



Newsletter

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PROVIDING TENDER LOVING CARE TO NEEDY HORSES & PONIES



Charlie it seems had lost all hope! Apparently he was kept at a livery yard/field. His badly neglected & overgrown feet have been hastily trimmed so that that truth didn't escape when these photos were taken. This past winter. Charlie had three adult owners / carers. One owned him but gave him away on loan, that woman gave him away to another. He ended up living in a field with other bigger stronger horses he soon found his place, sadly at the bottom of the pecking order. The other horse owners fed and cared for their horses. The field was alongside the road an often had

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people passing by also. All Charlie got was what he could find nibbles of brambles, nettles and low branches. He had to get used to seeing them being fed and being chased away. He couldn't help being old and having well-worn down teeth. He has been in deep mud all winter long. All the hair is gone from his lower legs and he is sore. The rug he wore to hide his mistreatment rubbed his withers until a huge open sore appeared. It was so big and deep we feared it might not heal. Now he has a large green field with a dry stable / shelter with constant good quality hay in the rack. He has a nice new pretty rug for bad days but is currently enjoying the sun on his back.



Now on green grass the first in a long, long time with no-one to harass or chase him.



Here (left) he is enjoying nice big feeds every day now, to try to put back what he lost last winter. We have moved him in with Duchess and her foal for better grass. We think his body was shutting down because his eyes were not good. Runny, oozing yellow / green matter. He is getting regular feeds and the nutrients he needs and is looking much better. He is only about 20 a New Forest Pony. It took about a week to get him to come to his name for food. He seemed shocked it really was him being called and not anyone else. Life like this has been a long time coming. He is very sweet and good natured. I guess he now has hope.

All thanks to your support. Below! Charlie is having the Vet sort out his teeth. Looks brutal with the "gag" in his mouth but he has been sedated. They Vets have done a good job and he was eating well immediately after. The owners came with him to the centre looking like celebrities in designer gear and their white Range Rover. What an unbelievable cheek!



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This is Duchess's new born foal. Born on Good Friday
Now named "Duke" (named by Lilly aged 11)

Duchess and Duke are now out to grass. We have handled him and had a head-collar on him.
Duchess has been telling him tales of terrible humans as he is terrified of us all.



Ellie getting a sneaky pat. Duchess is very protective. Duke learning to suckle.
And all Thanks to your support!

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Geraldine. Still challenging with her eye damage.



Arnie & Bonnie

Bella. Just had a nice bath. She loved it. She is much calmer now.



Tinkerbell

Iggy. Just had his mane & tail pulled. Arthritis coming in shoulder maybe?



Megan with Rocket behind

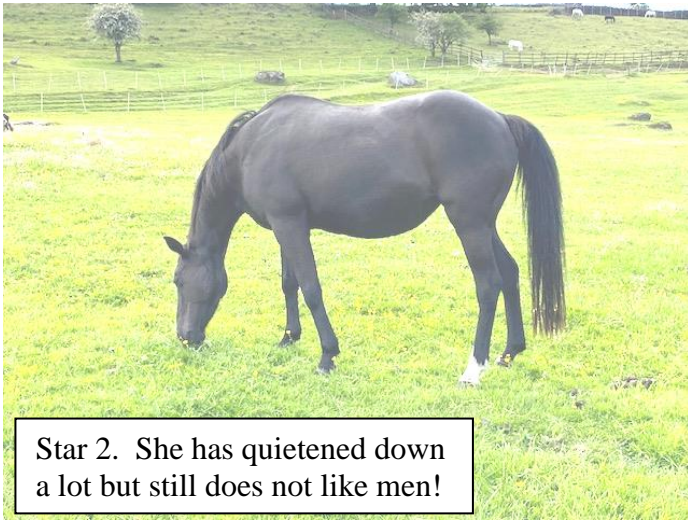


Angel having her legs washed in preparation to be clipped out due to "cushings" it went really cold again after so rugs back on for 2 weeks.



Circle of nibblers in the pond! From the Left Iggy, Rosie, Geraldine, Tinkerbell and Rocket eating pond weed. With Poppy keeping her feet dry.

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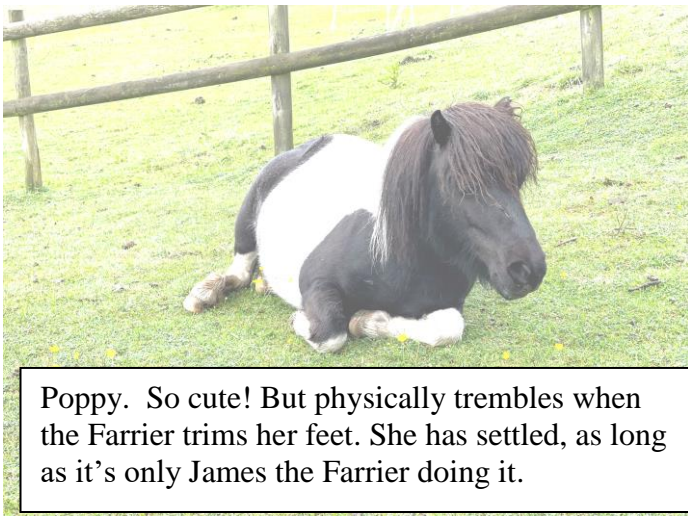


Star 2. She has quietened down a lot but still does not like men!

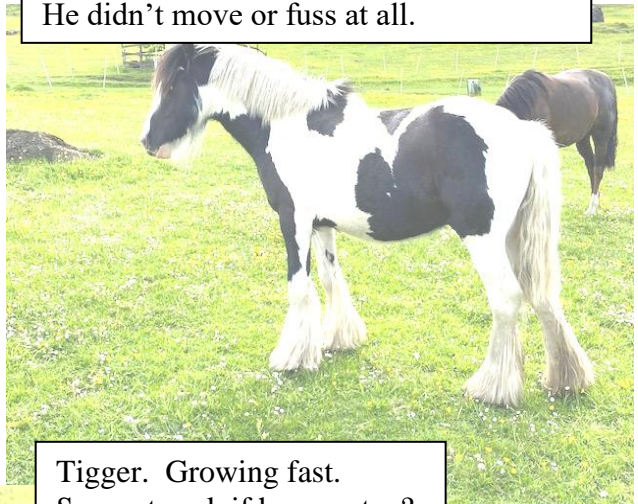


Winston

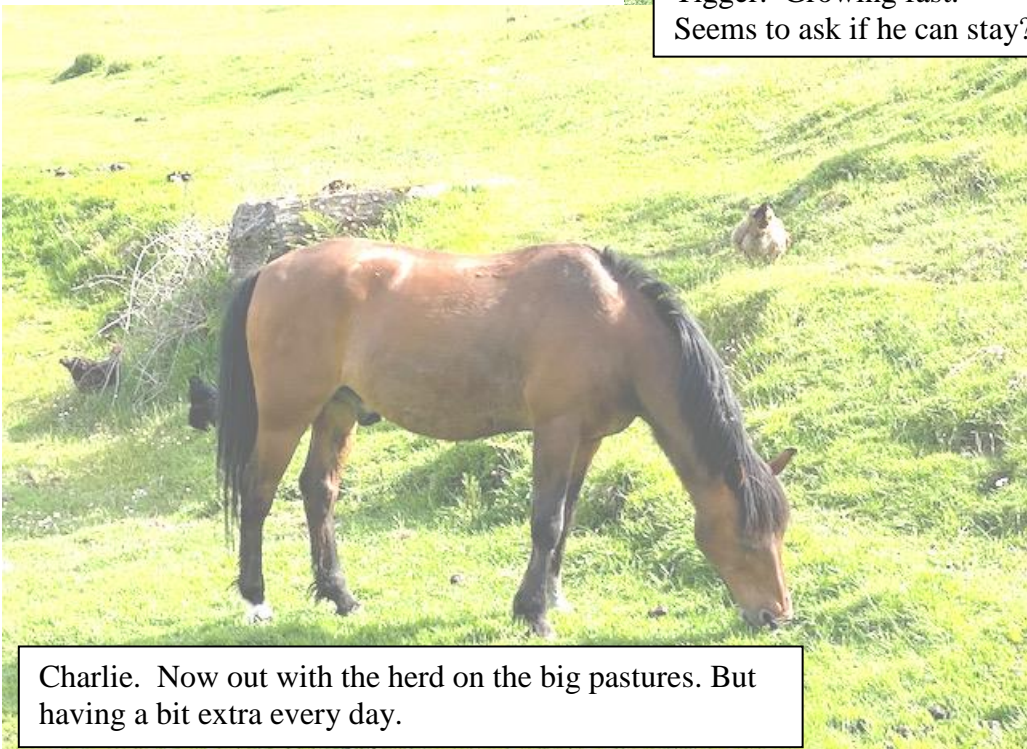
He is so gentle. Angela goes around daily checking the horses all over. Recently he came so close when she went to move off she ran his foot over. He didn't move or fuss at all.



Poppy. So cute! But physically trembles when the Farrier trims her feet. She has settled, as long as it's only James the Farrier doing it.



Tigger. Growing fast. Seems to ask if he can stay?



Charlie. Now out with the herd on the big pastures. But having a bit extra every day.

Letters from friends.

The Shoppers and Staff at Waitrose Cowbridge sent a cheque from their Community Matters Fund for £333 for the ponies. *Thank you all.*

Easyfundraising driven by our supporters who have signed up sent a cheque for £97.60 for July till September 2020. Then another for £62.11 for the run up to Christmas 2020. Then another for £42.05 for 1st Jan until 31st March 2021. *Well done all who took part. Here is the link to follow if you would like to join them, <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pitpony/> and raise funds.*

Mrs David wrote. Dear Roy, I was so upset to read about Tigger, thinking what he must have gone through, but then overjoyed knowing he had found a “forever home” with you and Angela. I have enclosed a cheque to celebrate his arrival.

Smile.amazon.co.uk wrote to say that the Centre has been given a quarterly donation of £29.20. Then another for £26.67. Thank you all who have signed up. They also told us you can use Smile on their Amazon Shopping app even on android phones. Smile have made it easier to join this fundraising group apparently with just one click. just go to <http://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1002933-0>

A £300 cheque came from the National Trust group at their old headquarters of Heywood House. No other details supplied so all we can do is thank them here!

Donations have recently been received in memory of;

*Mr M.E. Weston. Mrs Josephine Evans. Heather M Leslie.
Mrs Muriel Kerton.*

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A little teatime taste of Wales.

Teisennau Criwsion or (Bake stone Cakes)

Ingredients = 8oz Flour, ½ oz Baking Powder, Pinch of salt, 2oz Butter, Single cream. Or use Vegan / Vegetarian alternatives

Method = Sift the flour, salt and baking powder together into a bowl, then rub in the butter (or alternative) until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add sufficient cream (or alternative) to form a stiff paste. Roll out fairly thinly on a lightly floured surface and cut into small rounds. Lightly grease your bake-stone (hot griddle or heavy frying pad will do) until golden brown on both sides. Split in half and serve with lashings of butter and hot tea.

Mwynhewch y pryd! (Enjoy your meal)

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Booking.com have signed up to Just Giving for 2% donation. It doesn't sound much but if a family booked a foreign holiday it could easily cost £2000 all in, so 2% of that would be £40 for the ponies. Much better than nowt. £40 for a couple of extra clicks sounds good!

Some good news for the animals has come recently. The League against Cruel Sports and several others have been campaigning for many years and have finally won and more serious cases of animal cruelty will be dealt with more harshly by the Courts. I.E causing unnecessary suffering, mutilation, poisoning will carry much harsher sentences.

Barclays have announced their Strand in London branch is closing. I don't think we will miss it!



We still have a few of these brilliant Stainless Steel Coin holder key rings. Never find yourself without a £1 or 1 Euro coin again. Ideal for gym locker, swimming locker, shopping trolley etc.

Special offer £10 for two including P&P

Elsewhere advertised at £5.99 each.

Just heard the keeping of Elephants in zoos it to be banned. Finally the powers that be have acknowledged keeping them in captivity is not feasible.



This is Jayne. A long term friend of the centre and us. She is giving Rosie some valuable mane trimming and grooming. Jayne is having some serious health issues at present. Being a Doctor her-self she is currently wheelchair bound. She has a back injury from a riding accident many years ago. She is waiting for the NHS to help her further and maybe get her back on her feet again. The Centre is not very wheelchair friendly but we manage. She had a nice day and brought some young friends with her who also helped us and they hope to come again. Jayne fosters two of our ponies Thunder and Judy with the help of her young friends. Keep smiling Jayne!

Imagine you have signed up to “www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pitpony” and book a family holiday for some “covid” free guaranteed sunshine. Booking.com have signed up to it already. So, you get a bargain holiday and the ponies get a % of your total holiday cost donation for food, vets and farrier costs. And it doesn't cost you a penny extra. What a brilliant holiday you will have. With the added bonus of helping needy Ponies. Wow!

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New Girl Chelsea getting to know Duchess. De-lousing, worming and gently handling her and Duke. We look at the mottled line of black spots and patches right around her and wonder if they are un-usual pretty markings or the remnants of harsh handling. It is the place where rough handlers put a slip-knotted rope to force their way on difficult horses. Cuts and scars on a Grey horse are often black! She is so wary of men! She is a cow kicker and can kick sideways very hard. Ask Roy? Duchess has had a harsh life. As you can see she is having her legs groomed. Probably never had such luxury! Chelsea was too close for safety but Duchess had no aggression towards her and was quite relaxed! She has been here 6 months and is much more relaxed with us hopefully.



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