

Visit Santa's Village at DEFHR



Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR), in collaboration with The Great Lisbon "Farmers Feed the Hungry" Christmas Parade, is hosting Santa's Vendor Village at our Woodbine, Maryland, farm on Saturday, December 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Santa's Vendor Village will run concurrently with The Great Lisbon Christmas Parade taking place the same day in the historic town of Lisbon, Maryland, at 12 p.m.

This family-friendly event at our facility will feature several activities including photos with Santa, "reindeer rides" on a DEFHR horse from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m., self-guided farm tours, and warm refreshments and s'more making.

To support Farmers Feed the Hungry, DEFHR is collecting non-perishable and canned food during the event.

For a list of vendors and other parade details, please visit: lisbonchristmasparade.org

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Volunteer Spotlight: Meet John



John has been volunteering at DEFHR for 10 months. When he joined, he had zero equine experience, and his introduction to horses took place during his volunteer orientation.

John says that his favorite part about volunteering at DEFHR is the constant learning and variety of tasks. He loves expanding his knowledge and appreciates the patience and helpfulness of DEFHR staff members.

A retired Howard County, Maryland, teacher, John learned about DEFHR while assisting a student on a project about the organization. Later, when searching for fulfilling ways to spend his retirement, he remembered DEFHR and was impressed by our staff and programs. Now, he's a core part of our volunteer team.

We're so grateful to have you, John. Thank you for being a part of the DEFHR family!

[Learn About DEFHR Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Join DEFHR's Equidopt Grooming Program



If you'd like to make a consistent, hands-on impact on our horses during their rehabilitation journey, consider becoming an Equidopt grooming sponsor. This program allows sponsors to build a relationship with an assigned horse through weekly grooming sessions. Sponsors will also receive a DEFHR-branded grooming kit, seasonal gifts, and opportunities to participate in quarterly ground clinics.

To learn more about DEFHR's Equidopt Grooming Sponsor program, click the button below.

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In the News



Horse Network

"Rescue Horses Need Guardian Angels Too"

DEFHR's Guardian Program offers horses a safety net to guarantee they will never fall through the cracks. Horses in this program are either more than 20 years old or younger horses requiring special management. Two horses currently available for adoption through the Guardian Program are Carrots and Dublin. Tap the button below to read about this bonded pair in our monthly column on Horse Network.

[Read the Article](#)

Featured Horse of the Month: Willoughby



Eight-year-old Thoroughbred gelding, 15.2hh

"Will" is a laid-back guy looking for his forever home. Will has accomplished a lot in DEFHR's training program including participating in an off-site clinic, trailering out for trail rides, and serving as an equine ambassador for Girl and Boy Scout troops that visit the farm.

Will enjoys splashing in streams and jumping over logs on trails as well as navigating obstacles at home. He's very brave and never bats an eye.

Will has also done a lot of groundwork, including round penning, lunging, self-loading on the trailer, long-lining, yielding, and backing. Will would love a job continuing to hone all he's learned in his training so far. Will's ideal rider should be confident and able to provide quiet aids.

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

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