



Hearts of Horse Haven



To advocate for, educate and give hope to equine across the Volunteer State

Mud, Mud and more Mud! This has been a very trying winter for equine owners in Tennessee. With all the rain, we have had more than our share of boot sucking mud. With a 10' entrance side of the barn never getting any sunshine, we have had a very trying time getting hay down to the barn. Thankfully, we had watertight horse trailer we could store it in and a 4X4 ATV that could deliver it to the barn as needed between raindrops. Luckily, unlike others, our barn remained dry throughout all the wet weather.



God has graciously blessed us this spring with two new holding facilities. One will be ready to house our current horses on by the time you receive this newsletter. This will allow our current winter paddocks to dry up, rest and replenish with grass. We really appreciate the property owners who are willing to share their homes with our horses. Thank You!

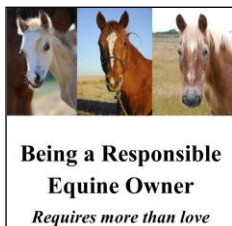
Program Success!



Our first recipient was an elderly owner in West Tennessee. When her health became an issue, she turned to Dawn, one of our volunteers. Dawn helped her find placement into rescue for her three full size horses and we worked out a way that she could keep her remaining mini, Mary, for emotional support. Some might question this decision and ask why not all the horses? We have found dealing with elderly owners in the past that sometimes it is better to lower their responsibility instead of removing it completely. An owner's emotional health should not be overlooked when providing assistance. With the freezing temperatures in the forecast, Mary needed to be brought closer to the house, in need of a warm blanket, heated water bucket and some type of shelter. Through Dawns, steadfast dedication to the animals in her county these were provided and it is with great pleasure we can report both Mary and her owner are doing well! Your continued support allows us to offer options, which in turn offers hope. Thank You!



Mary showing off her new blanket



Our first 1,000 booklets have arrived from the printers (Thank You Precision Printing). We have started distributing, at no cost to them, across Tennessee to those individuals who handle the equine complaint calls in their counties. We hope to have books into 40 of our 95 Tennessee counties before the end of the year. We are very pleased with the excellent reviews we have received so far. We have experienced that the lack of equine ownership education contributes to almost 80% of most equine complaints. Our hope is that by providing county officials with this easy to understand educational tool it will make their job easier. The less equine needing to be confiscated, due to cruelty complaints, will lower the burden placed on rescues during long drawn out court proceedings. If your county would like to be added to our distribution list, please have them drop an email to heartsofhorsehaven@gmail.com.

The Need for Your Support – Everything we do through Hearts of Horse Haven couldn't be accomplished without your continued support and prayers. Your generous donations help us not only provide for equine in our care but also to support our programs throughout the year.

Your gift has more of an impact than you realize. So much goes on daily that never makes its way into social media. We are one of a few animal welfare organizations that does not like constantly asking for a hand out. We prefer to be good stewards of our donor's money, know our limitations and use every dollar wisely for our mission at hand.

Because our work speaks for itself, we have a generous donor who has offered to match up to a total of \$2,000 for every "New Donor" we hear from because of this newsletter. A "New Donor" is someone who has not mailed in a supporting donation in the past 12 months. Is this you?

Spring can be a trying time for owners. While winter hay stock dwindles some owners find themselves scrambling to get through until May hay season. Finding affordable hay can be hard and sometimes impossible. Cases of neglect may increase and by sending your tax-deductible donation today it enables us to be prepared for when horses or owners are in need.

Sincerely,



Nina L. Margetson

Founder/CEO



SO MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT HEARTS OF HORSE HAVEN

check out our website for other options: www.heartsofhorsehaven.org

No matter how young or old you may be, there is always a way to support the work that we do. Below are just a few of those simple yet resourceful ways you can help.

- Wish List: From feed to gift cards to office supplies. Our needs are great.
- Become an animal or sustaining sponsor by donating monthly or annually toward a horse in our care.
- Support our cause by picking HoHH as your supporting charity when you shop at Kroger or Amazon.
- "Like" our Facebook page and share with your friends and family. Comment using an emoji or sticker. The more people that see our page means a greater chance of getting horses into a new home.
- Share your resources. Let us know if you can foster a horse in need, or have connections to resources we use such as gravel, hay, etc. Alternatively, maybe you would like to help by holding a private "Mane Course" fundraiser and share our mission with others while enjoying a good time in fellowship. Contact us for more information.

When it comes to accomplishing our mission it requires not one, not two, but a whole scope of people offering their time, connections, resources and talents to help us accomplish our mission. Thank you for considering helping our equine friends in this great Volunteer State we call home!

From: (your name) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

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