



DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

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Education Matters in the Fight Against Equine Neglect and Abuse

For more than thirty years, Days End Horse Farm Rescue has been working hard to prevent equine abuse and neglect. One of the most important aspects of the organization's mission is teaching people how they can make a difference. Education and community outreach are two of DEFHR's key priorities in helping to make a positive impact for equine welfare.

"For me, the educational component of our work is most compelling," says Alexandra Ledbetter, Chair of the DEFHR Board of Directors and the recipient of last year's Founder's Award. It's a sentiment shared by everyone in the DEFHR family, as the staff and many volunteers work tirelessly to advocate for the welfare of equines.

DEFHR has successfully rescued and rehabilitated thousands of suffering horses, but teaching others how to prevent this cruelty from happening is just as important. In fact, they offer several programs catered specifically to education. Some programs are for professionals, while others are for the general public or animal lovers who want to learn how they can help, too.

Here are a few of DEFHR's educational programs:

Equine Cruelty Investigation Series



DEFHR has strong relationships with local animal control authorities and humane agencies, and it is through these agencies that horses in need of rescue come to the facility. DEFHR provides intervention services throughout Maryland and the surrounding states. They also host an educational series to help investigators become comfortable handling horses, helping them feel safe and confident when working a case.

[Equine Cruelty Investigation Series Info](#)

Large Animal Rescue Training

DEFHR is also one of the few horse rescues in the country capable of mounting large animal rescue efforts, with notable national support efforts having included rescuing animals after hurricanes. The facility offers hands-on programs to teach emergency responders how to safely respond to an emergency equine situation. They also offer one-day programs for non-professionals as well.



[Rescue Training Info](#)

Junior and Youth Legacy



DEFHR offers many options for children! The Junior Legacy (for ages 7-11) and the Youth Legacy (for ages 12-17) programs are catered towards giving young horse lovers a hands-on introduction to horse care. They will also get a chance to ride and play games on horseback as well. It's a great opportunity for kids to get a jumpstart on volunteering with the farm as well.

[Junior Legacy Info](#)

[Youth Legacy Info](#)

Other programs with a focus on learning include field trips, farm tours, Scout days, a horse care clinic series, a homeschool education series, and a volunteer continuing education series.

DEFHR also provides online resources for learning about equine welfare, rescue, rehabilitation, and training. In addition to their wide variety of educational programs, they also offer internships, providing opportunities for experiential learning.

DEFHR also frequently travels to schools, colleges and universities, community organizations, national and international conferences, and industry expositions – all in an effort to raise awareness and educate the public about the important issue of equine abuse and neglect.

Want to learn more about DEFHR's Educational Programs? [Get in touch!](#)



New Job Alert: Join our Team

DEFHR has new positions available. Check out the listings below and get in touch to learn more about each one! Which might be the right fit for you?

- [Internships](#)
- [Summer Youth Program Leader](#)
- [Development Coordinator](#)
- [Community Outreach Coordinator](#)

Register Now for Summer Camp

Registration is open for our [2020 Legacy Camp season!](#)

We offer three different programs varying by age for youth ages 7-17. Our Legacy Programs are a great way to jumpstart your child's volunteer experience while enjoying a full day of learning, fun, and friendship at DEFHR! Last year, we were voted the Best Summer Camp in Frederick County by thousands of people!

In the News



Not Just a One-Trick Pony

Horse Network shared the story of DEFHR alumni and long-time ambassador, Slick. This special little pony was adopted by DEFHR's Assistant Trainer Leigha Schreder several years ago. They've developed an amazing partnership and you've probably seen them performing tricks at many of our demos!

[Read Now](#)

Featured Horse of the Month: Harlow

Harlow is a sweet, well-behaved 2-year-old, 14.3-hand Appaloosa-type filly. She is easy and well-trained for her age. She'll be perfect for someone with experience looking for a young prospect to bring along!



Click the link below or email adopt@DEFHR.org for more information.

[Learn More About Harlow](#)



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