



Newsletter

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PROVIDING TENDER LOVING CARE TO NEEDY HORSES & PONIES



Rocket lost an eye a long time ago. He copes very well. Recently he has injured his good eye. We don't know how. He may have done it playing. The vet has seen him and given anti-biotic, Pain-killer and some cream to put in the eye. The lady vet thought she could see serious damage. He is very difficult to treat. Here he is having some Christmas Stolen with Angela whilst the dogs hope he will drop some of it for them. He is certainly improved but we have to wait to see how well the eye recovers. Another Vet has been to see Rocket and sadly we still have to wait too see how the eye goes.

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Rocket is a pony that can be very friendly or very scared. His previous life was quite harsh for him. One eye is completely missing see picture left, so he is totally blind on that side. It meant nice people and not so nice people could sneak up on him either purposely or not either way he would suddenly be confronted and lived a very nervous existence. Here out in the high pastures he is settled and nothing disturbs him. In this picture he is happily saying hello to a little girl visitor and pulling a funny face. His missing eye gives him very little trouble we watch that it stays clean and he sometimes needs some cream to help. Summer flies pester him and all the ponies alike. He will not keep a fly hood on in the summer. The sight in the good eye is currently seriously affected but he still has at least

a little sight. We are keeping him safe until the vet can come again. The sight is seriously compromised and it means a big problem for us and Rocket. We are looking for a very quiet companion for him. Maybe another pony with poor sight. We may also need to try to buy a bit more land where we can make a safe paddock for them to be away from the main herd. We have given him a stable on his own but next to his good friend Arnie.

Thank you to all who send Christmas Cards. Your kind words help keep us warm this time of the year



Sadly lovely Lady became ill suddenly she could not walk properly and staggered sideways. The Vet came quickly and there was nothing that could be done and the vet gently put her to sleep.

Apparently she had pinched a nerve in her spine and would not survive. We all miss her. Even the Vet sent a nice card as she could see how happy Lady was with us and what a lovely home she had found with us. Thank you all our wonderful supporters who allow us to take in Horses like Lady when they need us.

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Letters from Friends

Ann Robson from Wrexham wrote; Please find enclosed a cheque for your very good cause – supported by all my family. This is particular in lieu of Christmas presents for my mum Bettie Mair who passed away in February 2019. She loved all the animals. God bless you all and here's to lottery wins (huge ones) in 2020 so we can help all our friends but especially the four legged ones.

Sandra wrote: My husband gave me a gift of £200 to spend on my Charities for Christmas. I felt you were the most worthy. No flashy brochures or free gifts. We hope that it will make Christmas that bit brighter for the Horses. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a very happy 2020.

One Card said “To all at the Horses & Pony Sanctuary. Have a perfect Christmas. Very best wishes for 2020 from Pauline Carpenter & Audrey Hughes (daughters of the late Amy Jackson.) Actually the whole team here had flu right through Christmas.

Beryl wrote: Dear all just turned 92. Don't get out much now due to poor mobility. However try to keep cheerful and thankful for what I have. Been “downsizing” and with help from friends sold quite a few unwanted items at very reasonable prices and am very happy to send you the results which I hope will help in a small way. May I wish all of you great encouragement in caring as you do!

Jo French wrote: Please find enclosed a cheque for the contents of a Kilner Jar of loose change. Merry Christmas to our four legged friends. Keep up the good work & all the best for the New Year and beyond.

Stanley Joyce tells us the news that Denmark has brought in a ban on ritual slaughter of animals on religious grounds for the production of Halal and Kosher meat.

Easy Fundraising has sent more cheques one for £58.76 and another for £98.57 Big thank you all who have signed up and use the system when you shop on-line. I know it can be bothersome but the results are fantastic and it gets easier the more you use it.

Vivien wrote: hope you like these few bits they are what my friends have gathered together to send hoping you will be able to make some money for the animals in your care. Thank you Viv and friends they will be great for the shows!

Solicitors sent a cheque to honour the legacy left for the ponies by Eve Hamblin in her will. Thank you.

The Ponies Lloyds Bank shares produced £13.59 for the feed bill. Every little helps!

Gail Wrote: One of your Newsletter featured a recipe for Welsh Rarebit which brought to mind the following childhood trauma with this dish! Our Grandpa Whitney liked to cook. One of his specialities being Welsh Rarebit which he would concoct for us, his three Granddaughters. But he could never understand why with a great outcry of “uaaw,ugh! “ “disgusting” we would refuse to eat it. It was many years we had heard it not as Welsh Rarebit but “Welsh Rabbit” and sensitive animal loving little girls that we were, We had been horrified at the prospect of eating some dear little bunny rabbit for dinner.

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Meet **Poppy** a January arrival. Apparently left behind as she could not be caught when



Travellers moved their caravans, Horses and everything on. She is very scared of everything. We have been working with her and she has already improved. She has lice so can't meet the other ponies yet. We have treated her with louse powder but the wet weather is making it really difficult. She is pictured here in the yard about to be de-loused and the inset picture is of Kirsty giving her some oats as a treat for being good.

The Charity really needs some-one to sort out the old stamp albums, first day covers, post cards, etc. for sale. We currently use Ebay to market our stamps as this gives us a worldwide audience of possible buyers. We have been

advised the best way to market them to raise the much needed funds for the Ponies it needs some-one to take it on and keep it going.

We also need a **Horse Hairdresser**. Someone to come and pull manes, thin out the unruly ones trim tails groom etc.

We have just had another cheque for £25 from Give as you live. So far our supporters who have signed up to do some of their shopping at Give as you live. If you would like to join us go to www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/pit-pony-sanctuary to get started and help us to raise funds without any costs to us.



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The Ponies have had legacies left to them by people in their wills. It is quite often an unexpected windfall for the centre. Sadly we can't thank the people. But would like to assure people who have put the ponies in their wills that it is much appreciated and will be used wisely. The needy ponies don't come with a backpack full of cash so it's down to the nice people to step in and help.

We recently met some nice girls from a local College who wanted to do some fundraising for the Ponies as part of their coursework. They took some little gifts etc. and sold them to friends etc. at their College they raised £38.73 from their efforts. Thank you girls.

Star really needs her rugs. The tiny flies that torment all the Horses and Ponies can cause allergic reactions in some. Star in one of those ponies who loses hair and develops patches of sore and festering skin if she is not covered when the flies appear. It's a lot of work and cost. There is no cure for "sweet itch" only good tender loving care will make her life more comfortable.



The extreme wet weather have played havoc with the Centre's farm track entrance. We try to maintain gullies that cut across the track every 20 yards or so but they sometimes get blocked allowing the water to come right down into the yard bringing lots of the track surface stone with it. Since this photo was taken we have extended the tarmac further up and have installed a sleeping policeman hump right across the track to divert the water and prevent the mess in the yard.

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Bella Pictured here with Roy and the vet. She is quidding (drops food out of her mouth) her food a lot. It's a sign of old age and worn teeth. The vet rasps off the sharp edges of her teeth hopefully stopping the food from getting over the edge and getting rolled up and dropping out. The vet also discovered Bella has a fractured tooth which will have to be removed soon.



In this photo Angela is explaining to 7 year old Ellie what is happening with the Ponies teeth. Ellie has put the Vets stethoscope on and is listening to her Nannies heart. Old Star has lost two teeth that have literally just fallen out one was held by a



thread. It's a busy day the Vet has come to see Rockets eye and do his teeth, Stars teeth and Bella's teeth and look at her eyes and passport the new pony Poppy. Picture of Rocket back with his friend Arnie mutually grooming to cement there friendship.

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Tinkerbell with Star, Iggy behind and Spike Bella and Star2 at the back



Arnie saying hello to a visitor.

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*Donations have recently been received in memory of;
Bettie Mair. Mrs M E Gill. Eve Hamblin.*

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*The Smith Family of West Sussex who recently lost their retriever
Rafferty to Cancer. The Lawrence Family's Sooty.
Giveacar: Kirsty Savage, Pat Ansley & Nova Derwyn all donated
their old cars.*

<https://giveacar.co.uk/charities/the-pit-pony-sanctuary/>

A little taste of Wales.

Caerphilly Cheese and Leek Welsh Cakes.

Ingredients;

1 x Medium Leek washed and finely shredded
50g grated Caerphilly Cheese
225g Self Raising Flour.
50g Butter.
1 Small free range egg beaten.

Method

Dunk the leek in boiling water for 5 minutes then rinse under cold tap and squeeze dry. In a bowl rub the butter into the flour until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Stir the cooled cooked leek and grated Caerphilly Cheese. Add the beaten egg and mix to form a firm dough. On a floured board roll or pat out the mixture until about 1cm (1/2 inch) thick and cut into discs. Heat a griddle or large frying pan to a medium heat and gently griddle until golden brown on both sides (only grease the griddle if you think the Welsh Cakes will stick)

Mwynhewch y pryd! (Enjoy your meal)



Kirsty & Poppy



Poppy with Thunder, Winston & Spike



Bella & Star2

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