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OF RESCUING AND
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Bobby II Freedom's Remarkable Recovery

Thanks to continued support from people like you, all of our equine residents receive the care they need for the rest of their lives.

► Equine Advocates' most famous resident is Bobby II Freedom, a former NYC carriage horse rescued from slaughter in 2010. When Bobby first arrived, we had to manage a variety of soundness issues and injuries that he had sustained during the time he was pounding the pavement on the streets of New York City.

Some of Bobby's issues were degenerative and destined to get much worse over time. Such was the case earlier this year, when pain in his right front foot was causing him to be lame. After trying different types of shoes and treatments, it seemed as though we had run out of options for Bobby. As a last resort, we contacted Dr. Ric Redden in Kentucky, a world-renowned equine veterinarian and podiatrist with a reputation for thinking outside the box.

After reviewing all of Bobby's past medical records, Dr. Redden said he felt he could create a special shoe for Bobby that could help him walk without pain. Our regular equine podiatrist, Dr. Shawn Morrell was also very involved with Bobby's case and made a mold of the affected foot to send to Dr. Redden.

The result was a custom-made shoe that changed the angle of his foot to alleviate the pain. It worked! Bobby turned 27

this year. We celebrate his birthday annually on the day of his rescue. Six months ago, we weren't sure he would make it, but Bobby is alive and well and getting along just fine at the sanctuary.

Success stories like Bobby's are only possible because of our loyal supporters like YOU!



Susan Wagner, Founder and President, with Bobby on his 27th "Re-Birth-Day" and marking 11 years since his rescue. Photo credit: Alex Valverde/Equine Advocates



Side view of Bobby wearing his special new shoe. Photo credit: Susan Wagner/Equine Advocates

► Visit equineadvocates.org to meet our residents and read their rescue stories!



This year, Equine Advocates earned the coveted 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. This means that Equine Advocates "exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its cause." Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator have this honor. We also received the highest possible rating from GuideStar with its Platinum Seal of Transparency.

Public Open Days Return

After more than a year and a half, we were finally able to safely re-open to the public on July 17th and it was a fabulous day! It was wonderful to see so many of our good friends again. We also had quite a few new visitors, many of whom said that they wanted to come back.

We'd love to have you join us for one or more of the following dates in 2021:

- **Sunday, August 15**
- **Saturday, September 25**
- **Sunday, October 24**
- **Saturday, November 13**

Dates for 2022 will be determined later this year.

U.S. Army Caisson Horse Retires to Equine Advocates Rescue & Sanctuary

We are honored to have Tyler join the rest of the herd!

► Since February of 2020 we have welcomed four new rescued equines into the sanctuary: Janie, a registered Thoroughbred from New York; Kachina, a Wild Mustang heartlessly captured by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Pryor Mountains of Montana; Mark, a Draft Cross and former urban carriage horse from Philadelphia; and Wiatt, an Amish Shire from western Pennsylvania. We are also proud to provide a permanent

retirement home to Tyler (pictured) who for nine years served this country as a Military Working Horse with the Caisson Platoon at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Virginia.

Tyler helped lead the caskets of U.S. Military members to their final resting places at Arlington National Cemetery. He performed many important duties with the Caisson Platoon, including providing comfort and lasting memories for grieving

military families. Honoring the men and women who fight for our country has always been something we stand behind, and that includes celebrating holidays commemorating and honoring their service. Veteran's Day on 11/11/21 will have an enhanced importance to us now that we have our own equine Army Veteran living at the sanctuary. It warms our hearts to give Tyler a forever home to live out the rest of his years.



Tyler was retired from his duties as a U.S. Military Working Horse on January 18, 2021 and is now a permanent part of the equine family here at the sanctuary.

Photo credits: Melissa Murray/Equine Advocates

Consider Leaving a Legacy through Planned Giving

Planned Giving is a wonderful way to make a lasting impact by providing a future gift from your estate to Equine Advocates. Planned Giving is not meant to replace, but to complement, a donor's current giving plan. You can specify a portion of your assets to go to Equine Advocates, and this arrangement can be changed any time you choose. You may also direct your gift to support a particular program, specific equine(s) or a future capital improvement project. For more information, please check the box on the attached Contribution Reply or visit equineadvocates.org/planned-giving.



Visit equineadvocates.org and follow [@equineadvocates](https://twitter.com/equineadvocates) on social media!

Max Weinberg, Iconic E Street Band Drummer, Will Perform Live at Equine Advocates 25th Birthday Bash on Sunday, October 10th

Get Ready Because We're Gonna Have A Party!

► Mighty Max Weinberg, long-time drummer for Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, is coming to PS21 in Chatham, NY on Sunday, October 10th with "Max Weinberg's Jukebox," his thrilling audience participation rock and roll show to help celebrate Equine Advocates 25th birthday. Max's show is a real crowd-pleaser which is why people flock to see it over and over again as each performance is unique and different. Not only that, but Max is known for surprises and we don't know what he will have in mind that evening!

The venue, PS21, is a wonderful 300-seat covered outdoor theater

located just a mile from Equine Advocates Rescue & Sanctuary. Sponsors, Underwriters and V.I.P. ticket holders will be invited to an exclusive cocktail party before the performance at Equine Advocates Rescue & Sanctuary where Max will make a special appearance. The fall foliage should be at or close to peak during that Columbus Day Weekend which is when the sanctuary is at its most majestic.

Visit equineadvocates.org for more information or to purchase tickets. Be sure to join our online mailing list and follow [@equineadvocates](https://twitter.com/equineadvocates) on all social media for updates leading up to the event as well as other news from the sanctuary.



Max Weinberg is an American drummer and television personality, most widely known as the longtime drummer for Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band and as the bandleader for Conan O'Brien on Late Night with Conan O'Brien.

► Thank you for making a difference in the lives of Equines who need help. PLEASE GIVE TODAY!



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I want to make sure Equine Advocates is able to continue their mission to rescue and protect horses, ponies, donkeys and mules.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____.

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Check the "Repeat gift each month" box above and become a Monthly Donor Today!



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

► New York State residents Barbara and Guy have been long-time supporters of Equine Advocates and currently sponsor three equines at our sanctuary – Elinore, Plato and Jeffrey Mac. We asked them what they get out of being sponsors. In a joint statement, they said, “Horse sponsorship has allowed us to form a strong bond with our horses. This bond is enriching to the lives of the horses as well as to the humans!”

The residents at Equine Advocates Rescue & Sanctuary need constant care and you can help them by becoming a sponsor. All funds go directly toward their routine

care which includes hay, feed, bedding, veterinary, dental and farriery services, medications, supplements and more. In addition to the joy of contributing to the care of an individual horse, pony, donkey or mule, you would be welcome to visit your special friend(s) any time you like.

You can read more about the residents currently available for sponsorship at equineadvocates.org/sponsor-an-equine. You can also search through our list of residents to find your favorites and visit with them during one of our Public Open Days. If you are too far away, feel free to contact us if you would like to know more

about a particular animal. We have horse sponsors as far away as Bermuda, California, Florida, Illinois and Texas.

Sponsorship levels start at \$50 per month up to full sponsorship at \$400 per month. You may also choose to sponsor an equine in memory of a loved one or as a special gift to the horse lover in your life!

If sponsorship doesn't fit into your budget, another option is to become a Monthly Donor for as little as \$5 per month. You can sign up on the website or simply check the appropriate box on the attached Contribution Reply and provide the necessary information.



Like all sponsors, Barbara (pictured here with Elinore) and Guy are welcome to visit their sponsored horses at the sanctuary whenever they wish!



Guy with Jeffrey Mac, one of the three horses he and Barbara sponsor.



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Become a Monthly Donor or Sponsor today!

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- I want to Co-Sponsor an equine* for \$50 per month.
- I want to Fully Sponsor an equine* for \$400 per month

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