EVER AFTER MUSTANG RESCUE SPRING 2021 - NEWSLETTER

Welcome to all our supporters and followers.

March is the month of St. Patrick Day celebrations, as well as being the gateway to spring. In spite of an unusual winter, everyone (horse and human) remained well. We hope you did too. We cannot bid

farewell to winter just yet, but we are seeing early signs of impending spring: horses shedding winter coats and daffodils peeking above ground on March 1^{st} . All a positive reminder of warmer weather and renewal of spirit.



Personally, we have all had to make sacrifices in the past year: Changes in daily life, lifestyle, socialization and so much more. EAMR did, too! All in person events and fundraisers were canceled and our doors were closed to the public. Fortunately, all of our volunteers continued to come and provide quality care to the resident horses. With their diligence to social distancing and Covid protocols, everyone remained healthy and well. For this, we are extremely grateful. EAMR relies heavily on these volunteers and



Happy St. Patrick's Day

values and appreciates their dedication, reliability and cheerful attitudes. We are truly blessed to receive their gifts. Special thanks to these special people.

The University of New England is our backyard neighbor and we benefit from their students who join us as volunteers or as Interns earning course credits.

This semester we welcomed back Miranda, a senior majoring in Animal Behavior, who came as a volunteer in 2019, an Intern for a semester in 2020 then again, as a volunteer up to the present. Miranda plans on starting her own equine therapeutic program and will adopt Paiute to become part of this program.



Elizabeth, an Animal Behavior major, is a new volunteer this semester and has become an important part of our work. Her research on equine recognition and feeding programs has been very informative. Elizabeth adds: "I began volunteering at EAMR to explore different fields of work relating to one of my majors. I have grown to really enjoy my time here because of the fast-paced and constantly changing environment, as well as the consistent and educational encounters I get with the mustangs each time I come to the Rescue."

Calista joins us as an Intern, earning course credits while learning about our work. She will assist us in all areas of horse care and understanding the needs of former wild horses in a domestic setting.

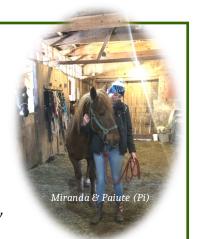


We relish in the memory of the many visitors we welcomed, prior to Covid and the many friends we have made. It is no less heartwarming when we greet longtime friends. We have watched the girls grow and are always pleased to see them



Left to Right: Violet, Sydney & Rachel

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A "New Barn" Update: A Work in Progress

Yes, we are back to work with renewed enthusiasm.

Our initial start was to offer recognition to those who donated \$35.00 for a square foot of the new building. However, less than \$30,000.00 was raised so we shifted to other fundraising avenues. Let me say, we will

recognize these donors, per our promise, as the foundation of this project.

It all began in 2013. Over the following years faithful supporters, who realized our need and shared our vision, donated to help this become a reality. We have greatly benefited from both specified monthly amounts and one-time, larger donations. This year we received an unsolicited gift of \$35,000.00 toward the new barn from the Arnold S. and Madaleine Penner Family Foundation. There are no words to express our gratitude for this boost to our campaign and to our morale. A huge thank you to this foundation! With your help, WE WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN.

The horses need a dry, comfortable and safe space to call home. We need space to handle, train and help move these horses forward. With your help, THIS IS POSSIBLE!

How can you help?

Spread the word: Share this newsletter with 5 friends. Make a donation, however small, and ask 5 friends to match it. Share your ideas for fundraisers.

Support our fundraisers and share them on your social media accounts. Start your own fundraiser to benefit EAMR.

Who do you know that supports our mission and goals? Tell them about us!

Let's raise that temp! Let's build that barn!

\$400,000 \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$175,000 \$150,000 \$100,000 \$50,000

THUNDER, in training for his lifetime home: Thunder is an 8-year old gelding, standing 15 hands, with a rugged build. He has a gentle nature and great ground manners. Thunder has been started under saddle with Sherrye Trafton and will soon be ready for placement. Considered adopters are experienced, have availability to a trainer and the time to work with a "green" horse. If you are that person, contact us.



Behind the Scenes

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give so much heart and energy to make this a safe
haven and loving place for America's forsaken
wild horses. You make a difference.
God bless you all.

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