

What's New @SHEW

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Greetings Everyone!

We are so excited to be launching our first quarterly SHEW newsletter! Not only will we be bringing you up to date with all the latest news at the farm, updates on the horses, upcoming events, volunteer needs and exclusive photos, but we'll bring you SHEW from the perspective of our volunteers and interns throughout the year.

As we're all about education, each issue will contain an educational article. We'll look at where legislation concerning equine welfare is and how you can help. Here's a great way for our letter writers and phone warriors to join the mission in a most impactful way!

Are you stoked yet? Me too!

Let me start by telling you a little about us.

SHEW has saved over 50 horses from certain death! Most horses will go through our quarantine protocol, then come to the main farm to finish their rehabilitation, go through training and then off to a new forever home.



Photo:

Lil Bit with his new adopter Jennifer Lupkin. Adopted March 2022

Did you know?

Behind the scenes we also have a hearty network of foster homes that we call on to take horses in directly when people in need call us pleading for help and we are at capacity. Some of these horses become fosters, meaning technically SHEW owns them, which provides that horse with a life-time safety net. Others are placed in our SHEW guardianship program.

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Our Guardianship Program is for horses that aren't in imminent danger at the time but are changing hands due to owner crisis or hardship into a foster home within our network. While SHEW doesn't own guardianship horses directly, we have agreed to put those horses in our safety net and take possession or intervene however needed if quality care can no longer be provided for them. These 3 tiers of care create a unique way for SHEW to help many more horses than those you'll see at the farm.

WHAT ABOUT THE HUMANS?

On the human side of things, we continue to build our diverse volunteer village with volunteers from 7-yrs old to 70. Whether horse savvy or just wanting to help in some way, we have a niche for everyone! I personally feel absolutely blessed to have the volunteers we have. These folks are the backbone of the organization and we couldn't do it without them!

Speaking of volunteers, did you know that one of the most unique things about SHEW is that we are ALL volunteers? No one gets a salary including myself!

We are all here for the love of the horses and the mission. If you're a current volunteer, "Thank you"!

If you're interested in volunteering please email Info@safehavenequinewarriors.org

*Thank
you!*



Photo:
Volunteer Janet Ward helping out with a vet visit @SHEW on St.Paddy's Day.



*Photo: Josh Oslon, Marriott Ridge High School.
Volunteering with SHEW rescue DJ.*

SHEW offers community service hours for students in the surrounding areas, and we also work with the Howard County Public School system with opportunities for high schoolers with special needs.

We also offer an impactful learning experience with our internship program.

Over the years many of our interns have become veterinarians, some gone on to be the best horse trainers in the industry, others now work with animal control as equine specialists, lawyers specializing in animal welfare issues, equine assisted therapists and so many more.

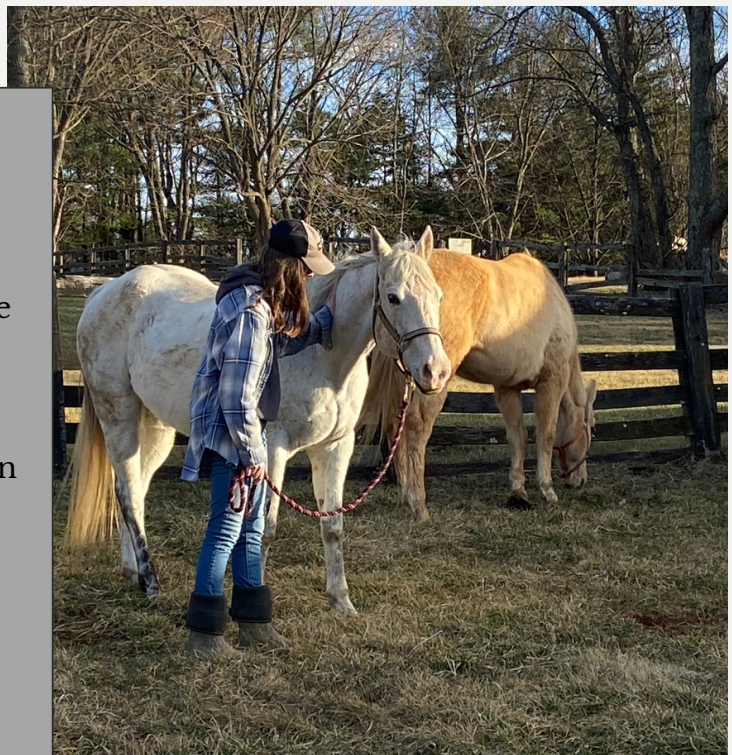
The seeds we are sowing will have a lasting impact for generations to come. If you'd like to consider an internship with us, you can find more information on our new and improved website.

Click [HERE](#) For more information on our internship programs.

Other Programs offered at SHEW:

- Seniors for Seniors
- Soul Horse
- Community Service
- Under Served Youths

Check out our new and interactive [WEBSITE](#).



*Photo: 2022 Intern Rileigh Kate
working with new SHEW rescues.*



Recently SHEW launched a Capital Campaign to purchase a larger facility close to our current location that allows us to expand the mission and the many programs that serve our community both equine and human.

We hope you'll help us with either a Capital Campaign specific donation, attending our fund-raising events such as Hoedown, Purse Bingo and Party with a Purpose, or even having your group or organization do a fundraiser for us to help us meet the financial mark that will get us to a larger facility. As you can see, we're moving and shaking and getting things done! Horses are coming in from life threatening situations such as slaughter and recovered horses are finding their perfect person and forever home.

Our volunteer team is amazing, and our board of directors are leading us strategically forward! All this would not be possible without the dedication and graciousness of our generous donors!

All our rescues and success stories are because of YOUR support.

In closing let me say THANK YOU to everyone who has helped us grow.

Lives are being saved, people educated, and the community has rallied around us in a big way!

So much more work to be done, horses to save, laws to change and people to engage. Day by day, brick by brick we're getting there.

We are now accepting donations for our Capital Campaign, click [HERE](#) to donate.

Tina



Photo: 2022 Rescue Summer Breeze with Tina Snyder

NEW RESCUES



Photo: Meet Steely Dan rescued Feb 2022

On February 20th, 2022 the SHEW team headed to the auctions with the hope of saving more lives. As a cost aware organization, we set a goal to raise \$5,000 before heading to auction. Thanks to YOU we smashed that goal and brought home to SHEW two horses in need of help!

Steely Dan is best described as untrusting, shut down and defensive. He absolutely will make it clear that he'd rather you keep your distance. If only he could tell us his story.

Summer is a big girl who while thin under her winter coat weighs around 1300 pounds. She's older with the worst hoof trim we have ever seen along with an eye infection, a healing scar on her ankle that looks like a barb wire type injury, among other cuts and scrapes and swollen back legs.

Both horses are very thin and in need of wound care.

Both are now in rehab and on the mend. Training has begun on lifting feet, wearing fly masks and so much more in preparation for adoption.



Photo : Meet Summer Breeze rescued Feb 2022

ADOPTION NEWS

LIL BIT HEADS TO HIS NEW FOREVER HOME & JOINS A CELEBRITY BROTHER!!!

Written by Raychel Harvey-Jones
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What he lacks in stature he makes up for in personality. No longer the sick undernourished mini stallion-- Lil Bit is a thriving gelding with a new celebrity brother.

Lil bit was sent through the auction to be sold as a one-year old gelding.

In reality he was a 10 week-old stud colt who was very ill, injured and orphaned.

He had Pneumonia, several abscesses in his lungs and a very badly infected eye.

Lil'Bit had been dumped at the sales barn and held in the mule barn for 3 days till the auction.

How terrifying that must have been for a tiny baby.

Lil Bit (Now called Whiskey) was adopted in late March after many months of care and love at SHEW, his new rescue mom is no strangers to rescue horses.

Jennifer adopted a horse called "Quest" from Days End Farm Horse Rescue in Woodbine MD, his story touched the nation, as the horse who had never seen daylight. Quest's story and video went viral and he was inducted into the Horse Stars Hall of Fame in 2018.

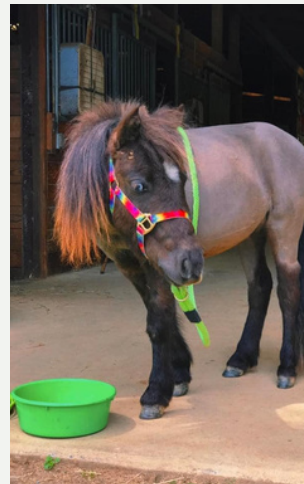
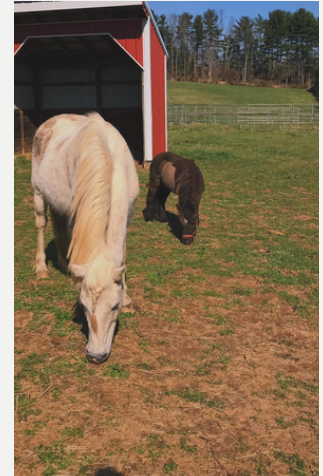


Photo: Lil Bit's Journey



Photo: Quest prior to his rescue

SHEW EDUCATION

Written By Kentucky Horseshoeing School

THRUSH

The tell-tale foul odor of thrush is something no barn owner wants on the farm. Besides the odor, thrush can also lead to chronic foot problems and lameness.

We know that this “hoof rot” is caused by bacteria commonly found in barnyards and pastures. The bacteria thrive in wet, decaying material, such as bedding and manure in dirty stalls, or in wet pens and paddocks.

If a horse's feet are frequently packed with dirt, mud or manure, the lack of air next to the frog and the constant moisture in the hoof make ideal conditions for these bacteria to flourish, rotting the frog tissue.



*Photo: SHEW Farrier Tim Ryan
Working on Lil Bit.*

In wet conditions you'll always see more incidence of thrush, adds Mitch Taylor, director of the Kentucky Horseshoeing School.

The infection affects the clefts of the frog and sometimes the sole of the foot, especially along the white line. In the early stages of thrush, there is merely a little dark coloration and grime around the frog, or dark soft spots along the white line of the sole—plus the bad odor. At this point the problem can be easily and quickly cleared up by keeping the foot cleaner and drier and by applying iodine or a thrush product daily to the affected areas to kill the bacteria.

But, if the horse lives in a muddy pen, boggy pasture or dirty stall and his feet are not cleaned, they never have a chance to dry out. In that case, the condition can slowly progress to the point of lameness as infection eats deeper into sensitive parts of the foot.

One sign of the problem is when the feet are cleaned, you notice the clefts are deeper than normal. The entire frog might be undermined, with large areas becoming loose or rotten.

If thrush is long-standing and deep, the horse will flinch when his feet are cleaned or trimmed. In severe cases, there might be a discharge from the frog and the horse will be lame, with swelling above the hoof due to infection in the foot.

PREVENTING THRUSH

Prevention is the best treatment—keep the horse in a clean environment and clean the feet often.

Riding or exercising the horse regularly is helpful; if he can get out of the wet paddock or pasture and travel on dry ground, his feet have a chance to dry out—inhibiting the onset of thrush.

It is important to keep feet properly trimmed or shod so they are healthy and pliable and don't grow too long. Horses with contracted feet often have deep clefts (grooves on each side of the frog) where dirt and mud can accumulate. Frequent foot cleaning is important to help prevent thrush. Torn or ragged pieces of frog should be trimmed away, since they provide nooks and crevices where the bacteria that cause thrush can gain a foothold. A properly trimmed frog makes the hoof's clefts more self-cleaning. As the hoof expands and contracts with each step during exercise, this action dislodges mud and debris.

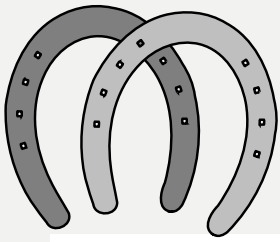
Treatment

If a horse starts to develop thrush, removing the horse from the dirty/muddy environment, along with keeping the feet clean and treating them with iodine or a thrush product, should clear up the problem. But keeping a horse on dry ground can be a challenge. It might take daily foot cleaning and care to prevent thrush.

Some horsemen and farriers use hoof hardeners such as Keratex or Venice of turpentine to dry up feet or to help harden the soles. Iodine will dry the sole, so some horsemen spread a little iodine daily over the sole and frog to help toughen and harden the sole and keep the frog disinfected. But iodine can damage the proteins in the structure of the hoof wall. It also causes excessive drying, which damages the structure and can lead to cracks.



Photo: SHEW Farrier Tim Ryan Working on Opa



Upcoming Events

2022 Hoedown for Horses

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
SAFE HAVEN EQUINE
WARRIORS HORSE
RESCUE

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022

6:00-10:00PM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!
DINNER BUFFET, DANCING,
SILENT AUCTION, DOOR PRIZES,
CASH BAR (WINE/BEER), AND
MORE!

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6680 SYKESVILLE ROAD
SYKESVILLE, MD 21784

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HOEDOWN FOR HORSES

Tickets On Sale Now!
MAY 14th, 2022

Safe Haven Equine Warriors invites you to an evening of dinner and dancing to benefit rescue horses.

Click [HERE](#) to purchase your tickets

**TICKET SALES WILL CLOSE ON
MAY 5TH**

YARD SALE

Join us at Safe Haven Farm for our annual BIG Yard Sale. Bargains, pony rides and lots more. All proceeds go directly to our rescue horses.

GET QUESTIONS?

Email our events team
Events@safehavenequinewarriors.org

All proceeds benefit rescue horses!

Safe Haven Equine Warriors is a 501(c)(3) local nonprofit that rescues horses from abuse, neglect and imminent threat of slaughter.

JUNE 4, 2022 / 9:00AM-1:00PM
12565 INDIAN HILL DRIVE
SYKESVILLE, MD 21784



Photo: Opa rescued in 2021 - now a SHEW
Education Ambassador

**Thank you for taking the time to
learn more about Safe Haven Equine
Warriors (SHEW).**

**Let us know what you would like to
see in our next Newsletter.**

Drop us a line!

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