

Honoring National Justice for Animals Week



Since its founding in 1989, Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) in Woodbine, Maryland, has supported animal protection authorities in rescuing more than 2,000 horses from abuse and neglect in Maryland and surrounding states.

With so many equines in need, DEFHR is grateful for the Animal Legal Defense Fund's National Justice for Animals Week, which took place February 18-25, 2024. This annual event is dedicated to raising public awareness about crimes committed against animals including learning what criminal cruelty means under the law and how we can all work to build stronger laws, prevent criminal cruelty, hold abusers accountable, and vindicate the interests of animal cruelty victims.

If you'd like to advocate together for the welfare of horses and help shine a light on the importance of preventing equine abuse and neglect, we invite you to follow DEFHR on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). You can also learn more about National Justice for Animals Week and how to support DEFHR's life-saving work by clicking the buttons below.

[Learn About National Justice for Animals Week](#)

[Support DEFHR's Life-Saving Work](#)

Spring Break Is Around the Corner: Register for the Legacy Spring Breakout Session



Spring break is almost here and we are excited for DEFHR's one-day Legacy Spring Breakout Session for youth seven to 17 years old at our farm in Woodbine, Maryland.

Participants will learn how to care for their favorite rescue horses and have the opportunity to ride and play games on horseback.

The Legacy Spring Breakout Session takes place on Monday, April 1, 2024, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Spaces are limited and fill fast. Registration closes on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Scout Day Registration Now Open



Registration is now open for DEFHR's popular Girl/Boy Scout Day. Individual Scouts and entire troops are invited to a two-hour, hands-on program on Saturday, April 20, and Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During their time on the farm, Scouts will rotate through multiple educational stations that include grooming, leading horses, and learning how DEFHR rehabilitates its horses. All Scouts will receive a DEFHR patch. The cost is \$10 per Scout.

[Register for Scout Day](#)

In the News



Horse Network "Rescue Elysian Finds a Blissful Future"

In March 2017, Elysian and 11 other horses were seized by animal control officers from a property in Carroll County, Maryland, due to neglect. Elysian was transported to DEFHR for rehabilitation and training in preparation for his forever home. After being adopted in 2019 and later returned to DEFHR in 2023 at no fault of his own, Elysian was once again looking for a new family. Click the button below to read Elysian's story in our monthly column on Horse Network.

[Read the Article](#)

Featured Horse of the Month: Sebastian



10-year-old Hackney gelding, 12.1hh

Sebastian is currently in DEFHR's training program and has excelled walking, trotting, and cantering in and out of the arena and has been started over small fences.

Sebastian has trailered offsite for trail rides and happily jumped over small logs and crossed streams. On the ground, Sebastian is a ham with a fun-loving personality. He loves face scratches and stands nicely for grooming. Sebastian would be great for an intermediate junior rider in a training program or a petite adult.

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

[Click To Learn More About Sebastian](#)

In 2023, DEFHR Opened Its Doors for 55 Horses in Critical Condition



Please consider Days End Farm Horse Rescue for your tax-deductible giving. Your donations help transform the lives of equines in need.

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