



DEFHR Works With Maryland and West Virginia Law Enforcement To Provide Rescue and Rehabilitation Services to Eight Horses in Critical Condition



On March 29, 2022, DEFHR deployed its services in Maryland to remove and transport four senior horses in distress at the request of animal welfare authorities. On scene, the horses were lacking water and adequate forage and required immediate veterinary care.

Upon arrival at DEFHR, all four horses were examined by a veterinarian and found to be very dehydrated and in various stages of emaciation. Each had a guarded prognosis and conditions ranged from extremely emaciated, to significant pain, to such poor dentition that they were unable to eat properly.

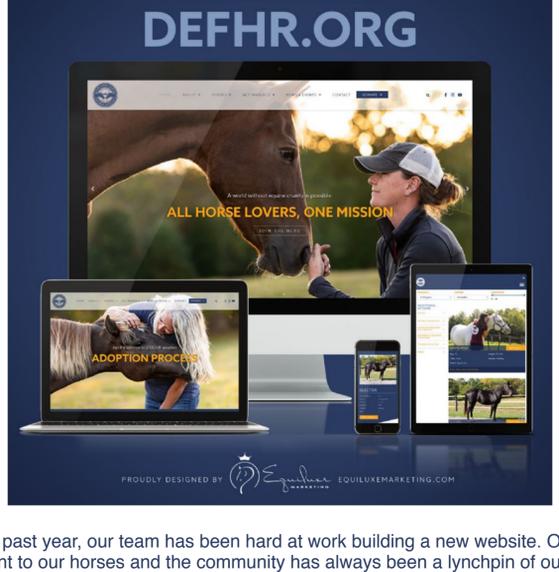
These four horses arrived on the heels of four others that arrived during the week of March 21, 2022, from West Virginia. As a result, DEFHR staff and volunteers are currently managing eight equines in critical condition in addition to the 72 already in the organization's care—30 of which are in a holding pattern due to forthcoming court proceedings, and thus not yet able to enter training and subsequently be offered for adoption.

Pictured above is 25-year-old Kleo, one of the four senior horses that came to DEFHR on March 29. She is suffering from severe starvation among other issues. Though her age and declining condition are major concerns, she is ready to fight for her life – and so are we.

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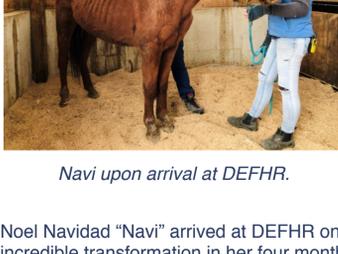


During the past year, our team has been hard at work building a new website. Our commitment to our horses and the community has always been a lynchpin of our mission, including throughout this process. We built this site with you—our community—in mind. We hope you find our new look as exciting as we do, and that the ease of finding the information you need to make a difference inspires you to partake in our fight to end equine cruelty.

Thank you to Equiluxe Marketing for bringing our vision to life, and thank you to Bethany P Photography for capturing the beauty of our horses, our farm, and our mission in her photos displayed across the site.

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Noel Navidad's Glow Up



Navi upon arrival at DEFHR.



Navi is now thriving in her rehabilitation program.

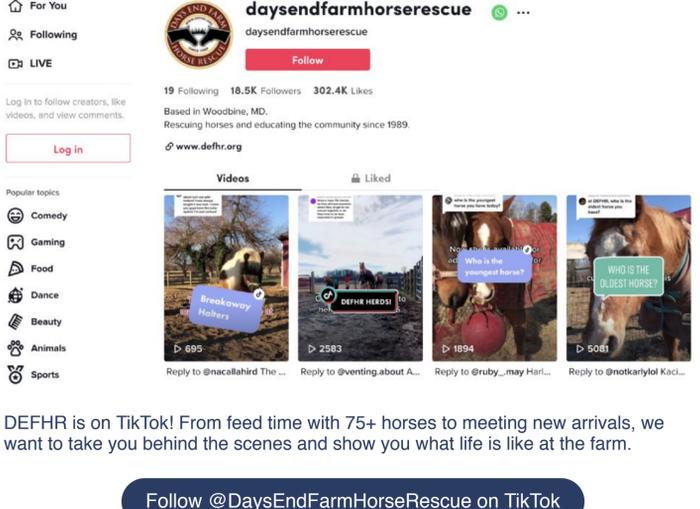
Noel Navidad "Navi" arrived at DEFHR on Christmas Eve of 2021 and has made an incredible transformation in her four months with us.

She is now thriving under the care of DEFHR staff and volunteers and in the final phase of her rehabilitation program. Navi was recently introduced to our mare herd and is happily making new friends—both horse and human—as she learns to enjoy her new life.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support horses like Navi by enabling them to receive transformational care and a new beginning. To find out how you can play a part in the inspiring transformations of our horses, visit defhr.org/other-ways-to-give/.

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In the News



WMAR ABC2 Baltimore "New Beginnings for Horses at Days End Farm"

DEFHR's Equine Programs Director DeEtte Hillman is interviewed by Baltimore's ABC News affiliate about the recent seizure of horses in critical condition. Tap the button below to watch the segment and read the corresponding article.

[Watch the Segment and Read the Article](#)



Horse Network "First and Second Time Are a Charm For Adopter Larisa Quirk"

Larisa Quirk's involvement with adoption in two very different scenarios with two unique mares in Starbucks and Aria demonstrates that each rescue horse is an individual, making each match special. Their stories highlight the importance of asking questions throughout the adoption process to ensure a forever partnership, the value of which Larisa knows firsthand. Click the button below to read Larisa's story in our monthly column on Horse Network.

[Read the Article](#)

Featured Horse of the Month: Kacie Kip



38-year-old Quarter Horse mare, 14.3hh

Kacie Don "Kacie" is an older mare looking for a forever home to enjoy her senior years. Don't let her age fool you, Kacie enjoys running and playing around with her fellow herd mates, especially her best friend, Jumpin' Jack. Calm with volunteers and staff, she enjoys receiving extra pampering and grooming time from DEFHR staff and volunteers.

Visit defhr.org/available-horses/ and email adopt@DEFHR.org for details on Kacie.

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