



# Newsletter

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**PROVIDING TENDER LOVING CARE TO NEEDY HORSES & PONIES**



This is "Cassie" taken off the gypsies. Apparently happy to sign her over as they see her as a nutter! However, it turns out she is eight years old and not pregnant! We see her as a terrified, bullied little Mare. She is just so, so frightened. Just arrived in this picture. Trying to make friends with her is being quite difficult. Her winter coat is hiding her prominent ribs and hips. We find she eats anything and has obviously know real hunger in her short life. We started by giving her a feed every morning and then a 10-minute groom. She didn't like the grooming bit but tolerated it until I got close to the lump at the top of her neck. We guess a large bruise from

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some recent trauma. She has slowly become used to the grooming but I wouldn't say she enjoys it. The thistle burrs you can see here in her mane and tail were so deeply tangled we had to trim both mane and tail quite substantially whilst she was sedated. Initially we isolated her in a field where she could see the goings on but not spread anything infectious. She is now out with the others. She is apt to get bullied but has made some friends.



We have treated any injuries we could find. Sadly, the damage in her mind isn't so easy to treat. Every morning Roy goes into her stable catches her and holds her for a while whilst grooming her then gives her a treat and some extra fuss and then out she goes. The lesions

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pictured above have nearly healed. It's difficult to image how she came by them but definitely not from any kindness.

Cassie doped and wearing a gag waiting for Vet Nicola to start on her teeth.



Here the Vet is preparing to see her teeth to see why she finds it difficult to eat and is so head-shy. It turned out she had a broken and black tooth. The gum had grown over the broken bits. It appeared to have been there a while and probably another old trauma. This has turned out to be the end of her physical injuries that needed treating. She is now able to settle to her new life here. It will take a while to adjust to a kind life free from pain and fear. We managed to cut the thistle burrs out whilst she was doped.



Duchess. This winter we are currently having a nice dry spell following lots of rain. We have a turnout area for the winter where the ponies can come out to play. They can roll, charge about, play knee nibbling, mutually groom, race around etc. They also get a shower on the milder days. They all get on very well together and have a lovely time and work up an appetite, As the field in the front of the house is currently seriously dry we let them all charge in their which they loved. Duchess struggled, stayed in the entrance for quite a few moments. Had a little jig about then charged after all the others. We don't think she realised she was free and could go and play. Of course they didn't want to come back in until it was quite dark.

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## *Donations have recently been received in memory of;*

Mrs Muriel Kerton, Mr Cyril John (Mick) Newton, Mr Raymond Lewis Williams,  
Mrs E Sullivan, Jackie Forcett

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Judith Gunn's cat "Poppy",

Thank you all who have signed up for Easyfundraising and use it when shopping on-line. We have had a cheque for £53.46 for last September. It's not too late to join them. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pitpony/>

Thank you also to those who have signed up for Amazon Smile we have had a cheque for £32.66. If you would like to join the gang, then go to;

<https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1002933-0> using our Charity No 1002933 when asked who you wish to support. Apparently you can also do this on your I-phone or Android phone app.

### *Letters from friends.*

You have a New Forest pony at the Sanctuary. He will be well cared for with lots of TLC etc. The New Forest pony was indecently used in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. It was my Granddad on my Mother's side of the Family in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and her Uncle. Their job was to get the ponies to ports where they would go pulling the gun carriages etc., through all that mud and gunfire. Both men survived the war. We also had a family member in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. He never came back and is buried abroad. *Sadly, unsigned.*



Tinkerbelle is in her prime and can be quite a bully and a few of the timid ponies have been caught by her. A while ago she got Duchess in her sights, reversed up and started kicking. Well Duchess is not timid and no pushover and gave Tinkerbelle such a good hiding. It seems to have done some good, and she is much more social with all the other ponies at the moment. Let's hope it is permanent. Generally, all the ponies get on well together but there is a definite pecking order. If you get caught in the wrong place by one higher up the pecking order expect to be taught your place! The younger ponies are able to go and socialise with any of the bigger stronger ones without any problem.

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Cassie in the yard Jan 2022



Geraldine in her stable Jan 2022



Duchess left and Duke right in their stable waiting to be let out Jan 2922

We always need items to sell to raise funds for the ponies.  
 Used stamps.  
 Old stamp albums,  
 Pre-loved jewellery  
 Old fountain pens.  
 Old watches & Clocks.  
 Cuff-links, Tie pins,  
 Mobile phones.  
 Collectable items.  
 Old Cars, motorcycles, boats. Caravans.

Duke's next life experience is probably being castrated in the late Spring with his buddy King.

A very dirty Geraldine in the yard Jan 2022. We think that she quite likes us now! It's been a long time coming.



Oreo & Tigger getting some Dr Green



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## *A little taste of Wales*

### Sautéed Oyster-Mushrooms (Scallops)

Prep 2 hours (soaking)

#### Ingredients;

180g Oyster Mushrooms

200ml vegetable stock

50ml Dry white wine

1 Tablespoon Vegan Margarine

2 Cloves Garlic

1 Shallot finely diced

1 Table spoon finely chopped parsley

#### Method:

Soak the mushrooms in hot water for 2 hours. Drain and cut into bite sized pieces.

Put them in a frying pan with the vegetable stock and wine. Bring to a gentle boil then set to simmer for 10 to 15 minutes or until the mushrooms have absorbed the liquid.

Remove from the pan and put aside. In the same pan melt the vegetarian margarine over a medium heat. Then fry the garlic and shallot until fragrant. Return the mushrooms to the pan And cook until starting to brown. If all the liquid evaporates add a little margarine and or wine and stir well.

Remove from the heat sprinkle the parsley and serve.

Makes two servings.



***Mwynhewch y pryd!** (Enjoy your meal)*

Arnie looking well and one of the leaders in the “who can get the dirtiest competition” this winter. He is a grey roan but currently a brown mucky roan. They all go out to play and try to find some mud to roll in. It’s a natural way for ponies and it all comes out in the wash! Standing in mud is of course a different kettle of fish. Mud fever is a big problem if the ponies are trapped in a muddy field. And some ponies with lots of feather (long hair) on their lower legs get heel mites which drive them bonkers

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Its dry enough for the ponies to get out for a run and charge about and a bit of Dr Green in their diet.

Near to far; King, StarII, Duchess, Tigger, Annie, Spike. Bella and some hens the builder accidently let out watching



Iggy enjoying some Dr green. We are quite surprised with this long dry spell in January. The ground is quite firm so we can let everybody out for some fun and a chance to graze. Iggy is one of those ponies mostly in the background. He has some funny little ways. When the herd come in at night all the ponies know exactly where they sleep and are waiting to be let in. However Iggy has to go up the yard and needs to pushed back down the yard to go in to his stable. He does no harm just needs to go up with the bigger ones until they have gone in for the night then he is ready.

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