

# HORSES' HAVEN HIGHLIGHTS

## Adoptable All-Stars

*Help us find their Forever Homes!*



**Ozzy** A handsome 8 year old bay Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred cross gelding, Ozzy is currently sticking at roughly 17hh and still growing! He is very smart and already excels at showmanship. Ozzy had a rough start under saddle, but now has a solid foundation in walk trot hunt seat and is well into starting canter work. Ozzy needs an advanced rider that is going to be very patient with him. With his long legs and stride, he has huge dressage potential.



**Lucas** A 17 year old Trakehner/Thoroughbred bay gelding. Lucas is our dressage star. He has been shown through first level at schooling shows with his previous owner. This boy moves effortlessly off your leg and is more than happy to leg yield and half pass all day! Lucas can be ridden by a fairly beginner rider at walk trot, but does have a strong canter.



**Covergirl (Left)** A 17 year old (approximately) bay Morgan Quarter Horse cross mare. This stout 15 hh, muscular girl is broke for trails and basic western riding. CG is a very confident little horse with a good head on her shoulders. We were told she was a trail horse with her previous owner, but she has not been out of the arena in a few years. Covergirl is an easy keeper and has great potential for a husband horse!

**Piper (Right)** A 7 year old Pinto pony. This little girl is well known as our precious "pinto bean". She has a heart of gold and loves attention from everyone. Piper is becoming very solid under saddle at a walk and trot, and has just learned to canter under saddle this summer. She lunges beautifully and knows her job. With her solid mind, this little girl has potential to make a great short stirrup mount or kids pony with finishing.

### What is Horses' Haven?

Founded in 1995 by Barbara Baker, Horses' Haven is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Howell, MI. At Horses' Haven we:

- Rescue
- Rehabilitate
- Re-home

and provide life-long sanctuary for horses, ponies, donkeys, and other large animals.

We care for animals who are aged, abused, unwanted, neglected, or whose owners can no longer afford to keep them.



## JOHNNY'S JOURNEY BY SHELBY JOHNS

A chestnut Quarter Horse colt was stuck in a stall malnourished, neglected and left to die. After closer inspection we found two infected wounds and what appeared to be evidence of abuse with cattle prods. Not a great start for someone as special as Johnny. What that barn didn't know was that behind his small, weak stature was an incredibly smart, brave, and goofy boy.

In April of 2013, Horses' Haven saved him from that awful past, like so many before and for years to come. He was given all the necessities he never had before: a pasture to graze on, a clean stall to enjoy, food to fill his tummy and people to help him, not harm him. It didn't take long for his future family to adore him through



sponsorship and volunteering. It was obvious how wonderful he is. After all, who can resist such gentle hazel eyes?



After many months of preparation, he finally came home to his family on July third; where he does, in fact, live happily ever after. He continues to grow both physically and mentally, but his

heart can't get any bigger. Johnny amazingly demonstrates kindness and trust, despite his grueling past. Maybe that is because he now knows one unquestionable fact, "He is not a forgotten colt stuck in a stall, he's Johnny Johns, and he is always and forever loved."

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## SILVER FINDS A COMPANION AND A FOREVER HOME BY JILL FREDRICKSON

There once was a horse named Copper who was adopted from Horses' Haven as a companion to an elderly (32!) horse named Nick. One day Copper became very sick and the prognosis was grave. Knowing that Nick would be devastated by the loss of Copper, his owners Bob and Karen contacted Horses' Haven to find a new companion for Nick to help him through his grieving process. We knew just the horse (a miniature horse in fact) for the job!

Silver was taken to comfort poor old Nick after the loss of his best friend. At first we all thought this would only be a temporary situation, especially since Silver was so loved by everyone at the farm, but it soon became obvious that Nick and Silver were meant to be together. The bond these two share is truly magical, they are inseparable!

Silver's new home is what every horse dreams of - his stall is freshly bedded every night and he gets groomed at least once a day. In the winter his barn is heated and his new dad Bob even gives him a warm towel before bed! In the summer fans give Silver and

Nick relief from the heat. There are even cameras in the barn so that they can be watched over all the time! Silver and Nick take walks together down their quiet country road to make sure they get their exercise.

It was difficult for all of us at Horses' Haven to see Silver go, but he is as happy as a horse can be with his new family; and his new family

couldn't be happier to have him! "Silver has been a blessing to all of us. With his energy, he is keeping us all young!"



## SANCTUARY FOR LADY BY DIANE NORMAN



As Horses' Haven Horse Intake Coordinator you meet all types of people in emotional situations. One such case was an owner and her beautiful horse Lady. About a year ago, I received an email from the owner asking for emergency help. The horse was 40 years of age and blind. The owner and her husband, who is in the military,

were being transferred to a military base in Florida. The conscientious owner was concerned about the wellbeing of her horse and the ability of the horse to handle the trailer ride and environmental changes at her delicate age. Rather than risking Lady's life, the owner decided to re-home her into rescue.

Lady and her owner were welcomed to Horses' Haven with open hearts and open minds. Horses' Haven already had experience with very mature horses as there was another senior horse age 43 living onsite. What better place to be than with another horse in her own age group?! Lady soon settled in to the routine at Horses' Haven and her dedicated owner continued to

come out to the farm over the next several months to further help Lady in her adjustment to her new home at Horses' Haven. Lady now has two volunteers who pay special attention to her - one works, exercises and grooms her and the other sends pictures and video every couple of weeks to the former owner so that these two special ladies, owner and horse, remain together forever in heart.

This April, Lady celebrated her 41st birthday with fellow residents and volunteers at Horses' Haven. A birthday party and yummy food was had by all. Having Lady spend her golden years at Horses' Haven has been truly rewarding and gratifying.

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## HORSES' HAVEN'S EQUINES ARE DOING SOME GUIDED LEARNING!

Horses' Haven is very excited about its new relationship with EquuSpirit Partnership (ESP)! Equine Guided Learning is becoming very popular not just in the horse community but with corporations and other organizations looking to do team building while using horses as "teachers". They teach us what their body language means and how to respect them and live with them harmoniously - much like we have to do amongst our fellow humans. Many of our horses have pasts that we sometimes know nothing about. By

allowing them to tell us their stories we can learn more about ourselves.

In exchange for allowing ESP to use our horses and facility for their clinics, they conduct clinics for our volunteers. The EGL



techniques not only help our horses, but they also help us work with them on a more organic level. It is a win-win situation for everyone involved!

We currently have two ponies, Emma and Bucky, at a local camp doing EGL work with little human campers. They love their new job!

# How you can help Horses' Haven

There are many ways you can help Horses' Haven!

- Volunteer
- Sponsor or Adopt
- Donate Wish List Items

There are even ways you can help that don't require any of your \$ or much of your time!

- Use

[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as your search engine (type "Horses Haven" in the Getting Started Box)



- Use

[www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) for your amazon shopping (select Horses Haven as your charitable organization)



- Set up your Kroger Card Community

Rewards  
(Organization # 82601)



- Post the flyer in this newsletter in your community

## Our Wish List:

Hay  
Straw & Pellet Bedding  
Rubber mats (4x6 or 5x7)  
Treated 2x6 fence board  
Treated 4x4 or 4x6 fence posts  
Round pen panels  
Pipe gates, all sizes  
Clean fill dirt and/or gravel  
Medium or heavyweight blankets  
Breakaway halters, any size  
Latex medical gloves  
Cat food  
Postage Stamps  
Plastic muck forks  
Cash donations



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