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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 equines.

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Every Equine Deserves to be Treated with Respect Throughout their Lifetime

They are not objects to be discarded when no longer “useful.”

► **Sophie** (right) is a striking Bay Mare born in 2008 and one of our more recent arrivals. She is a Dutch Harness Horse, a Warmblood breed originally developed in the Netherlands for driving. Despite her refined breeding, Sophie’s life experience has been far from glamorous.

For years, she was used and driven hard by the Amish as a Buggy Horse. By the time she was fourteen, she had sustained several serious injuries including bowed tendons in both front legs. When she was no longer considered “useful,” she was dumped at a low-end Pennsylvania meat auction and sold for slaughter.

Miraculously, she was rescued out of the kill pen by our good friend Gerda Silver of Gerda’s Equine Rescue. X-rays showed that Sophie had a spinal deformity and other physical problems that prevented her from having a rider on her back. She needed the safety of a sanctuary.



Meanwhile, we happened to have a gelding who needed a mare as a companion as he did not get along with other geldings. Sophie arrived in April and was introduced to Randy. We hoped that they would bond, and they did! You can see them together on page 2.

► **Ginger** (left) is a 17-year-old Chestnut Draft Cross who, like Sophie, had spent most of her adult life working as an Amish buggy horse. And like Sophie, she was dumped at a Pennsylvania slaughter auction when she was no longer physically able to work.

Fortunately, her life was spared when she was purchased by a commercial barn at that auction. However, due to the soundness issues she developed over the years

as a buggy horse, she was not a good candidate for riding and needed to be retired in a sanctuary.

After undergoing a complete medical evaluation, Ginger arrived at Equine Advocates in October of last year. She was diagnosed with several health problems, including osteoarthritis and a Vitamin E deficiency which required special supplements.

Each of the 84 equines living here at the sanctuary has their own individual dietary and physical requirements. We get to know the needs and preferences of every single animal and work very hard to make them as safe, healthy and happy as possible. This is only possible because of generous people like YOU!

Please give today!



Equine Advocates has 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 Candid with its Platinum Seal of Transparency. These accolades show that you can be confident that your gift will be used wisely.

2024 Public Open Days

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

Saturday, August 17

Saturday, September 14

Saturday, October 12

Sunday, November 3

Visit our website equineadvocates.org for complete details and driving directions.

Sponsor Spotlight

► Cathy, a horse lover and New York State resident, sponsors three equines at Equine Advocates – Randy, Tyler and Onaqui.

Randy and Tyler are both retired Military Working Horses who served with the U.S. Army's Caisson Platoon. Onaqui is a Wild Mustang Mare who was rounded up and captured by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in 2021. You can read their stories and those of ALL of our equine residents on our website.

Here's what Cathy had to say about sponsorship:

"I approach Randy's field and he greets me with a nicker—it's the BEST welcome, and that relationship is one of the most rewarding aspects of being his full sponsor.

Both Tyler and Onaqui (whom I co-sponsor) also recognize and connect with me. It's a great feeling.

I enjoy showing kindness and giving back lots of love to the rescued and retired residents of Equine Advocates. It's also nice to be in the company of like-minded friends and staff, turning values into action, speaking for those who can't, and supporting

the important mission of Equine Advocates. What could be more worthwhile?"

When you become an Equine Sponsor, all funds go directly toward the routine care for your chosen equine, which includes hay, feed, bedding, veterinary, dental, and farrier services, medications, supplements, and more. One of the exclusive

benefits of sponsorship is the special privilege to visit your special friend(s) between 10am-3pm any day you like!

Sponsorship levels start at \$50 per month, but if this doesn't fit your budget, another option is to become a Monthly Donor for as little as \$5 per month. Every gift makes a difference!



Top: Cathy spending quality time with Randy

Bottom: Randy and Sophie will be friends for life



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.

We Are Committed to our Equine Residents for the Rest of their Lives

This means treating them with dignity until the very end

► On July 15, 2024, we said goodbye to Dallas, one of our earliest rescues, at the age of 35. He is greatly missed by not only his equine companions but by our entire staff.

We don't often write about it, but one of the hardest things about running a sanctuary is also one of the most important—the heavy responsibility of making end-of-life decisions.

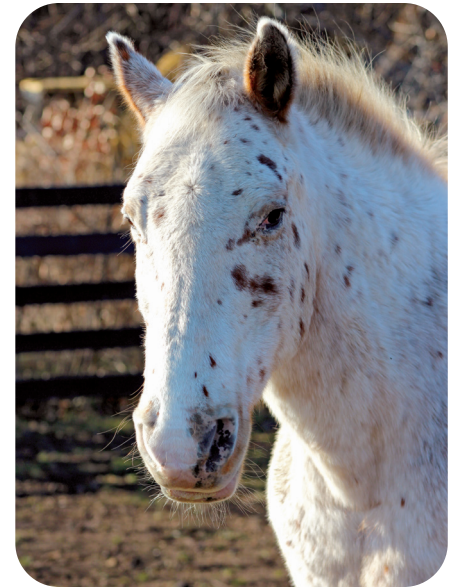
Knowing when to let them go and ensuring that they receive a peaceful and dignified end. No matter how many times we say a final goodbye, it never gets any easier.

Dallas was one of 27 camp horses and ponies we rescued from a bankrupt tourist attraction in upstate New York in 1997, just one year after Equine Advocates was

founded. This rescue became the launching pad that first brought public attention to the work we were doing.

Later that year, the New York State Humane Association presented Equine Advocates with a Special Equine Protection Award for the rescue of those horses. This handsome Appaloosa gelding emerged as the celebrity of the group.

Dallas was kind and gentle despite the rough conditions under which he had lived before, and he was always the first horse we would introduce to adults and children who were inexperienced around horses. If we had decided to elect a mayor, he would have won by a landslide. We are so glad he lived a long, wonderful, and meaningful life here with us at Equine Advocates.



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

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

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____.

Please make your check payable to Equine Advocates.

I would like to donate using my credit card:

Visa MasterCard Amex Discover

Card # _____

Exp. Date: _____

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Repeat gift each month.

Please contact me about leaving a legacy through Planned Giving.

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

Equine Advocates 23rd Annual Gala

**Saturday,
September 28**

Live in Concert

**Darlene
Love**

*Performing her show
"Love Songs"*

*featuring her
timeless hits.*



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For tickets or more information, visit equineadvocates.org or call 518-392-0175.

We hope you can join us! Proceeds from this event will go toward the care of the 84 rescued horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules who call the sanctuary home and toward the rescue of other equines in jeopardy.



**Thank you for making a difference in
the lives of Equines who need help.**

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CONTRIBUTION REPLY

Become a Monthly Donor at any amount!

I want to be a Monthly Donor at \$ _____ per month.

Equine Sponsorship starts at \$50 per month.

I want to sponsor an equine* for \$ _____ per month.

Please provide your credit card and contact information on the reverse side.

**Please include your phone number on the credit card form so that we can contact you to discuss your choice of equine.*

► **Coming soon! Watch your mailbox
for the 2025 Equine Advocates calendar!**

