



DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

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Staying Positive in Uncertain Times

What a difference a month can make. Lately, it seems as if the news of COVID-19's global impact changes day by day, even hour by hour. As the world navigates through challenging times, we remain positive for the future. Days End Farm Horse Rescue has weathered tough situations over the past 31 years, but because of the strength and resiliency from everyone connected with our facility, we are able to stay focused on our mission—making a difference in the lives of abused and neglected horses.

Because of you, we have been able to make calm, thoughtful decisions to practice the same level of excellence you have come to expect. As you make decisions regarding your charitable giving, we hope that you will continue to choose DEFHR. We cannot carry on our mission without your loyalty and support, but together with your help, we can continue to make an impact.

Here at DEFHR, we have followed the State of Maryland's guidelines regarding onsite personnel and have taken proactive steps to protect the health of our staff, volunteers, and supporters, while still focusing on the quality of care and commitment to our horses that we're known for. Here are some of the policies we've put in place during this time:

- For now, the farm is closed off to the public and the office personnel are currently working from home.
- Our closure includes the cancellation of orientations, used tack shop sales, adoption appointments and other scheduled on-site appointments, volunteer groups, field trips and other onsite-educational programming as well as tours and agri-tourism walk-ins.
- For the first time in our history, we have suspended all volunteers from physically volunteering on the property in accordance with the state of Maryland's Stay-At-Home Order. Staff that are not directly involved with animal care and some volunteers are working remotely, leveraging creative and innovative ways to keep our organization running and our supporters engaged.

For more information on some of these changes we've introduced here at DEFHR, please read [this announcement](#) on our website.

Though the farm itself is closed to the public, stay tuned to our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) to find out ways you can remain connected.

Wondering what life is like at DEFHR during this global pandemic? Our trainers want to give you an inside look. Each week while we are closed due to COVID-19 precautions, you are invited to tune in and watch DEFHR's trainers show you life on the farm. **Watch the first episode here.**

We hope everyone is staying healthy and keeping their spirits up!



Need a break from the 24-hour news cycle surrounding COVID-19? We have dedicated a space on our website for positive and uplifting stories, videos, and free downloads. It includes educational materials, coloring books, feel-good reads, inspiring videos, and backgrounds to display on your phone or computer.

[Learn More Here](#)



In the News



Patronus: A Dressage Horse Rescued from Darkness

Dressage Today magazine shared the incredible story of DEFHR alumni, Patronus, who was adopted by Denise Holton several years ago. Patronus has been thriving in the dressage world, and he and Denise have developed an amazing partnership. You might have even seen them performing a musical freestyle at our fall festival.

[Read Now](#)



Unbridled: Discovering a Horse of a Lifetime

Larisa Quirk's talented mare, Starbucks, was the highlight of our monthly "Transformation Tuesday" column with Horse Network. Larisa adopted Starbucks from DEFHR several years ago, and together they've accomplished many goals - including bridle-less jumping. So far, their record is 4'3"!

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New Job Alert: Join our Team

DEFHR has new positions available. Check out the listings below and get in touch to learn more about each one. Which might be the right fit for you?

- [Internships](#)
- [Summer Youth Program Leader](#)
- [Development Coordinator](#)
- [Fundraising/Communications Coordinator](#)

Register Now for Summer Camp

Registration is open for our [2020 Legacy Camp season](#).

We offer three different programs varying by age for youth ages 7-17. Our Legacy Programs are a great way to jumpstart your child's volunteer experience while enjoying a full day of learning, fun, and friendship at DEFHR! Last year, we were voted the Best Summer Camp in Frederick County by thousands of people!

Featured Horse of the Month: King Kalvin

Harlow is a 9-year-old, 14.3-hand Quarter Horse gelding. Even though he has only one eye, you'd never know it because of how kind and brave he is. He'd be a wonderful horse for anyone looking for an all-around partner to enjoy.

At this time, visitors are not permitted at DEFHR, but we are happy to answer any questions you may have about the horses available. Please email adopt@DEFHR.org for more information.



[Learn More About King Kalvin](#)



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