Last Minute Gift Ideas: Shop Our Holiday Gift Guide and a Healthy New Year!

On behalf of the horses, we would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday and a Healthy New Year! With the influx of horses in need, we are faced with operational issues that are anything but usual. Receiving a large number of horses in critical condition is not unusual for us, however, due to COVID-19, we are faced with operational issues that are anything but usual. We have significantly limited the number of volunteers on the farm. This means there is less help available for the labor-intensive needs that come with caring for a large number of horses that are critically ill and fewer funds to provide for all of the horses in DEFHR’s care.

We have dramatically increased our intake of horses and orphaned foals from January through mid-October 2020. This influx of horses in need may be indicative of how the pandemic will continue to affect equine welfare in 2021. As you begin to make your year-end, tax-deductible charitable gifts, we ask you to consider DEFHR. With your support, we can continue our mission of ensuring quality care and treatment of horses through intervention, education, and outreach. For more information about our programs and how you can help, visit www.DEFHR.org.

Ways to Give: DEFHR's List of Critical Needs

The DEFHR Gift Guide is your stop for last-minute gifts for any horse lover. This year, in addition to severe emaciation and dental neglect, many of the horses are suffering from untreated infections. Painful mouth ulcerations, debilitating lameness, blindness, neurological symptoms, and other issues have also been prevalent among the horses we have been able to identify. With your support, we can continue to be herd mates.

If you plan to give a year-end gift, please consider a tangible donation from our wish list. DEFHR has compiled an Amazon wish list of items critically needed for the horses in our care. Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases you make to DEFHR. When shopping on Amazon, add DEFHR as your AmazonSmile Charity of choice and Amazon will donate to DEFHR. You can also help by visiting AmazonSmile and selecting DEFHR as your charity. In the search bar, type in "Days End Farm Horse Rescue" and DEFHR will automatically be selected. Click on "Select" to confirm. Visit Click Here to Shop Our Entire Wish List

17 Horses Arrive in Critical Condition

Seven-year-old Quarter Horse mare, 15hh brown, 173 lbs, left the farm in critical condition due to severe neglect. She was suffering from severe emaciation, throat gaps, blindness, dental neglect, and untreated infections. In the beginning, she was difficult and only DEFHR staff were permitted to handle her. With a lot of time, patience, and love, she slowly started to trust us. We knew she needed a lot of care to start her healing process.

Summer arrived at DEFHR more than a year ago with a leg injury. In the beginning, we were unsure if she would ever fully recover. After a long process of healing, she is now back in our herd. She is a gentle mare that is always ready to give a hug. She is easy to lead, is a good companion for a pony, and is good with other horses. She is happy to give a high kick with her hind leg. Summer is a gentle girl that needs a patient family that can continue to be her herd mates.

We are so grateful for the support of everyone who helps us care for the horses in our care. We are always looking for adoptive families that understand the special needs of horses that have been neglected and abused. If you are interested in adopting a horse, please visit www.DEFHR.org/Adoption to fill out an adoption interest form for a horse that is available. We are excited to share that Yadira, Clover, and Summer found their matches just in time for the holidays! We are thrilled that Yadira and Clover are now in loving forever homes with a dedicated adopter that has always wanted a companion-only horse. They are both easy-keepers, gentle with the most loving temperaments. Clover loves to be with other horses and is friendly. Yadira is a pretty gray mare to live in their backyard!

Yadira’s adopter came to meet her for the first time and brought a friend along. While they were looking at our horses, the friend fell in love with Clover and sent in her adoption interest form that night. Yadira and Clover left on the same day and will continue to be herd mates.

Summer (left) with her new family.

Yadira with her adopter.

Clover with her adopter.

Quail is a stunning young mare looking to find her person. She is a kind, soulful, and easy-going gal. She does her best to greet everyone that wanders into her field and especially loves when her visitors shower her with treats and scratches. She is a lovely mover and does a great job when we put her on the longe line, with obstacles, and when ground-tying. She’s a happy girl that always looks forward to our visits. Quail has done a bit of groundwork training and is eager to please when working on her manners.

Quail enjoys a few scratches.

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