health participants, monies raised will help pay for Honey's specialist care and rehabilitation.

This is just one example of the many ways participants made a difference to horses in need, and the people who need them.

Find out more at horses4health.co.uk



A huge great big thank you to 9 year old Ebriel who raised £175 for HorseWorld by taking part in a 5km run. Ebriel is a Brownie and to earn her charity badge, she chose to support HorseWorld.

She said "Last Christmas, my Grandma and Grandad organized a sponsorship of Demi as a present for me. In August we came to the Open Day and I got to meet Demi! For my badge I made a HorseWorld poster to display in my school and raised funds by running 5km with my Mum."

What an amazing thing to do! Ebriel's fundraising will help to support the 100+ horses we care for on site as well as those who will need rescuing this winter.

If you would like to fundraise like Ebriel, contact **fundraising@horseworld.org.uk** and we will be happy to help.

When a Charitable Trust chooses to support HorseWorld, it means so much to us. Thank you to:

Garfield Weston Foundation who will support 16–18 year olds through a two-year Discovery Plus grant.

John James Bristol Foundation for continuing to support our local, young Discovery students with a new two-year grant.

Beryl Evetts & Robert Luff Animal Welfare Trust ensuring the welfare of our horses is a top priority with a second year of funding.

Rose Animal Welfare Trust for unwavering generosity, ensuring our rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming work can continue.

A Sponsorship ** makes a great Christmas present

The horses, ponies and donkeys here at HorseWorld have come a long way from the animals that arrived in desperate need of our help. Some have come from a background of abandonment, some have suffered terrible abuse and some have lost everything. Whatever their story, once they come to HorseWorld, we can make sure they are safe, loved and have a much brighter future but we can't do it without you.

Your support enables us to continue our vital rescue work and has a direct impact on the lives of animals who have previously been dealt a poor hand in life.

Sponsoring one of the HorseWorld herd is a fantastic way of helping us continue to help the horses, ponies and donkeys who need us the most, whilst enjoying being a part of their lives as they learn to love life again.

Sponsorship costs from just £36 a year and you'll receive:

- A personalised certificate
- A cuddly toy of your favourite equine
- A beautiful photo of your chosen friend with details about their rescue story
- An official welcome letter
- An informative leaflet about your sponsorship
- Twice yearly updates from your sponsored animal
- A keyring so you can carry your new best friend around with you.

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