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2018 Spring Newsletter

Rosie & Friends

Our Lancaster Humane agent got a complaint about three ponies being kept in a barn with no access to the outdoors and very infrequent care by the owner. Unsanitary conditions, lack of foot care, and poor body condition were the concerns of the complainant. Arriving at the barn it was clear that the complaints were legitimate. A bay pony was emaciated and had very long feet. A mini Appaloosa stallion was in good body condition, but his feet were 12 inches long. A chestnut pony stallion was thin. All were standing in stalls that had not been cleaned in recent history. The ponies were in a rented barn and the property owner invited LAPS in as he was worried about the ponies' welfare.

While our agent was there the animals' owner showed up and surrendered the ponies to LAPS. They were immediately taken to the farm for exams and rehab. Little Rosie was in the worst condition. Her body condition was judged to be a 1 out of 9 on the Henneke scale. She was also found to have a serious heart murmur and was put on medication. Checkers, the tiny Appy stallion, had his excess hoof removed by expert farrier Pat Riley. Rascal, the chestnut stallion, was in poor body condition and was also found to have a heart condition. His condition was so severe we were advised that he could drop dead at any time and should not ever be put up for adoption.

LAPS filed cruelty charges against the owner of the ponies. Charges were for failure to provide necessary food, failure to provide veterinary care, and for unsanitary conditions. We also planned to ask for restitution for the cost of rehabbing all of the ponies. Each animal we take in can cost thousands of dollars to rehabilitate. They all need an initial exam to determine problems, blood work, a fecal exam, vaccinations, worming, dental work, and hoof care. Many animals have had little handling and must be sedated for procedures. When a stallion come in it needs to be gelded. On top of that is the normal cost of keeping a horse; feed, hay, and bedding.



All of the ponies quickly looked much better and had their day in court. Expert testimony by our officer, farrier, and veterinarian, and photos of the condition of the ponies and their living quarters convinced the judge that animal cruelty had occurred and the owner was found guilty. We were also awarded restitution, but have yet to receive any payments.

With the case results finalized it was now time to decide on the future of the ponies. Checkers needed to be gelded, but otherwise was ready for adoption. Rosie's body condition had changed dramatically, but the best news came when she was asked to come to New Bolton Center to be part of a teaching experience for vet students on equine heart problems. When they listened to her heart the murmur had disappeared! Instead of being used as an example of a horse with a heart ailment, she was used to show what a normal heart sounds like. She was sent home with instructions to stop taking her heart medication. The explanation for her recovery? Rosie was so emaciated that her body was breaking down her own muscle to survive. Since the heart is a muscle, it too was being used as food. Good nutrition allowed the heart to heal. Rosie is a special girl and we (continued on page 2)



LAPS Annual Horse Show

Please add the date for our annual horse show to your calendar. This year it will be held on October 27th, rain date October 28th. As in previous years it will be held at Vince Duran Stables. There are classes for all levels of horses and riders. Start planning you Halloween costume; maybe you and your horse will be the winner.

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have decided to keep her at the farm. Unfortunately Rascal's heart problem was not something that could be fixed. An 18 year old stallion with a bad heart and some behavioral issues is not an adoptable animal. The decision was made to have him humanely euthanized. We are happy that we at least provided him with a home with plenty of access to the outdoors for the last few months of his life.

As of the printing of this newsletter Checkers is still available for adoption. He is very sweet and quiet. There must be someone out there who can open their heart and barn to this boy with a checkered past!

Big Donkeys, Big Problems

As per our name, LAPS responds to complaints about cruelty to large animals. We cannot possibly have expertise with all the species we deal with; horses, dairy & beef cattle, donkeys, mules, pigs, sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas & once even a camel! We do the best that we can & we are not afraid to ask for help from the experts. Rehoming some of these more unusual species is not easy. Thankfully we have been able to find organizations for whom these odd animals are their



special niche. Farm Sanctuary, Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue, Poplar Springs Animal Sanctuary & Tree Tops Animal Rescue have all helped us.

A group of mammoth donkeys proved to be a real challenge for us. The big donkeys were originally surrendered to a Lancaster County humane organization & somehow in a weak moment we agreed to take them in. The jacks were not gelded & some of the jennets were pregnant.

We were lucky to meet Kathy Brewer, a farrier who had over 40 years of horse experience & was ready for a new challenge. She adopted a jennet, Ruthie, and Jay, a gelding. It turned out that Ruthie was pregnant so Kathy ended up with a third donkey, Watkins. Ruthie had lots of hoof problems, but Jay was sound & Kathy trained him under saddle.



Three other donkeys, Tammy, Clyde & Levi, were adopted by a couple in York Co. Tammy was pregnant & gave birth to Trooper. The couple got another donkey, Marshall from another source.

Many years later we were asked to take back the group of donkeys and Marshall. As our policy is that all our adoptees must be returned to us we picked all of them up & took them to the LAPS farm. Their hooves were in very bad condition & Pat Riley from New Bolton Center agreed to work on them even after finding that their behavior made the job extremely difficult. The donkeys were very friendly, but very tough to handle. We knew they were going to need a special adopter. We put a call in to Little Longears Miniature Donkey Rescue in Westminster MD. Thankfully they were not particular about the miniature reference in their name & agreed to take Trooper, Marshall & Levi. That left us with Tammy & Clyde, the oldest donkeys of the herd.



Kathy continued to keep in touch with us about her success with her donkeys & always asked about the condition of Tammy & Clyde. Eventually she offered to adopt Tammy & we gladly accepted. Little Longears also was successful with the 3 boys.

All were started in training under saddle.

Clyde remained at LAPS & proved to be a good companion for incoming rescues. He even befriended our little Jersey calf, Cody. He had seemed stiff & sore, but gradually he started moving around more easily. We felt he was healthy enough to be adopted, but again knew he needed to go to someone with extensive donkey experience. Little Longears once

again came to the rescue & added him to the herd, reuniting him with his old pals. They also recently took in a donkey & pony mule that had been surrendered to us with severely overgrown feet.

We are so grateful to Valerie Lowe & Cheryl Pokorny, the women behind Little Longears Miniature Donkey Rescue, & Kathy Brewer. We admire their dedication to helping donkeys of all sizes & educating the public about the special needs of donkeys and how they are different from horses. Seeing previously unruly and unhealthy donkeys being ridden is a dream come true for the LAPS organization.



Show Your Support

LAPS can enforce the animal cruelty laws only with the help of people like you. Funding is solely from public donations. We are a Non-Profit 501(c)3 & your donations are tax deductible.

Financial donations are always welcome, but there are other ways to help. Give us a call with your ideas.

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Help us fulfill our mission by adopting a rehabbed animal. These “diamonds in the rough” are full of potential. We occasionally need foster homes. Call us for details if you have room for in your barn & your heart.

Volunteers can help in many ways. If you seriously want to get involved with animal welfare find out about becoming a Humane Officer. You may enjoy barn work, but we also need help with fund raising, grounds maintenance, equipment maintenance, office work.... Volunteer your talents!

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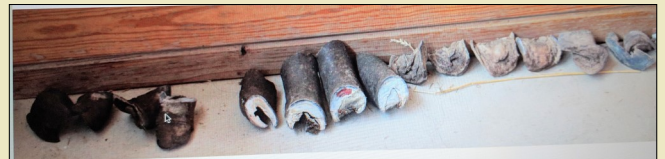
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Lots of Long Feet

If last year was the year of the cow at LAPS, this year can only be described as the year of the hoof. Actually, hooves, many sets and all very long. Eight sets of hooves came to us from one place. An older couple who had rescued minis for years became unable to care for them and they were surrendered to LAPS.



As you can see from the photos, serious hoof work needed to be done to make these minis look normal. Pat Riley from New Bolton Center was already a regular at the farm caring for the mammoth donkeys,



Rosie and Checkers. Now the new animals were added to his list. The feet were so long a power saw was used to cut off pieces; some up to 8 inches in length! Other than long feet, the minis were in good condition. Dental work was done by Duncan Equine Dental Services, LLC as a contribution to LAPS and they were all vaccinated by NBC. As of this printing, they are all ready for adoption. You can see photos and descriptions on the Facebook page and our website. They are all very friendly and looking for a real home of their own.



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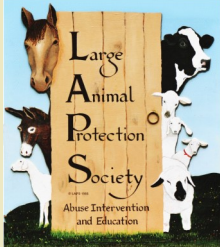
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