



FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH





President's Message

Blustery winds, snow flurries, cold temperatures....all introduce us into another winter here at the Ranch. We all bundle up with heavy coats, scarves, boots and hats to make our time outside doing chores a little more comfortable. Our steps are a little faster as none of us are getting any younger and we rush to get done and go inside to warm up.....until the next feeding time. That is how our days here at the Sanctuary revolve – every day – all the while wishing for Spring, both for us and for the horses, while waiting for what the winter weather has in store for us.

This year we have been blessed with so many positive things – our Matching Funds campaign netted us much-needed funds for hay to get us through the winter as well as Giving Tuesday and the Shootout, and other smaller fundraisers. Even as the prices for hay skyrocketed this fall, we have been able to find decent hay to keep our horses fat and happy. We aren't through the winter yet, but we are hoping that the donations will continue to come in and make this winter less stressful – for horses and all of us.

We are forever grateful to all of the volunteers that come out to help us – rain or shine, ice or snow – we continue this path we are on because of the people that have been so generous with their time and kind actions. We try to make every day a happy one, but we have had some sad events this year, and lost a few horses that we just could not save. Veterinarian expenses are huge, but because we take in the worst of the worst, that is to be expected.....and we will never regret that. We are here to help those unwanted horses have a chance at a better life and we will continue to help those that need help regardless of age, condition, breed, medical concerns, etc. Thanks to you for continuing to support us by donating to us, so we can do all these things to the best of our ability.

Most of our volunteers are at retirement age or older..... A kind and giving spirit knows no age restrictions and we all feel like this is our purpose in life and we are SO lucky to have made a difference.

2019 will be here before we know it and what it holds for us, we have no idea, but with support from you and the horses good health, we are truly blessed.

My mind is always going – how can I make things more efficient here, provide even more quality care to the horses? My dream would be to one day have a bigger barn in which to store hay, equipment and have bigger stalls to house horses that need to be kept in for treatment, etc. All of this is a dream to make our facility more comfortable for the horses that live here and hopefully one day it will come true.

All of us at Missouri Forget Me Not wish you the best as we end 2018 and proceed into 2019 with good health, great memories and excitement as to what the future will bring.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Board of Directors

Connie Hendrix, President

Anna Kisner Benefit Trail Ride

The family of Anna Kisner held a benefit trail ride in honor of her memory last October. Anna was 22 when she lost her life in an auto accident on November 17th, 2017. Her parents said that Anna was an avid horse rider and enthusiast since she was a very little girl. They thought the best way to honor her memory would be to donate the proceeds from Anna's 1st Memorial Benefit Trail Ride toward something that Anna loved. So they donated all the proceeds from the trail ride, nearly \$7,000 to MFMN. They said "We hope the proceeds we raised in honor of Anna will bring joy to another child's life".

Thank you, Larry and DeLana Kisner for your generous donation to MFMN in honor of your daughter's memory.



Horses Needing a Home



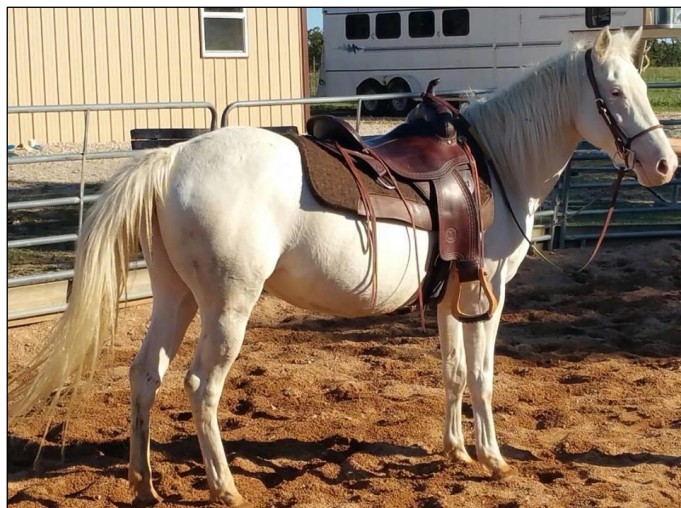
Beau is a beautiful sorrel 2 year old Quarter Horse gelding with flaxen mane and tail. He is halter broke, but he has not been ridden. If you have experience training horses, then this is the perfect horse for you! His adoption fee is \$750 to approved home.



Jiggs is a gorgeous dun gelding and he is ready to start his new life as someone's forever horse. Very friendly, halter broke, but not yet started under saddle. If you are looking for a horse that you can train to ride, then this is the horse for you! Adoption fee is \$750 to approved home.



Mia is a 3 year old sorrel gaited Grade mare. She has been well cared for at one of our foster homes since coming to us as a yearling. She just completed her training and is ready for an experienced rider. Adoption fee is \$1200 to an approved home.



Morning Star is a beautiful 19 year old cremello quarter horse mare with striking blue eyes. She stands 14.1 hands tall. She is broke to ride by an experienced rider. She is pictured on the front page of this newsletter. Her adoption fee is \$900 to an approved home.



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Horses Needing a Home *continued*



Dream is a beautiful 17 year old Palomino registered Missouri Fox Trotter gelding with flaxen mane and tail. He is a “dream” to ride. He stands 15.2 hands high. His adoption fee is \$1,200 to an approved home. We don’t often get this caliber of horse, so don’t delay!



Starlight is a beautiful 8 year old bay quarter horse cross mare with four white socks. She is 14 hands high. She is broke to ride by an experienced rider and she would benefit from some riding time. She is sound, calm and curious. She will make someone an awesome riding companion.



Choco is a 20 year old Rocky Mountain mare. She is a gentle and friendly horse. She has been ridden in the past. She came in very thin, but she continues to gain weight with the proper care. Her adoption fee is \$700 to approved home.



Sugar is a 12 year old dark liver chestnut Rocky Mountain Horse gelding. He is at the trainer where he will be broke to ride. He is in excellent health and is a sweet horse. His mother is Choco (pictured at left). The adoption fee is \$750 to an approved home.



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Recent Arrivals Needing Sponsors

These are some of the horses that we recently took into the Sanctuary. They have various issues ranging from untreated injuries and medical conditions, to malnutrition and neglect. These horses need lots of love and care. Our volunteers are dedicated to helping these horses heal both physically and mentally. Thank you for helping us care for these horses.



Playboy came to us last October with right rear lameness. He is a papered 11 year old quarter horse gelding. This is him at a recent visit to the vet. He is getting steroid injections in his foot. He has shown considerable improvement since his last visit and has a good prognosis. He will probably never be totally sound but WILL walk pain free (and run!) Just another example of what your donations provide. He could use a sponsor or foster home.



Ghost came to us a few weeks ago from a concerned citizen report. Her owner died and she and the property she was left on are in probate. Although someone was responsible for taking care of her, she was found underweight and suffering from neglect. She is 30 years old with worn down teeth, and requires special feed to eat. She is now getting lots of love and attention from the volunteers at MFMN. She could use a sponsor.



King came to us in late October, underweight and needing dental work. He is an 18 year old MFT gelding. Here he is at the vet getting his teeth fixed. He was released by law enforcement to a concerned citizen who was unable to properly care for him. So, she brought him to MFMN. It will take some time for him to regain his strength and weight. He could use a sponsor to help with his vet bills.



Ace is a 3 year old dark bay Standardbred/Friesian mare. She cannot be ridden due to a broken hip, that is now healed. She is healthy and doesn't require any special care. She is very sweet, but a little shy. She loves to be brushed and petted. She would make a great companion horse or she could use a sponsor. Wouldn't you enjoy seeing this pretty face everyday.

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2018 Adoptions

In 2018 we found forever homes for 64 of our horses with wonderful people who love horses! Below pictured from L to R is Abbey Riley riding Penny, Alexis Riley riding Lillie and Mary Riley riding Paco, Spirit adopted by Rachael Zelenak, and Vegas and Christine Britain. The Sanctuary has several more horses available for adoption, in addition to the four listed in this newsletter. So, if you don't see the horse that you are looking for, please give Connie a call at 573-216-3838 and arrange a time when you can come out and see the horses that are available. You can also check out our website at - www.missouriforgetmenot.org for more information about adoption requirements and a copy of the adoption application form.



#GIVING TUESDAY

We want to express our gratitude to all of you who helped us by donating \$10,823 on #GivingTuesday. Thanks to you, we were able to exceed our goal and raise enough money to help offset the increased cost of hay this season, due to the drought. This fundraiser was a lifesaver for us, and we can't thank you enough for your generosity!

If you are receiving a printed copy of this newsletter in the mail, please go to our website and subscribe to our newsletter with your email address. This helps reduce our printing and mailing costs. Thank you.

Thank You Volunteers!

Pictured below is a group of our volunteers with Mindi Sales, our Volunteer Coordinator. We have been blessed with a great group of people who love horses, and enjoy helping us feed them, clean stalls, and whatever else needs to be done. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our Horse Sanctuary. We could never raise enough money to pay these people for all of the hours that they spend in all kinds of weather, every day of the week. There is so much love and comradery among our volunteers. They are all focused on doing everything they can to help save horses from suffering and neglect. We thank all of them from the bottom of our hearts. For more information about volunteering, please go to our website at www.missouriforgetmenot.org/volunteer or call or text Connie at 573-216-3838.



Feed a Horse Program

Starved, abandoned and neglected horses need your help. The horse pictured below is Gypsy. It's hard to believe that when she arrived at the sanctuary she looked like the picture on the left. Gypsy is a very lucky horse. After her rehabilitation, she was adopted by a wonderful family.

Seeing results like this is what keeps us doing what we do! With your support and donations, we save horses from starving, rehabilitate them, then find a loving home for them. Currently, the cost of rehabilitating a horse is approximately \$200 per month. This does not include any vet costs that may be needed. These horses need your help so that they can live out their natural lives. Please make a TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation today. Get involved! Ask your friends, family, co-workers and others to help raise money to **feed the horses!**



I would like to make a donation of:

- ☐ \$75 one time donation to pay for a bale of hay.
- ☐ \$150 per month to sponsor a horse, recurring donation.
- ☐ \$200 to help cover the cost of a veterinary visit.
- ☐ \$800 to provide 4 months of rehabilitation.
- ☐ \$_____ any one time donation is gladly accepted.

Make check payable & mail to:

MFMN Horse Rescue and Sanctuary
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Or donate online at:

www.MissouriForgetMeNot.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

And don't forget - Your donation is tax deductible!
THANK YOU!



Halloween Fundraiser



Jessica Brookshire presents donation to Connie Hendrix from Halloween Fundraiser party.

For the last two years, the Brookshire family has had a Halloween Party to raise money for a charity. Kids mostly attend the party, although parents are welcome to stay. So, the kids at the party are the ones donating and learning about the different charities in need. This year Jessica learned about the work that MFMN does to shelter unwanted and neglected horses. She checked out the MFMN website and followed the MFMN Facebook page. Jessica said she picked MFMN because she loved how the rescue takes in any horse, no matter age or condition, and gives these horses a better life. She loves how the volunteers take care of the horses with love, and that the horses have a forever home now. Jessica knew the money would go directly for the care of the horses, and she was excited to help.

Jessica came to the rescue with her mom, Laura and her friend, Molly and Molly's mom Natasha to donate the fundraiser money to Connie Hendrix, President of MFMN. She and her friends raised nearly \$400 for the horses. They all spent the day volunteering at the Rescue, which of course meant loving on horses too! Now several of Jessica's friends want to come and check out the Rescue and volunteer.

Thank you Jessica for your amazingly kind heart and for encouraging other young people to give back by hosting the Halloween Fundraiser party for the horses at MFMN.



SCOTT'S CONCRETE Scott and Jane Martin

Q. How do I find a reputable concrete contractor?

A. Call Us! We started in the Lake area over 60 years ago and we know almost everyone. We work with contractors on a daily basis and we would be happy to recommend someone who will make an appointment, show up and give you a free estimate.

Q. Why choose concrete over asphalt?

A. Concrete costs have remained stable, while asphalt petroleum is unstable, making concrete inch for inch competitive with asphalt. Concrete provides up to 30 years of minimal maintenance, compared to frequent patching, resealing and painting of asphalt. Concrete is brighter and more reflective, providing enhanced safety for drivers and pedestrians. Fewer light standards are required, reducing initial costs and ongoing energy costs. Environmentally friendly concrete is nonpetroleum and won't be "tracked" into your home or business on a hot summer day. There is no toxic runoff, and on average it is 18 degrees cooler!

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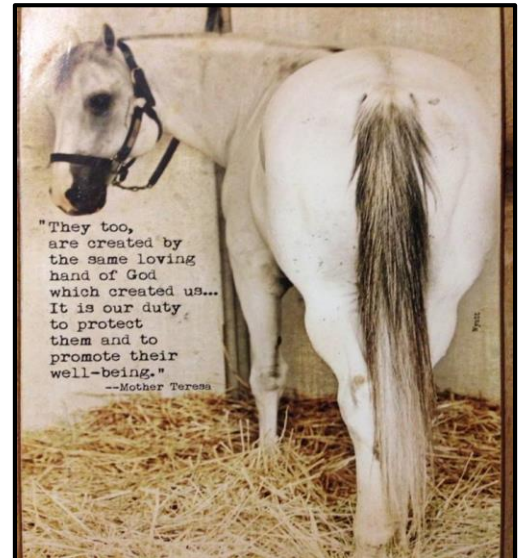
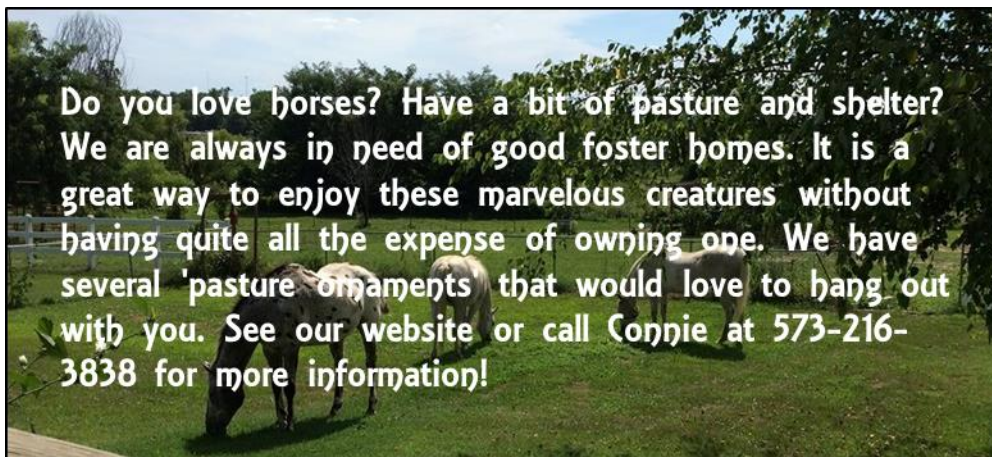


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Our Mission

is to provide aid and sanctuary to abused, neglected, abandoned or donated horses that come to us in need. Work with law enforcement and other agencies in their efforts to rectify situations in which horses are in peril. Provide horses in our Sanctuary with needed medical care, proper nutrition and a health plan to restore them physically and mentally for a new life. Continue educational and fundraising efforts to both help us support our rescue efforts and to promote awareness of issues involving neglect and abuse in our area.



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