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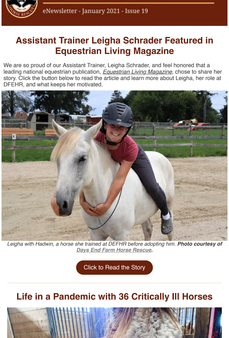
DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

eNewsletter- January 2021 - Issue 19

Assistant Trainer Leigha Schrader Featured in Equestrian Living Magazine

We are so proud of our Assistant Trainer, Leigha Schrader, and feel honored that a leading national equestrian publication, *Equestrian Living Magazine*, chose to share her story. Click the button below to read the story and learn more about Leigha, her role at DFEHR, and what keeps her motivated.



*Leigha with Hadwin, a horse she trained at DEFHR before adopting him. **Photo courtesy of** Days End Farm Horse Rescue.*

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Life in a Pandemic with 36 Critically Ill Horses

*The arrival of 19 horses on January 21 pulls the total number of horses in critical care at 36, all of which are in quarantine at DEFHR. **Photo courtesy of** Days End Farm Horse Rescue.*

In the early morning hours of January 21, we were deployed to support law enforcement in the seizure of 20 horses. They were living in deplorable conditions on half an acre with other livestock. Sadly, one horse had already perished. The 19 survivors are now in quarantine at our facility.

Over the course of the last year, words like "quarantine" and "isolate" were used in everyday conversation. However, for the past 30 years, DEFHR staff and volunteers have used these words frequently. Every time new horses arrive, they go into strict quarantine to keep our other horses healthy. Staff and volunteers also go through a rigorous decontamination that includes disinfecting hands and clothing every time they exit the isolation barn.

We were initially prepared for the pandemic in terms of hand sanitizer, disinfectants, personal protective equipment, and more, but the addition of 17 critically ill horses in December and now 19 critically ill horses this month have put us in an increasingly challenging situation. Keeping our staff safe while managing 36 horses in quarantine requires extensive supplies and gifts-in-kind are a vital need.

To support the horses and our team, please consider donating an item from our Amazon Wish List. When shopping on Amazon, add DEFHR as your AmazonSmile Charity of choice and Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases you make to DEFHR.

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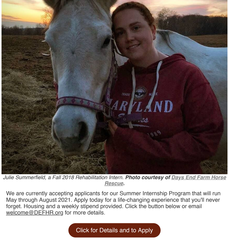
Calling All Intern Applicants

"Passion, dedication, patience, and a desire to educate are only a few of the things that come to mind when thinking of DEFHR. I started the internship with a love for horses, but I left with a passion. If one has a desire to learn about horses, DEFHR is a perfect place. The lessons I have learned in welfare and rehabilitation are some that will stay with me as I continue on a path to becoming a veterinarian." - Julie Summerfield, Fall 2018 Equine Rehabilitation Intern

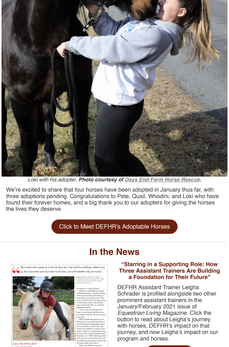


*Julie Summerfield, a Fall 2018 Rehabilitation Intern. **Photo courtesy of** Days End Farm Horse Rescue.*

We are currently accepting applicants for our Summer Internship Program that will run May through August 2021. Apply today for a life-changing experience that you'll never forget. Housing and a weekly stipend provided. Click the button below or email welcome@DEFHR.org for more details.

Click for Details and to Apply

A New Year Means New Homes for Special DEFHR Horses



*Loki with his adopter. **Photo courtesy of** Days End Farm Horse Rescue.*

We're excited to share that four horses have been adopted in January thus far, with three adoptions pending. Congratulations to Pete, Quail, Whodini, and Loki who have found their forever homes, and a big thank you to our adopters for giving the horses the lives they deserve.

Click to Meet DEFHR's Adoptable Horses

In the News

"Starring in a Supporting Role: How Three Assistant Trainers Are Building a Foundation for Their Future"

DEFHR Assistant Trainer Leigha Schrader is profiled alongside two other prominent assistant trainers in the January issue of *Equestrian Living Magazine*. Click the button to read about Leigha's journey with horses, DEFHR's impact on that journey, and how Leigha's impact on our program and horses.

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"Joker's Jester Hits the Jackpot"

The last year has been filled with countless unknowns and for many industries, including equine welfare, there is still a lot to be determined. DEFHR CEO Erin Clemm Ochoa believes our facility's recent influx of horses may be indicative of how the pandemic will continue to affect equine welfare in 2021. As rescue organizations prepare for what could be a busy year, it's important to dedicate time to planning and forward-thinking. Click the button to read the Horse Network article.

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"Equine Welfare in 2021: Navigating Numerous Unknowns"

As part of our membership with A Home for Every Horse, DEFHR's mission and proactive approach to combating equine neglect and abuse is highlighted in the winter issue of *Practical Horseman* magazine. Click the button below to learn more about our history, educational offerings, and how the DEFHR team is always *"for the horses."*

Read Article

"Days End Farm Offers New Beginnings"

Featured [Mini] Horse of the Month: Rocket

Five-year-old pony cross gelding, 8.3hh

Rocket is a striking pony with a big personality to match his big hairdo. Rocket would make an excellent companion pony or a great driving prospect. Rocket was recently castrated and is recommended to be housed with geldings only at this time. Due to his small size, Rocket will need to be managed on a dry lot with limited access to grass. This little guy is cute as a button and cannot wait to bring a smile to your face!

Email adopt@DEFHR.org for details on this cute pony.

Click to Learn More About Rocket

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