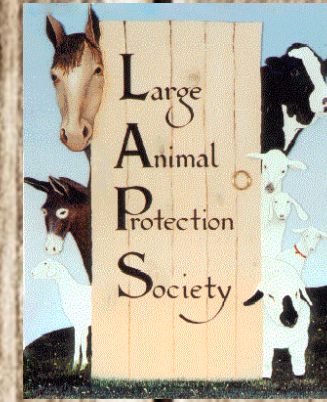


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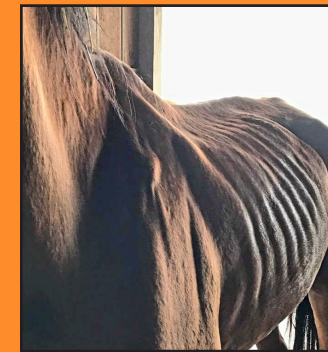
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2021 Fall Newsletter

OUR INVINCIBLE EMMIE

In May of 2020 LAPS got an email from a worried good Samaritan. From her workplace she could see a pasture and was becoming alarmed at the deteriorating condition of one of the horses inside it. Among the other horses was a mare with an older foal at her side. The foal looked fine, but his mother's body condition had become so poor that she could aptly be described as a "bag of bones". There was no shelter in the field and water appeared to be scarce.



Our humane officer visited the farm and found the mare to have a body condition score of about 2, definitely a bag of bones! She also was lame with a grossly swollen hind leg. The farmer was not in the least bit cooperative.

He refused to recognize our Humane Police Officer's authority and ignored the notice of violation she gave him ordering the mare to be examined by a veterinarian.

After allowing the farmer a week to get vet care as spelled out in the notice of violation our officer returned to the farm to find conditions unchanged. Deciding that more back up authority might mean more cooperation she once again went to the farm, but brought a state police officer with her. The state police officer fully agreed that the mare needed attention. With both officers insisting that a vet must be called immediately the still belligerent farmer finally gave in and Dr. Rule from New Bolton Center came out to assess the mare.

Dr. Rule found her to have a body condition score of 2 and badly lame with a scarred and swollen hind leg. She told the farmer that in this condition the mare could not be worked at all and gave him care instructions to improve her weight.



Several days later our good Samaritan was back in contact. The farmer had the mare hooked to a disc, his wife was astride her and he was whipping her to move forward! Our officer went out immediately and observed the scene. At this point the farmer was now on the mare with the wife handling the reins.

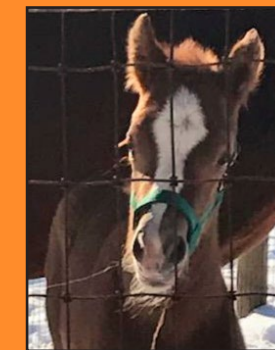
Acting quickly our officer got a search warrant and seized the mare from the protesting farmer. At the LAPS farm the mare got a thorough veterinary exam and we discovered that besides the obvious emaciation and leg injury she was about two months pregnant!

The mare, now named Emmie, began her rehabilitation at the LAPS farm. We were very grateful of the offer by a breeding farm owner who has fostered many horses for LAPS to have Emmie come to her farm to have her foal. She would stay with LAPS until she looked close to foaling.

Emmie gained weight after being wormed, having her teeth floated and eating a good diet. She is a friendly horse and easy to handle. As with many rescues she seems to appreciate all that has been done for her.

With her due date approaching we kept a close eye on her for signs of an imminent birth, but nature sometimes outsmarts us. On

February 20, 2021 our caretaker went out for the morning feeding and found a beautiful chestnut colt with a big white blaze at Emmie's side. Both were healthy and we transferred them the next day to the foster farm. Emmie and Redford stayed with their foster family until Redford was weaned and gelded. Now Emmie is back with LAPS looking for a forever home to retire to. Redford is at another foster home and growing to be a big handsome boy. He will also be available for adoption at some point.



LAPS met with Emmie's former owners, supposedly 10 of them, to discuss the seriousness of the cruelty charges. After seeing all of the photographic evidence of Emmie's misuse, photos of her body condition and the veterinary exam findings they agreed to give up ownership of Emmie. Needless to say the farm is still under a close watch for any further problems.



Emmie is happy to be on permanent vacation after the tough life she has led and we are happy to give it to her. We admire her invincible spirit that got her through a time of starvation and cruel mishandling. She is an inspiration to all of us in this time of the pandemic. What would make us really happy would be to find her an adopter. That would give us more room and finances to help the next "Emmie" in need.

DEDICATIONS 2021

In Honor of:

- Janice Crozier
- Senator Andy Dinniman by S.A.V.E.
- Scott Sensenig LAPS Volunteer, by Joan Galloway
- My farrier, Desmond Hewitt, by Shawn McCarren
- LAPS' work, a holiday gift for my sister Jaret Nason, Havertown, PA
- LAPS to help in continuing your wonderful work, Brandywine Valley Chapter PHA
- Peg Bader, my mother-in-law, by Joanne Harris
- Lois Smith & Cindy Vollers, Charming Creek Farm, Robesonia, PA for their care of my horse, Nate, by Ann Williams
- Dr. Richard Close in honor of his retirement, by Bryan & Kyna Williams
- Our granddaughter Emily Karreman's 19th birthday, by George & Pat Zimmerman

In Loving Memory of:

- Spirit, pony companion to Shatzee for 16 yrs., by Margaret Ryan.
- Boomer, Hoppy, Jose' + 5, by L. Hickman.
- Barry Talley-Husband & pets, by Helen Talley.
- Our Daughter, Maryanne & her horse, Lady, by Patricia Boyle.
- Suzu Q, Mary Everhart's horse, by Beverly Barnett.
- Velvet-Sweetheart family pony, by Margaret (Peggy) Smith.
- Our cat, Jangles, by Priscille Dolor.
- Annie, a nice Rocky Mt. Horse & Tigger & Zebra, two good barn cats, by Kathy Blough.
- My Corgis, Arlo & Eddie, by Judy Forchielli.
- Major, Best horse ever! Always the same no matter what, Born 9/11/1995 - 6/12/2020, by Glenn & Cheryl Sweeney.
- Ollie & Tom, my dog & cat, by Nancy Plourde.
- Sunny, Adventurous Trail Horse.
- Deborah Browning Bruns, My beloved sister.
- My past horses, Angie, Nell, Alice & DJ, by Barbara Bird.
- Beth's pup, McGregor, who brought us much joy, by Joan & Jeff Gatter.
- Ralph & Lukie, by Mary Hunt Davis.
- Sal, by Ashley Hooper.
- Rayne, Hackney Pony by Donna Santora.
- Barney, by Lillian Danziger.
- Marjory Fair Read "Bodgie", by John & Lea Reynolds.

FORGOTTEN FRED

Our Humane Police Officer responded to a call about a horse that had been laying down in a field all day. Hoping it was not serious she called to the horse from outside the pasture, but the horse took no notice.

Our officer went onto the property to speak with the horse's owner. The farmer agreed to get the horse to stand, but wanted the officer to stay outside the pasture. Insisting that she needed to get a closer look at the horse he reluctantly let her in and she discovered what he was trying to hide. The horse stood up with difficulty. He was in terrible body condition; a 1.5 on the Hennecke Scale. A 1 is the bottom of the scale with death imminent. Equally as bad as the extreme emaciation was the condition of the horse's feet. Words cannot describe the grotesque growths and the curling mess that did not remotely resemble normal horse hooves. He also had thick pus draining from the coronary band of his left front leg.

The farmer said he was not going to get vet care for the horse. Obviously, his lack of a plan would result in a slow and painful death for the horse. Thankfully he did agree to sign ownership of the horse over to LAPS so we could begin to help him. Newly named Fred was carefully

trailed to the LAPS farm. The big question was could he be saved. Maybe euthanasia was the best option.

Fred received a veterinary exam. The strange growths were diagnosed as canker, the extreme extent of which none of the veterinary team had ever seen before. He also had a swelling in his cheek; probably from a fractured tooth. There was a large granulation tissue bed over his left stifle; probably from being on the ground for so long. Added to that was the severity of his body condition. While being examined, Fred constantly treaded on all four feet indicating discomfort.

Despite all of this Fred was happily eating and drinking. We couldn't give up on him yet and the vets agreed.

Fred was given pain medication and antibiotics. He got all the hay he could eat and his grain intake was increased gradually. He was scheduled to have his funky feet treated by Pat Riley, New Bolton Center's resident farrier. If Fred could be rehabilitated it would be a long, slow and expensive process. We shared Fred's predicament on Facebook. So many followers expressed outrage and asked how to help Fred, that a fund was set up to help pay for his expenses. Several thousand dollars was raised and we thank all of you for your support.

Fred went to New Bolton Center for his appointment with Pat Riley.

Mr. Riley had to use a Sawzall to trim his feet. While under sedation for the trim Fred also had radiographs taken of his feet. Although difficult to read because of the excess hoof it was thankfully decided that Fred's condition did not warrant euthanasia, our continuing fear.

Fred needed a more thorough trim of his feet, but to do that he needed to be under general anesthesia. For this he needed his body condition to be more stable. The trim was planned for a few weeks later to give Fred time to gain weight.

The time came for Fred's appointment at New Bolton Center. He had continued to enthusiastically eat and his body condition had improved, but he was showing more discomfort in his feet despite continued pain medication. When he refused to get on the trailer for his farrier appointment the vets from New Bolton Field Service came out to examine him. A very hard decision was made that Fred's condition was too severe to be overcome. Fred was euthanized.

It was the right decision. It was found that Fred's right hind foot had a full thickness hoof capsule crack.

All of this because a farmer couldn't be bothered to get vet care as a problem developed or kept his horse in drier conditions to prevent it from happening at all. Fred deserved better. He worked for the farmer until he couldn't walk. Unable to walk he was left to fend for himself in a pasture. If LAPS had not been called he would have died from lack of food and water; all while being in extreme pain because of his feet.

This is cruelty. This is why everyone that volunteers with LAPS is willing to go out to a call, to see the worst that man can do to an animal and to fix it!

Fred may be gone, but not forgotten. His owner will be charged with neglect and failure to provide necessary food, water and veterinary care.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LARGE/FARM ANIMALS ONLY

Large Animal Protection Society: For lack of shelter, food, water or veterinary care **610-869-9880** leave message on service with required information Chester & Lancaster only

PA Animal Response Team - PA-SART: for large/farm animals in extreme situations (caste, road accident, flooding, down in field, swimming pool) (717) 651-2736

Lancaster County Emergency Response Team - CART: For large/farm animals in extreme situations in LANCASTER COUNTY ONLY (caste, road accident, flooding, down in field, swimming pool) **CALL 911 and ask for CART**

Equine Rescue Ambulance Fair Hill Division, 443-553-6184

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

*Fund Raising
Help with Grant Applications*

*Donate Hay, Feed, or Straw
Office Supplies Needed*

Help us fulfill our mission by adopting a rehabilitated animal. These "diamonds in the rough" are full of potential. We occasionally need foster homes. Call us for details if you have room in your barn and in 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, etc, ... Volunteer your talents!

Help fulfill our mission by adopting rehabilitated animals. To make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to LAPS at PO Box 243, West Grove, PA 19390

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First and Last Name: _____

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I would like a donation made (check one if applicable) \$50.00

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(Person/Pet's name) (Brief description; Beloved Aunt, horse)

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LAPS Events

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

— November 6 —

Blanket Your Horse Sale

9 AM TO 1 PM

29 Keller Road, Cochranville, PA 19330

CASH & CARRY

First Come First Served

*Clean used winter blankets \$50.00,
Sheets/coolers \$25.00 Many assorted
colors styles & BRANDS.*

*Buckets of various colors and sizes
\$5.00, Brushes/Curries \$1.00*

*Pitch Forks & Rake, Western & English
Tack/Saddles*

Make an offer

— May 29, 2022 —

**Ride through
Runnymede**



IT'S RAINING MARES...

Rosebud: Adopted September 2020, owner surrender/homeless flea bit QH mare. Rehabilitated and adopted as a babysitter

Belle: Currently Available, owner deceased/homeless, Registered QH pretty blood bay mare, with no education or job, this lawn ornament prefers hanging in a stall than ring work.

Emmie: Found to be in foal, foaling in a Foster Home. Adoption available Spring 2021. Seizure by warrant. Starvation and lack of veterinary care. Morgan/Standard bred cross found to in foal. Adoption for both after weaning.

