Planning for the Future

As Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) navigates through our sixth week under strict quarantine restrictions, our staff continues to push through thanks to our community of supporters. We are so grateful to everyone who has donated or reached out to see how they could help and if we are okay. The horses are all being well taken care of and are oblivious to the crisis unfolding around them.

Because of your support, DEFHR is able to react in the face of large emergencies such as COVID-19 and quickly enact policies and procedures to protect the health of our staff and horses. Our staff is trained to care for horses, including some critical areas of medical treatment. Your support helps us build an infrastructure that is self-sustaining and sustainable in the future. This means we can do more of the things that are so important to horses, and that is making sure every care plan is carried out successfully.

How You Can Help

Based on the calls and emails we are currently receiving, we anticipate an influx of horses in need during the aftermath of this pandemic. As we prepare for the months ahead, we are looking for extra items that will help us care for our horses. From fly masks and scrub brushes to dewormer and topical medications, every item listed will help us care for horses in need.

Important Items Needed

Below is a link to our Amazon Wish List. If you buy items from Amazon and use Amazon Smile, a donation will also be made to DEFHR. Every dollar counts!

In the News

“Life on the Farm” Videos

We recently released our fourth episode of “Life on the Farm,” which gives our friends and supporters an inside scoop into daily life at DEFHR. This week, learn more about our rehabilitation and re-feeding program, see some of our horses currently in rehab, and meet one beautiful mare that’s available for adoption.

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Our companion horses are healthy, pasture sound, and provide essential socialization for horses. They’re our enrichment at our sanctuary and are a wonderful way to get involved in the rescue mission.

Virtual Adoptions

We’re getting creative with our virtual adoptions for our non-ridden companion or pasture pal horses or ponies. You can get to know all about our available horses without ever leaving your house.

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