

Maryland State Senator Katie Fry Hester Visits DEFHR

On May 3, Maryland State Senator Katie Fry Hester paid a visit to our farm. Senator Hester was integral in helping DEFHR receive a grant as part of a Legislative Bond Initiative that will be used to acquire the firehouse property in Lisbon, Maryland, which is adjacent to DEFHR's farm. The new property will be home to expanded operations and a new educational welcome center. We're very grateful for Senator Hester's support and her help in advancing equine welfare.



Maryland State Senator Hester poses with Barney during her visit to DEFHR. Photo courtesy of Katie Fry Hester.

There Is Still Time To Participate in #AdoptAHorse Month



We are thankful for the work by <u>ASPCA</u> and <u>The Right Horse</u> to make the month of May <u>#AdoptAHorse</u> month! Our handsome gelding Noble Nick is even featured on the ASPCA's Facebook cover photo. Go Nick!

Click To Meet DEFHR's Adoptable Horses

Animal Welfare Professionals: Last Chance To Register for DEFHR's Horse Handling Training

EQUINE CRUELTY INVESTIGATOR SERIES

IDEAL FOR ALL ANIMAL WELFARE PROFESSIONALS

HORSE HANDLING 101

WILL COVER BASIC HORSE HANDLING SKILLS TO MORE ADVANCED PROBLEM SOLVING FOR OFFICERS IN THE FIELD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 - \$25.00 10:00AM - 2:00PM AT DAYS END FARM EMAIL WELCOME@DEFHR.ORG TO REGISTER

On Wednesday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m., DEFHR will host a training session for animal welfare professionals that will provide critical information about the proper handling of equines. During this four-hour class, participants will have the opportunity to gain hands-on knowledge and experience with horses. It is open to all experience levels and will cover basic horse-handling skills as well as advanced problem-solving techniques for officers. The goal is to give animal welfare professionals the tools needed to feel comfortable and safe when working with horses in the field.

Instruction will be led by DEFHR's Equine Programs Director DeEtte Hillman and DEFHR's Head Trainer Sara Strauss.

To register call 301-854-5037 or click the button below. Tickets are \$25 and include lunch on-site.

Register Here

DEFHR Has Re-Opened for Scheduled Tours

While our farm is still closed for drop-in visits, we are excited to resume scheduled

educational farm tours for small groups. As part of its effort to educate the community about equine abuse and neglect, DEFHR offers public tours of its main facility in Woodbine, Maryland. Visitors tour the farm and facilities and have an opportunity to meet some of the horses and hear their stories.

Learn More and Schedule a Visit

Virtual Farm Field Trip

If you didn't get a chance to tune in live, you can still participate in the virtual farm field trip by watching the recording. Ideal for elementary school-aged children, the tour showcases the different careers at the farm, offers an inside look at our critical care stall where we have saved dozens of lives, as well as how we check on and care for our horses. Viewers will also get to meet a few of our equine ambassadors.

Join the Virtual Farm Field Trip



In the News

"A Balancing Act: Motherhood and Equestrian Careers"

DEFHR CEO Erin Clemm Ochoa is profiled along with three other women about balancing motherhood and leading a busy career in the equestrian industry. Not one of them has followed the same path, but each has had a significant impact in her respective space. Click the button below to read the article for The Plaid Horse.



Featured Horse of the Month: Quiver



Twenty-three-year-old Thoroughbred mare, 16.1hh

Quiver is an off-the-track Thoroughbred mare looking for her perfect retirement home. Registered name Colony Ruler, Quiver never won a single race, but she will win the keys to your heart. This kind, soulful mare is always the first to greet you in the field and is often the motherly figure to the younger mares in her herd. Quiver is currently turned out 24/7, but equally comfortable spending some time a stall. Quiver thrives on routine (don't we all!) and would love to find a quiet home to enjoy the rest of her retirement.

Email adopt@DEFHR.org for details on this mare.



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Click To Learn More About Quiver