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### *From the President*

Considering all the wonderful activities Horses' Haven is involved in, one that I find personally rewarding is our relationship with Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Over the last couple of years, we have been able to establish a great affiliation through Dr Julie Strachota, Director of Clinical Education. Part of that arrangement entails the inoculation of our total herd with their required annual vaccines. These vaccines are donated by the veterinary school through a grant with the stipulation that the students administer the shots. Therefore, we spend part of a day assisting and restraining horses, enabling the students to perfect their technique. This arrangement saves us a considerable expense while giving the students valuable experience.

A second visit entails working on a variety of clinical skills and perfecting exam techniques. A couple of weeks ago, our emphasis was on lameness, which included ideas on how to come to an accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment. At the same time, Dr. Ashley Pfeifer, a fellow board member at Horses' Haven, was helping students perfect the sometimes difficult task of passing a stomach tube.

A couple times a year we entertain the University of Michigan pre vet club with more fundamental tasks, such as horse handling, physical exams, and basic anatomy.

I feel this is a wonderful opportunity to enhance our goal of a greater community outreach program. We have a growing existence in the community at large, which we will continue to expand, but also increase our presence in the horse community and veterinary population.

*Steven Rymal, DVM*



### *2022 at a glance*

This year saw 85 intakes and 79 adoptions. With your support, Horses' Haven nurtured so many beautiful equines back to physical and emotional health. We met new friends, made needed property improvements, and welcomed new volunteers. Our Board of Directors participated in governance training to ensure we continue our mission with a solid foundation, expanded our geographical reach and supported new students exploring the world of equine medicine and management.

I hope you enjoy looking back on 2022 and I'm looking forward to sharing what your support brings for the next year.

*Kristine Doonch, Executive Director*



## *Save the Date!*



**OPEN HOUSE  
FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9  
12-4 P.M.**

OUTDOOR FUN  
FOR THE WHOLE  
FAMILY!

# ADOPTIONS

## ***Eddie***

Get your tissues ready folks!

Not too long ago, the sweetest 28-year-old pony named Eddie needed our help. As the process goes, after his rehabilitation, we posted his profile for adoption. The stars aligned and his owner from his younger days (and hers) saw it, wondering if it was the same Eddie. He's more grey in the face and a little less agile, but it's her pony... the one who gave her the confidence, experience, and adventures of her early days.

Happy Adoption Day is what we normally say as we load up one to deliver but today we said, "Let's go Eddie; We're taking you home."



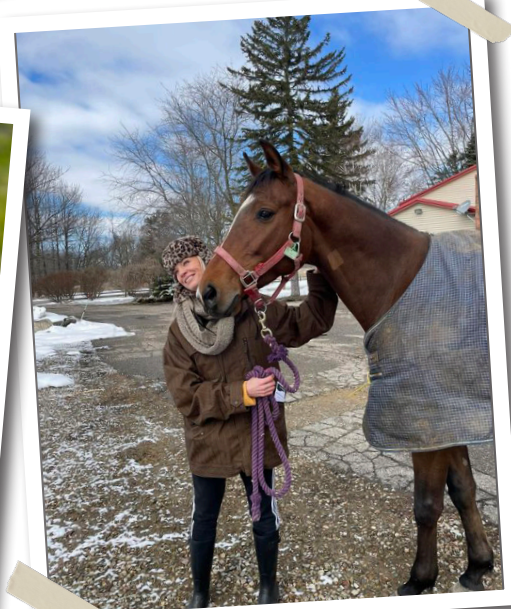
## ***Kenji***

From Kentucky to Puerto Rico to Michigan.

Four-year-old Kentucky bred Thoroughbred Kenji "Without Passport" was at the end of the line for a racehorse and had an uncertain fate ahead of him. Once in Puerto Rico, they don't often make it back. Our ASPCA Partner, Caribbean Thoroughbred Aftercare Inc., works hard to help as many as possible. With their help, Kenji found his perfect match through Horses' Haven.

## ***Majek***

There is a special place in our hearts for people who adopt our seniors ... and because 31 candles on her cake make her a "super senior" this is an extra special adoption.



## intern spotlight

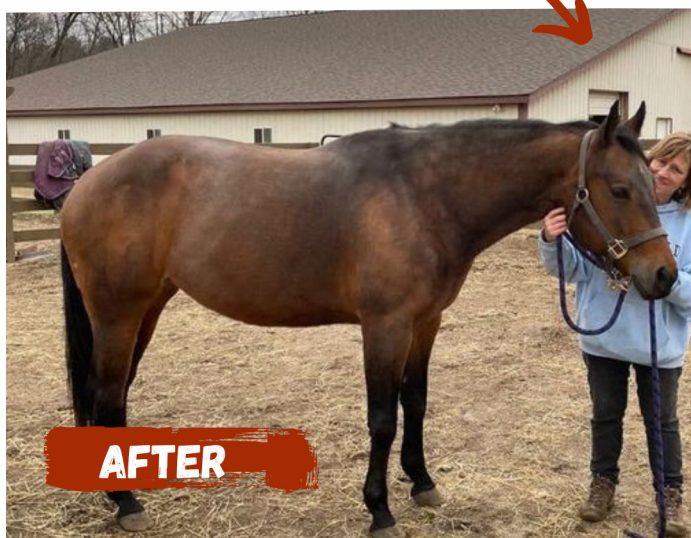
Through a joint partnership with the ASPCA and Colorado State University, CSU student Hailey Nicolls spent six months with us here in Michigan to learn everything that goes into a large equine rescue. From training, adoptions, intakes, people, husbandry, nutrition, treatments, operations, budgeting, volunteers... the list goes on. We can't wait to see where her career takes her in equine management and our fingers are crossed we see her back at the Haven.





# Equine Affaire

We expanded our wings and attended the Equine Affaire in Ohio this April. Six horses were adopted, and we met so many amazing people. The Equine Affaire is the place to be next Spring. We hope to see you there!



For this year's before and after, we highlight Sweet Tea, "My Sweet Invitation", a registered Quarter Horse mare with an impressive bloodline. A truth and a myth- quality breeding does not protect our equines, and yes, many nicely bred horses can be found at a rescue!

## IMPROVEMENTS *on the farm*

Last August, we replaced the 30+ year old roof on the horse barn. Leaks in several areas resulted in damage to the roof deck. The new roof included new leak prevention technology and venting to extend its life. Thank you to On Top Roofing for a great job.

We also purchased a used golf cart to replace our 20-year-old golf cart, which required constant repairs. The golf cart is used to pull our hay/grain wagon and move a few volunteers when we feed our 60+ residents. A big thank you to the maintenance team for their work in researching the best option for our needs.

Our next two big needs are:

### *A New Truck*

The truck will be used for removing manure and other farm work. The amount is astounding and it all needs to be taken off site. It makes at least one trip hauling our dump trailer per day!

### *Drainage Improvements*

We had a professional drainage company take an in depth look at the property to see what we could do to reduce the amount of water. There are several stages and solutions, with stage one eliminating 80% of our problems. It will cost \$25,000 to \$30,000.





# SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

As you may imagine, adding a new intake to our program often comes with a hefty price tag.

Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, retrain, and rehome. Rescue should not just be the bare minimum. We stand firm that transparently placing a good equine citizen back into the community requires proper and thorough vetting to treat and heal to the best of our entire professional team's abilities. Oftentimes, that means x-rays, special shoeing for soundness and comfort, scoping for and treating painful ulcers, surgery (if appropriate when a favorable outcome is the result), complete dental work-ups, dental extractions, and more. Medical treatment is followed by training to give them the true second chance they so deserve and the opportunity to be healthy, whole, and free of pain and discomfort.

Can you help? Would you like photos of a new intake and their story? Sponsor one to know YOU made a difference in a horse's future and allow us to help the many more that are at risk and waiting for our help.

## Full Intake - \$600

### Covers a new intake's:

- Dental
- Farrier Visit
- Vaccinations
- De-worming
- X-Rays

### You'll receive:

- A personalized note and photos from the horse you sponsored
- A Horses' Haven hat

## Basic Intake - \$300

### Covers a new intake's:

- Dental
- Farrier Visit
- Vaccinations
- De-worming

### You'll receive:

- A personalized note and photos from the horse you sponsored

## Treatment-Based Sponsorships

- Tooth Extractions - \$1,200
- Gastric Scope/Ulcer Treatment - \$1,000
- X-Rays - \$500
- Dental - \$200
- Week of Training - \$150
- Bag of Grain - \$100
- Hoof Trim - \$50

## Alternate Sponsorship Options



- A monthly donation of your choice going directly to horse care
- Pay the vet directly - Kern Road Veterinary Clinic - 517-223-9618
- Yearly barn/shelter/pasture sponsorship, which includes a plaque on the structure with your name or memorial - Call Horses' Haven at 517-548-4880 for this option

## How to Sponsor

Go to [horseshaven.org](https://horseshaven.org), click on the donate button and note your sponsorship choice. Be sure to include your address if you sponsor an intake so we can send you their photos and note!

Checks can also be mailed to:

Horses' Haven  
P.O. Box 166  
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# WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS SAY...

It's helping the horses that made me start... and the friendships with people and horses that made me stay.

***Heather, volunteer for 2 years***

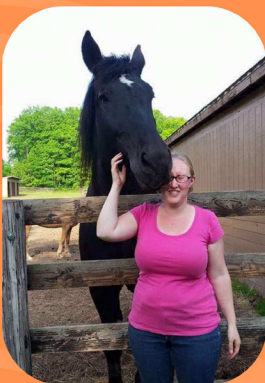


I wanted to learn more about horses and stayed because I fell in love with them!

***Jim, volunteer for 5.5 years***

I first started volunteering in 2001 back in South Lyon - and my love of horses drew me to Horses' Haven. I bonded with some very special horses and made friendships I have to this day. I took a 13 year break when I had my children and came back more than 6 years ago when I desperately needed horses back in my life. Once again, special horses and special people and a soul deep belief in our mission have kept me here!

***Kristy, volunteer for 6+ years***



A particular horse that I fell in love with while visiting is what made me start. I stay for the horses, the knowledge I gain, and the opportunity to be around like-minded (horse crazy) people.

***Carrie, volunteer for 8.5 years***





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## *We Need Your Support!*

Our operating expenses, which include direct care and overhead costs, amount to over \$500 per month per horse. The cost to take in a new horse, including vetting and dental, is \$422 per horse. **If you can help, please use the envelope in this newsletter to donate by check or credit card. You can also scan the QR code below to donate. Thank you!**

## *Ways to Help!*

- Publicly traded stock donations, mutual fund shares that have appreciated or Required Minimum Distributions, which when made directly from your IRA to Horses' Haven do not represent taxable income to you!
- Set up Kroger Card Community Rewards (Organization #82601).
- Use goodsearch.org as your search engine (Type Horses' Haven in the "Getting Started" box).
- Send us your Tribute Feed POPs.

*Scan to Donate*

