

Horse Haven of Tennessee
Equine Advocates, Rescue &
Investigations

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This holiday season please help us
“Deck the Stalls”
by showing your generous support.



“Miracle”



“Shrek” before and after



“Bashful”

Dear Caring Friend:

This has been a very busy year for all of us here at HHT. By the time you are finished with this letter you will **understand why we need your help so urgently this Holiday Season.**

2005 was a banner year for Horse Haven of Tennessee. It was the first time in six years that HHT has not had to rely solely on foster care givers to provide for the animals that have come to us from around the state. Foster care givers have been harder to find once people realized that the courts do not relinquish ownerships quickly. HHT is now housing 80% of the equine and caring for them at our facility with help from volunteers. Improvements are constantly being made, but this facility handled as many as eleven animals at one given time during the summer months. Even though this made it easier to work with them more closely this also added to our expenses because we had to provide the necessary feed and medical attention that was once provided by foster care givers. With winter quickly approaching these animals have also depleted the pastures of grass, so we had to start supplementing with hay as early as September. Since June 29, 2005 HHT has provided care for four equine and two goats from a case in Roane County that is still awaiting a court decision. Hopefully a ruling will come soon and we can have them in new homes by the Holidays. We are also currently housing a horse and a mule from a case in Blount County that is also awaiting a judges ruling and two horses from a divorce case in Middle Tennessee. We also still have Lacey a Baskir Curly mix that has been awaiting the right home for over a year. If you think you could provide this special home for Lacey please let us know.

Last year we told you about three donkeys. One was found dead, one has since passed from excessive internal damage done by starvation. But Shrek has done great, and where his softball size tumor once was on his face, now sprouts soft wooly hair. 2005 has blessed us with three more donkeys. They had started arriving so regularly we considered changing our name to “Donkey Haven”. 😊 Hershey who came to us first is now in a loving home in Seymour keeping a watchful eye over a herd of cattle. Miracle, though only with us five short days, was such a blessing. She became the first equine buried on the facility in an area now named “Miracles Garden”. We still house and care for, at this writing Bashful the donkey and Ellie May who is our first mule.

HHT operations were also effected by the hurricanes that devastated our southern states this year. Being a part of a national emergency responder group we had the opportunity to send two volunteers to Gonzales, Louisiana to work for five days in the sweltering heat caring for animals at the Lamar Dixon facility. A few weeks after returning we took another trip to Slidell to pick up and transport back to Tennessee two horses whose owners had lost everything and decided to rebuild their lives in our glorious state.

Whether it is caring for animals onsite or off, HHT strives to do what we can with the resources we have, but 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 horses in need. Your donation, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated. We are seeing great strides being made to benefit the equine within our state, and are proud to know it was Horse Haven of Tennessee that started making these changes a reality.

But 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 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



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 first 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 bred. 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 care during court proceedings and adoption placement. In 2005 HHT co-sponsored the first Equine Cruelty Investigator training class held at the University of Tennessee Ag Extension.

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 we provide temporary homes and TLC. 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 **161** equine in our program and investigated over **450** complaints of abuse/neglect.

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 minds 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

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!

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 financial 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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