

Horse Haven of Tennessee  
Equine Rescue & Investigations  
www.horsehavenofTN.com

Imagine if Mary and Joseph had ridden this poor soul into Bethlehem.

No donkey, horse, or any animal should have to suffer the slow death of starvation.



*Middle Tennessee*



*Blount County*



*"Shrek"*

Dear Caring Friend:

With everything getting more and more expensive everyday we ask ourselves how can one "plug nickel" mean so much? I'll answer this at the end of my letter. By the time you are finished with this letter you will also **understand why we need your help so urgently this Holiday Season.**

The donkey from Middle Tennessee, pictured above, was one of twenty seven (27) other donkeys and horses on a leased piece of property left to fend for themselves. With winter quickly approaching these animals had depleted the small pasture of grass and were left to fend for themselves. The owners of these animals have been charged with 27 counts of animal abuse/neglect. The owners voluntarily surrendered these animals into the custody of Horse Haven of Tennessee so they could receive the immediate medical and nutritional care they so desperately needed. The donkey from Blount County never had the chance to know a good meal or a loving home. "Shrek" on the right is a 2 year old currently receiving extensive medical treatment for a tumor that was left unattended for over a year. Hopefully he will be in a new home for the Holidays that will be full of warmth, love, and attention.

It may be weeks, months or even years before we will know how much damage has been done to the little guy from Middle Tennessee. We do know his chance for survival or a full recovery has been reduced due to the damage that starvation of this magnitude does to an animals internal organs. Only time will tell, but at least he is now in a loving home with people that will provide for his daily needs. "Shrek" has had the tumors removed and is receiving treatments and his outlook for a long life is good.

Cases like this come through the HHT program much to regularly. Some we can help, and others are not as fortunate. We can't do it alone. Without your support we would not be able to continue giving a voice to those that can not speak for themselves.

So our plea to you this Holiday Season is to join Horse Haven of Tennessee in making a difference in the life of a horse in need.

I will now explain how just a "plug nickel" could still be worth so much.

If you donated \$25 – just a little over a nickel every day for a year – we could buy several fifty pound bags of feed – enough to feed a horse for three weeks.

And a more generous gift of \$35 – less than two nickels a day – will pay for ten (10) bales of hay – enough to feed a horse for a month.

The harsh reality is Horse Haven of Tennessee needs funds to continue fighting for our majestic creatures that have served us so well over the years. They have carried our troops in battles, transported families across this great country we live in, and provided for all our needs while asking for so little in return.

I know that we are all busy with Christmas shopping and family gatherings this time of year. But I hope that this Holiday Season you don't forget our equine friends who bring us so much joy throughout the year.

Winter months are the most difficult for horses. Cases of neglect increase, and that is why it is so important to help in whatever way you can. Please say "Neigh" to horse abuse/neglect by sending your tax-deductible donation today.

Sincerely,

*Nina L. Margetson*

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Executive Director  
Horse Haven of Tennessee

P.S. And remember, it only takes a nickel a day to make a real difference in the life of a horse.

## Why Horse Haven of Tennessee needs you as a member...

**HHT gives a voice to those that can not speak for themselves.** We concentrate all our energy and resources on speaking out for the thousands of equine that suffer abuse and neglect every year.

**HHT is the largest equine rescue agency in Tennessee.** Adopted equine begin their lives in new, loving homes that will allow them to live out their lives without the fear of abuse or neglect. All unregistered males are castrated and females are not allowed to be breed without approval from the Breed Advisory Board. Our adoption screening process ensures that the animals entrusted to our care are going to responsible homes where they will be cherished.

**HHT assists local law enforcement and other animal protection agencies in Tennessee.** Established in 1999, Horse Haven of Tennessee investigates complaints of abuse and neglect. Certified cruelty investigators are on call to investigate complaints brought to our attention by law enforcement, animal protection agencies and the general public. We assist law enforcement, animal shelters and other animal related organizations by accepting equine confiscated in cruelty cases from them for temporary foster care during court proceedings and adoption placement. We also offer equine owners, who are no longer able to care for them, an alternative to taking a horse to auction when they are no longer able to care for a loved pet. To date, HHT has cared for **145** equine in our program and investigated over **425** complaints of abuse/neglect.

**HHT provides treatment and foster care for equine.** The generosity of our members and donors allows us to offer equine who face special challenges due to age, injury or illness the opportunity to become adoptable, companion animals. Necessary medical support is provided by veterinarians and foster parents provide temporary homes and TLC.

**HHT saves lives by educating the public of numerous equine industry abuses.** Information on slaughter for human consumption, premarin farms, nurse mare foals and inhumane Walking Horse training techniques brings awareness to the problems that face our equine. Social awareness brings changed mines in the eyes of the public.

**HHT delivers the message that equine deserve respect and protection from the community.** Our civic education programs reach hundreds of children and adults every year, providing information on responsible equine ownership and the importance of humane treatment for the majestic equine that has served man so boldly over the years..

Your membership dues help fund these and other HHT programs. To help us continue to speak for those that can not speak for themselves, please consider becoming a member today. Keep up to date on the latest HHT happenings by logging onto our web site at.... [www.horsehavenofTN.com](http://www.horsehavenofTN.com)

## The Abused and Neglected Horses of Tennessee Need Your Help! We can't do it alone.

Your support is vital because all Horse Haven of Tennessee programs and activities are supported solely through private contributions, including membership fees.

**Start the New Year off right by becoming a member today!**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**All memberships are tax deductible.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Child \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$45 \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring \$250

**I don't wish to become a member at this time but would like to show my support by sending my donation for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.**

**I do not wish to send a donation at this time, but wish to remain on your mailing list: \_\_\_\_\_**

**To cut expenses those who do not reply to this mailing in some fashion will be deleted from our mailing list.**

Please make your checks payable to HHT. And remember HHT doesn't get a nickel of support from the government, United Way or any national humane organization. (Donations made to the Tennessee Horse Council, the Humane Society of the United States, the American Humane Association, the American SPCA, etc., are not distributed to local organizations and shelters.)

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