



EQUINE ADVOCATES®

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Rescue & Sanctuary

Founded in 1996, Equine Advocates has helped save & rescue thousands of equines from slaughter, abuse and neglect. In 2004, we established Equine Advocates Rescue & Sanctuary, a 140-acre horse sanctuary in Chatham, NY, that is currently home to 84 remarkable equine residents. We continue to rescue horses in jeopardy and while we have sadly lost some of our aged population over the past 12 months, we have taken in other equines in need.

Advocacy

Through our website and other social media outlets, as well as campaigns and rescue operations, we provide information on various equine matters/issues and what one can do to become more pro-active as every individual can make a difference and it is important for people to speak up and be heard. We provide tools including fact sheets, letters, reports, and other vital information that individuals can print out, share and take action.

We continue to work to ban horse slaughter, to see an end to the culling of our wild horses & burros, to end the horrific PMU (pregnant mares urine) industry which has been moved from Canada to China making rescue or any reporting on their condition and treatment impossible, to the end to the urban carriage horse trade, as well as working on other important issues facing America's wild and domestic equines.

Humane Education

We have a Humane Education Center on the sanctuary grounds where we welcome visitors/groups for classes on topics ranging from equine issues, protection & care, the humane treatment of horses and responsible horse guardianship. Afterwards all get to meet our equine residents and learn where they came from and why they needed to be rescued - they are an important part of our humane education program as they spotlight what is happening to equines across the country. In addition, we offer monthly Open Days so that the public can visit without an appointment.

We are also so pleased to have expanded our Humane Education Program offering classes for Pre-K to Middle School. The lessons offered help fulfill New York Learning Standards and requirements of the New York State Humane Education Law. Students meet and hear the stories of rescued horses at the sanctuary, learning about the need to protect and advocate for all animals. The program encourages critical thinking and problem solving as a means to question, make informed judgements and take compassionate action. The Vice Principal of the local elementary school wrote this testimonial. "The staff at Equine Advocates are an absolute pleasure to work with. We have sent students from grades K through 5 on field trips to the sanctuary and I can speak from firsthand experience that the humane education program they deliver is age appropriate, hands-on, engaging and well worth a visit from any school. I have only had positive interactions with the staff at Equine Advocates and look forward to working with them in the future." He has also offered to be reference to interested schools.

Mission Statement

To rescue, protect and prevent the abuse of equines through education, investigation, rescue operations, the dissemination of information to the public and the operation of a horse sanctuary for slaughter-bound, abused and neglected horses.

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Financial Information Year ending 12/31/2017

Income	
Donations & Grants	\$1,314,888
Special Event	188,796
Interest	2,187
In-Kind Donations	13,860
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,3549,372
Expenses	
Program Services (79%)	
Equine Rescue & Sanctuary	\$ 918,971
Equine Education	245,789
	\$1,164,760
Supporting Services	
Management & General (9%)	\$ 143,067
Fundraising (10%)	149,654
	\$ 292,721
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,467,481**
** Includes \$98,397 in depreciation.	
Assets	
Assets at start of year	\$3,634,219
Assets at end of year	\$3,696,469
Increase in Assets	\$ 62,250