



## DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

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### A Brighter Tomorrow at Days End Farm Horse Rescue

Though it has been a challenging few months for all of us, we're so grateful to our many supporters who continue to help Days End Farm Horse Rescue. During May 5th's Giving Tuesday Now campaign, we were thrilled to reach our goal of raising \$25,000 for the horses. Once again, our amazing community of supporters came together in a time of crisis to show that there is hope for tomorrow. Because of your outpouring of support, you can trust that we are better prepared for the months ahead and will be ready to respond in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. Every dollar counts, and we're incredibly grateful. If you missed that opportunity to donate, please consider **making a gift today**.



#### Prepared for Emergencies

Back in March, we closed our facility to the general public and regular volunteers, and the office personnel worked from home. We made this decision to protect the health of our animal care staff, while following the State of Maryland's guidelines. Because we had protocols in place for such emergency situations, we were able to quickly create a highly functional, efficient system to keep things running smoothly and safely at the farm.

#### News from the Farm

Our amazing animal care team at DEFHR have gone above and beyond to keep our horses healthy and happy, even under challenging circumstances. Our trainers, Sara Nyman-Strauss and Leigha Schrader, have been sharing weekly video updates in their "Life on the Farm" series giving behind-the-scenes look into the care and training of the horses. [Click here](#) to watch this week's episode, and check out the photo gallery below of their recent cross-country schooling sessions with some of the DEFHR horses. What a talented group we have right now!

#### Volunteer Program Updates

Currently, our regular volunteer program remains closed as Maryland enters Phase 1 of the slow reopening process. We are using Maryland's Road Map to Recovery to aid in determining when and how we can safely reopen the volunteer program. We will keep you posted as we make more decisions on this process. Thank you all for your support and understanding. We miss you and can't wait for the day we welcome you back. Stay healthy, everyone!

Click on the photos below to learn more about Quizzical Quartz, Finley, HH Hadwin, and Yuko.



### Welcome Big D – Our Newest Ambassador



We are pleased to welcome our newest member to the equine ambassador team! As part of an ongoing education collaboration with the Baltimore Mounted Police Unit, Major Dino, known as "Big D," became ready to retire from active duty and will join his old Baltimore Police Unit buddies, Officer Barney and Patrolman Pete, as our newest equine ambassador. We are honored to add Dino to our law enforcement/animal control/animal welfare equine education team and we are certain he will have a positive impact on our volunteer, outreach, and educational programs.

In 2018, Dino was awarded the Klinger Perpetual Award for Honor & Service at the Washington International Horse Show for his extraordinary service to Baltimore. Last year, he was inducted into the Horse Stars Hall of Fame, which was established by the EQUUS Foundation and US Equestrian. Dino served as the lead horse for the Baltimore Police Unit attending more than 170 community and service events annually. We can't wait for you to meet him later this year.

### Recent Articles



#### "Beating the Odds"

In our monthly column on Horse Network, we shared the amazing comeback story of Quest. This brave pony was one of DEFHR's most famous cases, and was rescued after being locked in a barn for over a decade. When he was discovered, his hooves were over three feet long! Read about how he overcame adversity and now lives like a king with his adopted family.

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#### "Never Count Out a Rescue Horse"

*Practical Horseman* magazine recently featured the story of DEFHR alumni, Elliott. Find out how this Thoroughbred gelding rekindled his amateur owner's love of horses through adventures in eventing and foxhunting.

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### DEFHR News

- [New DEFHR Merchandise Available - All Proceeds Go to our COVID-19 Preparedness Fund](#)
- [Download Zoom Backgrounds Featuring Your Favorite DEFHR Scene](#)
- [Follow DEFHR on our New Instagram Account](#)

### Virtual Adoptions

We're getting creative with our virtual adoptions for our [companion horses](#). You can get to know all about our available horses without even leaving your home.

A non-ridden companion or pasture pal horse or pony can serve several purposes. They can provide company for a single ridden horse, a young or elderly horse, or simply be kept as a pet to enjoy. Our companion horses are healthy, pasture sound, and provide essential socialization for horses.



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