



Horse Haven of Tennessee

Equine Advocates, Rescue & Investigations

Our mission is to advocate for, rescue, protect, and defend our God-given equine from abuse and neglect in Tennessee.

November 2008 News

Tennessee's oldest and largest equine humane organization

Good News- Blountville Case! We finally got a judgment in the Blountville case that left 20 horses in limbo since June 2007. This case included some horses with stellar pedigrees such as the grandson and great grandson of the famous Triple Crown winner "Secretariat," and the grandson of "Affirmed" the last Triple Crown winner. After they were turned over to us by the courts "Rainaway" aka Phreddie was transported to Virginia where he will live out his life at the new Virginia State Fairgrounds, the birthplace of Secretariat. We were so honored to deliver him to his new "forever" home.

Good News – Cumberland County Case! Four horses from a case in Cumberland County remained in limbo for a long time because the owner refused to claim ownership. They were finally released after a bargain was made, and we were able to place them into our adoption program.

Good News – "Jeph" This horse (pictured below) was running at large with an unattended leg wound that needed major medical help. With the support of the UT Large Animal Hospital, "Jeph" is now on the road to a full recovery, and looking for his new forever home.



"Jeph" is once again sound and looking for a forever home.

Lawsuit - With all the good Horse Haven has done over the past nine years, it was sad and frustrating when someone decided to sue us this year for the work we do. It started when we were called on by the State to provide shelter and care for five horses from a case in McMinn County. The owner was found not guilty by a jury of his peers and defended himself by stating "I didn't know and I love my horses." We were told by the State not to return the animals to the owner until the judge made her final ruling (which happened many months later.) When the judge finally decided to release the animals back to the owner, she gave him 20 days to pick them up. These animals he professed to "love" in court were finally picked up from our facility after the 19th day. Horse Haven received no compensation for the 15 months of care we provided these animals. Instead, we were sued for allegedly taking the defendant's animals wrongfully and to date, we have accumulated \$2,600 in legal expenses. It's such a shame we must defend ourselves for the services we provide, especially when we provide these services for free.

Hay - With the 2007 drought behind us, hay was not as hard to come by this year, but the price remains four times higher than 2006. Experts say we will never see those lower prices again. With winter quickly approaching we have put up our winter hay supply, so we know we can feed our residents through the winter.

Horse Haven has cared for more than 250 animals since 1999.

The Need for Your Support - Caring for a horse is expensive. Even though we receive some donated or discounted services, we must still pay for farrier care, vet care, medicines, special feed, and more for the animals we are responsible for. Gas prices have caused hay and feed prices to skyrocket and have put our budget into a tailspin. Between paying more for hay and fuel, and unexpected legal fees, we have depleted funds needed to run daily operations. We need our supporters now more than ever before.

