

PHOENIX RISING EQUINE RESCUE AND SANCTUARY

A SAFE HAVEN OF HOPE AT WHISPERING PINES FARM

TOGETHER WE ARE OFFERING SAFETY, SHELTER AND SERENITY TO HORSES IN NEED

As the summer sun fades and we enter the harvest season, we pause to reflect and give thanks. With the support each of you provides, we are able to open our farm to equines who have been abused, abandoned, neglected, and those who are in danger of slaughter. When they are with us at Phoenix Rising, they are home. We cannot welcome all

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horses, but those we do take in become family. Each horse is surrounded by love, given care and rehabilitation, and safe-guarded

always. Adoption is not our focus; Sanctuary is our focus. We consider being a sanctuary our most important feature. Sanctuary is the gift your support allows us to give to the horses.

Phoenix Rising Equine Rescue and Sanctuary began in 2000. Susan Kreutter, President/Operator, founded the sanctuary after visiting a friend's rescue. When Sue returned from that visit, two horses came with her. Soon after, two other rescues asked to send two additional horses to Sue. She cared for those horses on her father's farm, Whispering Pines - a farm he later donated to the organization. Phoenix Rising was born. Sue continues this work in her father's memory.

HERD HIGHLIGHT

As 2016 began, a flashy, sabino paint mare, sporting ribbons from western style equestrian competitions, found herself in danger. At the young age of 15, years of performing had taken a toll. With an advanced stage of arthritis, she was no longer sound to be ridden and therefore thought to be of no value. She was sold as a broodmare and then deemed disposable. With your support, we opened our gate and this big beauty, now known as *SIERRA*, entered our lives. Here, she has value. Here, she is seen as an intelligent being with heart and soul. Here, there are no expectations-other than for Sierra to be Sierra. Today, approximately 9 months after her arrival, Sierra is still adjusting to her new life; her adjustment includes becoming comfortable outside. Can you imagine- A horse who needs to learn how to be outside?! [She was seldom allowed out of a stall in her previous life.] Thanks to us all, Sierra is no longer in danger. Thanks to us all, she is able to live her life surrounded by love, protected and with peace.



A YEAR LATER – UPDATE ON OUR HERD MEMBERS

Striking, Strong, Stately

Merlin has a way about him that has always drawn everyone in, both two-legged and four-legged. His quiet mannerism, depth of soul, and wisdom hold a very special place on the farm. He spends most of his days grazing with dignity in a private paddock or standing in front of a fan in his stall, allowing the breeze to blow his face and mane – a face and mane that are slowly showing the graying of an elder gentleman.



Do not let his quiet nature fool you, though. When you least expect it, Merlin will very intentionally reach over his stall door, open the latch that holds the door secure and let himself out for a walk about and snack. On more than one occasion, he has been found enjoying the farm on his own terms! [We now have three latches on Merlin's stall door.] Yes, that is our Magnificent Merlin, our magnificent magician!

Merlin is all this and more, even though he suffers from insulin resistance and laminitis. Oh, and did we mention he is blind. His loss of sight was caused by an eye infection left untreated by people prior to his arrival at Phoenix Rising.

Tall, Dark and Handsome



Laddie is a force of nature with a strong mind, independent spirit and mischievous attitude. After surviving an injury and devastating bone infection at a young age [an infection that left him compromised for life], Laddie witnessed the death of his owner and found himself without 'his person' and without a home. Suffering from physical and emotional trauma and needing a place to heal, Laddie was welcomed.

Since his arrival, he has kept us on our toes as we have worked to keep him healthy and safe, while also respecting his tendency to be protective. Recently, Laddie has found a friend in another Phoenix Rising herd member, Lucy. Laddie and Lucy live side by side at the farm; they live separately, yet together. Whenever you think one of the two of them does not care about or is not paying attention to the another – think again!

With his dashing good looks, drive, power, and energy, people often shy away from Laddie. He is often misunderstood; he can intimidate both humans and other equine. If you take the time to look into his eyes, though, you will see a boy who deep down inside is very tender.

Big, Beautiful, Belgian

Bart arrived on a summer morning with his equine partner, Bubba. The two were surrendered by their owner who could no longer care for them. Over time, Bart slowly let his guard down. When he did, he revealed a huge heart of gold. Bart also revealed that his heart had been broken in the past, and he showed us signs of abuse that he endured. What he lived through previously, we will never truly know. What matters most is the horse in front of us, now.

The Bart we now know and love has a soft eye, a sensitive spirit and a gentleness about him. At 18 hands [72 inches from ground to top of shoulder] and approximately 2000 pounds, this Bart would not intentionally hurt a fly; although, he is sometimes scared by one.

This Bart enjoys being groomed by volunteers. He likes the kind touch of a child, the shade of 'his' tree, the safety of his stall, a consistent routine, and the comfort of knowing his other equine herd mates at the farm.

This Bart inspires those who are unsure of horses [especially big draft horses] to overcome their fears.

Often, people use the phrase 'gentle giants' when referring to Belgian draft horses. Our Bart is a gentle giant, indeed.



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Beefy, Burly, Boy

A truck hauling a horse trailer pulled into the driveway one summer morning. Inside the horse trailer were two bonded draft horses, Bubba and Bart. The boys were being relinquished by their owner, who no longer could or would care for them. In a matter of 20 minutes, the world that Bubba once knew changed forever.

As we got to know Bubba, it became clear that his life had been difficult in the past. He was very lame and in a good deal of pain; he was [and still is] plagued with hoof issues. He was nervous, uncertain of what may or may not happen next.

Now, several years later, Bubba has opened up. He has shown us who he is and what is in his heart. Now, what Bubba wants, Bubba gets...most of the time. Let's face it, at 1700 pounds and standing 17 hands high, he is a force. If he is in his stall and would like something from you, he will let you know. With a nod, a nudge or by grabbing and throwing his halter at you [smile] – he will let you know. If he is in his paddock and would like something from you, he will let you know. By thundering over to the fence or staring down at you, he will let you know. When he does let you know, it is hard to resist him. It is just plain hard to be in Bubba's presence and not be impressed.

Our Bubba is larger than life – literally. Good things don't always come in small packages.



Darling, Delightful, Devilish



Seized by local authorities due to neglect, Pepsi arrived at our farm suffering from severely uncared for hooves and untreated Cushing disease. We worked tirelessly for a solid year, trying to restore his health. For months, he never emerged from his stall; he was too sore to stand and move around. When he did finally leave the comfort of the barn, it was to walk carefully and slowly to a soft spot where he could lie down. At times, we questioned whether we were making the best decision for Pepsi; we questioned whether or not we should continue. Pepsi showed us he wanted to go on, though.

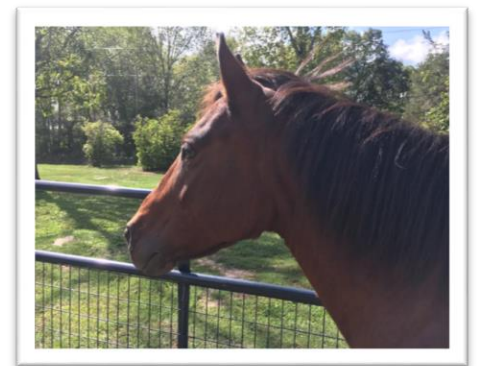
Now, two years later, he yells to get out of his stall and get outside. Once outside, he tosses his head, breaks into a bit of a trot and grazes freely around the farm. If you dare try to put him back inside before he is ready, he will dig his hooves into the ground and fight you all the way.

What a celebration it is when he takes off at a bit of a gallop, trying to get away from us when it is time to go into the barn. We know how hard he worked to get where he is. Our tough little Shetland pony is a courageous, cutie pie who gives a whole new meaning to the phrase –

“Never give up.”

Lovely Lucy **FOR ADOPTION**

Most of the horses who come through our gate remain here protected for life. Every once in a while, there is a horse who needs the safety and serenity of our farm, but only for a bit of time. We become a respite until their physical and mental health is restored. Every once in awhile, there is a horse who we believe could and should move on to a forever home of their own. Lucy is such a horse.



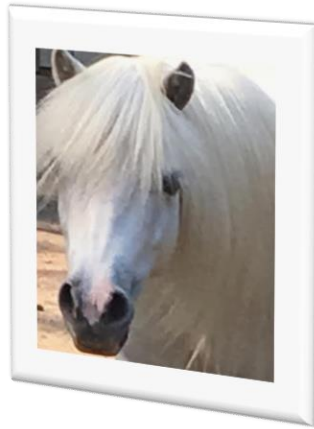
When Lucy arrived here at Phoenix Rising, she carried the label of – ‘NEGLECT’. While here at Phoenix Rising, Lucy receives regular hoof, dental and veterinary care. Just as important as her physical needs, that are now cared for, are her emotional needs. Lucy, who in a former life was once isolated, now has contact with humans and other equine every day. Boy, she has flourished with that contact! Lucy has become a very social mare, loving to be in the middle of whatever is going on – grooming sessions, taking walks, playing games, hanging with friends [both two legged and four legged]. She is up for anything. Fun and willing are words most recently used to describe Lucy. She is enjoying life, again, indeed!

This healed girl is ready for the next chapter. Let's make it a chapter well worth living. We have shed the label of ‘neglect’ with which she arrived. Together, we can label her next chapter – ‘FOREVER HOME’.

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The Dynamic Duo

Tracey, the Instigator & Whitey, the Mystical Unicorn



It is not unusual to see a black and white streak race by at the farm. That black and white streak is Tracey. One of his favorite pastimes seems to be running figure eights around his paddock, kicking up his heels, sailing over an imaginary obstacle, and nipping his good buddy Whitey on the way by. Tracey is also fond of the phrase ‘Grass is always greener...’ He will take advantage of any chance he sees to break out of his paddock to find what he might be missing on the other side of the fence.

All of this occurs while Whitey, the mystical unicorn, stands by observing, considering, wondering...With Whitey’s flowing white forelock, mane and tail, he looks like a mystical creature spreading love. Whitey promptly greets all who step foot on the farm; he announces the arrival of visitors and cons those visitors out of a treat or two. He is also Tracey’s silent partner in crime.

Tracey and Whitey seem to have a deal. Tracey goes looking for trouble whenever and however he can. Whitey stands by quietly – never revealing what Tracey is up to – keeping his dear friend’s secrets. Yes, these two little ones – Tracey, a miniature horse and Whitey, a Shetland pony – are a bonded pair. They love and need one another.

Before coming to Phoenix Rising, Tracey and Whitey were kept as a pair of dearly loved backyard pets. When their owner passed away, the boys faced an uncertain future. To ensure their safety and preserve their bond, friends of Tracey and Whitey’s deceased human stepped in and placed them in sanctuary with us. Their story does not end there, though. Tracey and Whitey are now part of our Stay-adopt program. Stay-adopt is a program developed for horses who would be better served remaining on the farm, as part of the Phoenix Rising herd, for life AND who also have a special human who is committed to them. Tracey and Whitey have two special humans committed to them, as well as the staff at Phoenix Rising.

LOOKING AHEAD

OPEN BARN
NOVEMBER 6, 2016
1-4:00 P.M

Come meet Sierra, Merlin, Laddie, Bart, Bubba, Pepsi, Lucy, Tracey, and Whitey!

