Fforest Uchaf Horse & Pony Rehabilitation Centre The Pit Pony Sanctuary



Newsletter

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PROVIDING TENDER LOVING CARE TO NEEDY HORSES & PONIES Registered Charity Number 1002933

SPECIAL CARE STABLE UPDATE

With your kind and generous donations following on from our Christmas Appeal, the first special care Stable has been built at Hillside.

These barns provide a clean and safe environment where medical care can be safely administered.

Did you know that they also offer additional benefits for our Horses and Ponies such as:

- An ideal environment for our Horses and Ponies with the most complex health care needs
- A quiet and controlled environment meaning that stress is reduced whilst the Horses and Ponies are recovering
- Faster recovery results and better long-term outcomes.



FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN Livestock Float for Transporting Multiple Horses and Ponies

Your kind and generous Christmas donations helped us build our first special care stable. Now we are asking for your help in raising donations for a livestock float.

This float means that we can transport multiple Horses and Ponies in our herd around the sanctuary from the barns to the fields so they can enjoy the sunshine and run around with their friends.

The float allows us to do this safely, and is a lot less stressful for the animals by moving them together.

We need to raise £35,000 so we are hoping to reach that figure in donations this Summer. Every penny counts! Please give what you

can.

We can receive donations in the form of cheques, card payments, or directly through our website via the link here: https://www.pitponies.co.uk/donation/

HILLSIDE MARCH VISIT

Our most recent Hillside visit at the end of March, saw us set up our Pit Pony Memorabilia Facility where we will display all our memories from the Farm at Fforest Uchaf, please do make sure you pay it a visit the next time you take a trip to Hillside.

And as we got ready for the summer season, we were busy making the Shire horse beds and cleaned their water butts, put out all of the visitor benches, had a wheel barrow ride, cuddled the chickens and ponies, swept the driveways ready for visitors, and re-treated all of the directional signage wooden frames that help all the visitors navigate around the centre where they will get to enjoy seeing all the wonderful animals that reside here, from baby pigs to the ponies.

A big thank you to trustees, Caroline Fitzgerald, Claire Thacker and volunteers Matthew Peckham, Madeleine and Sean Fitzgerald, who were happily escorted by their doggies Winnie, Vespa and Vincent.

We hope you enjoy some of the pictures of our trip.

















Noddy Update

You may remember from our last newsletter that we had recently rescued Noddy, a Hackney Stallion who had been left abandoned and in a very bad way.

We are pleased to share that on our recent visit to Hillside, we had the pleasure of watching him gallop around the fields with his friends. He is now a fully recovered Hackney Gelding and loving the sun, lush grass, clear water, and his Alpaca pals at Hillside.

All thanks to your help and continued support. We couldn't do it without all our loyal supporters.

Donations have recently been received in memory of;

The Late Pauline Elsie Brown The Late Laura Bessie Wallis. The Late Eunice Collins The Late Miss Amerentia Andrea Pot. Albert & Muriel Kerton, beloved parents of Miss B.J Kerton Donation received in memory of Eveline Rampton *Thank you for all the kind and generous donations and legacies.* With your support we continue to care and rescue those horses and ponies in need, and provide them with a safe space to call home.

> Would you like to leave a legacy to us? Here is how to do so.... Leaving a legacy to the Pit Pony Sanctuary is a wonderful way to support our mission of providing care and rehabilitation for ponies in need. Here are the steps you can follow:

• Decide on the Type of Gift: You can leave a specific amount of money, a percentage of your estate, or specific assets like property or shares.

• Consult a Legal Adviser: It's important to get professional advice to ensure your wishes are clearly stated in your will. A solicitor can help you draft or update your will.

- Include the Sanctuary in Your Will: Clearly state the Pit Pony Sanctuary as a beneficiary in your will
- Inform the Sanctuary: Letting the sanctuary know about your intentions can help them plan for the future. You can contact them directly through their website
- Keep Your Will Safe: Store your will in a safe place and inform your executor or a trusted person where it is kept.

USED STAMPS - PLEASE NOTE THAT WE <u>NO LONGER</u> ACCEPT USED STAMPS. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SENT THEM IN OVER THE YEARS.

Unsung Hero

Whilst you may know a lot about our Horses and Ponies, and the Trustees here at Fforest Uchaf, there are also a select few behind the scenes that help us with the back office operations.One of those people who deserves a special mention is Pete Jones, who looks after all our bookkeeping operations.

He is key to helping us process all your kind and generous donations so that we can continue to run the Charity and provide a safe, loving haven for horses and ponies suffering from neglect, ignorance or

cruelty.

Thank you Pete.