

HOOF BEATS



THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF
RISING STARR HORSE RESCUE

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Boarding * Lessons * Leasing * Life Coaching * Equine Yoga * Team Building * School and Youth Programs

FEATURED RESCUES



JONATHAN AND DREW

Jonathan and Drew, both Thoroughbreds, were rescued and brought to RSHR after enduring deplorable and dangerous conditions in a neglectful situation involving several Thoroughbred horses in NJ. Both were seriously underweight, dirty, and terrified of everyone. After months of expert, loving care by the Rising Starr team and our dedicated volunteers, Jonathan and Drew have emerged as beautiful and promising equine partner prospects. At 8 and 10 years old and 16.2 hands, these fancy boys are athletic bay geldings who now have major potential in several equestrian disciplines. If you are interested in either one of these two handsome boys and want to be part of their continued transformation, we want to hear from you.

WINTER REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration form is on our website.

ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!

A LETTER FROM KELLY

Dear Farm Family,

Like many of us, we at RSHR began 2020 with a sense of excitement and possibilities. It was the start of a new decade, and we had just moved into our new barn! Our capacity to save more horses from abuse and neglect had more than tripled. However, our ability to share our mission with the community and raise much-needed funds was shut down by COVID-19. Our plans for a Grand Opening Celebration/ Fundraiser and our Annual Gala had to be cancelled. As a result, we have fallen far behind our fundraising goals. Please visit our website and click on the donate button, or help us fill our Giving Tree with ornaments, (see page 2 for details) All donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated. My best wishes to you all during this Holiday Season!

With love and gratitude,

Kelly



HELP US FILL OUR GIVING TREE WITH ORNAMENTS!

Winter is here, and both two legs and four at Rising Starr are getting super excited about the Holidays! As you make your gift list this year, please consider a tax deductible donation to Rising Starr's Giving Tree to help us save America's horses. Our tree is empty now, but with your generous donations we will fill our tree with ornaments commemorating different levels of giving, including your name or small message. This is a great way to thank, honor, or give a tribute to someone you love this Holiday Season! Visit www.RisingStarrHorseRescue.org to participate.



Handmade ornament by the National Charity League Ridgefield Chapter

Giving Tree Donation Levels:

\$50 Sweet Treat - Provides one month of supplements and vitamins for one horse.

\$100 Rising Starr - Cost of one dental cleaning.

\$250 Bucket Filler - Provides hay for one month for one horse.

\$500 Barn Lucky Charm - Trims and shoes for two horses.

\$1000 Barn Raiser - Donations help with capital improvements around the farm. A beautiful handmade ornament by the **Ridgefield Chapter of the National Charity League** will be yours to keep OR place on our tree *12 people giving a \$1000 donation pays for the much-needed new roof on the indoor arena.*

\$2500 Horse Rescuer - Four people giving \$2500 pays basic care for one rescue horse for one year.

\$5000 Golden Horseshoe - Life-saving part of our Emergency Medical Fund.

\$10,000 Crown the Tree - Be a star on our Golden Helmet atop our tree and help us rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome America's horses.



YOGA WITH THE HORSES!

Fridays at 10:30

\$20

Join us in the barn for yoga as the rescue horses observe our practice. This class is open to all levels and abilities. Designed to help you slow down, focus, and reconnect with the fire within, This class will leave you feeling empowered and at peace. Please bring a beach towel to place under your mat.

Go to our website, click on "programs" and scroll down to register.

RSHR JOINS FORCES WITH THE AEL AND METROPOLITAN EQUESTRIAN TEAM

The MET's Athletic Equestrian League (AEL) is an organization of equestrian athletes who compete in practical horsemanship. Riders in the AEL are judged against a set of standards, both on the flat or in horsemanship, and over fences or in patterns. In addition, each rider does an unmounted practicum. Each rider receives a flat score, a fences or patterns score, and a practicum score. All three scores are added together for their total score for the day. Unlike other riding organizations, the team's top scoring rider's score from each class counts toward their team total. The coach does not choose a "point rider." Riders in the AEL ride the "host" team's horses. They do not bring their own mounts. At the end of the day each rider receives their score sheet complete



with judges' comments so they know what to work on at home! RSHR has two teams participating in the AEL. Stay tuned for updates!



SADDLE UP AND WINE DOWN

A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

Calling all ladies and gentlemen!! Are you looking for a COVID-safe activity for you and some friends? Invite as many as five friends to take a riding lesson at Rising Starr Horse Rescue in Wilton, and wrap up the evening with some wine and snacks! Rising Starr provides the horses and the instruction, you provide the food and drink! The cost is \$100 per person for an hour lesson followed by some wine and cheese in the barn. Have fun riding with your friends while helping to save America's horses! Pick a Thursday night from 6-8PM. We still have some evenings available, so contact us at Rising Starr Horse Rescue at (203) 257-8345 to secure a spot for you and your friends!

RSHR GIVES BACK

DID YOU KNOW?.....

Rising Starr offers all its programs free of charge to Veterans and their immediate family, and to Doctors, Nurses and First Responders who are fighting against the COVID-19 Pandemic. The programs include:

Riding (indoor, outdoor, trails)

Riding Lessons

Groundwork Lessons

Life Coaching

Yoga

Team Building

Contact us if you or someone you know would like to take advantage of this program. To help fund this program, visit our website.



Larry, a Vietnam Veteran with Samson, a RSHR boarder.

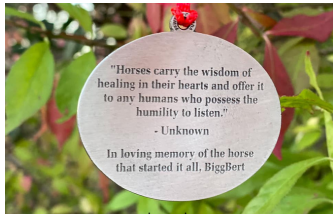
Thank you for your service, Larry!

ORNAMENTS FOR SALE

Handmade, Pewter



front



back

\$25

**Stop by the office or call
203-762-6046. Postage extra**

PSSSST!.....Looking for RSHR Swag?
Visit www.Squadlocker.com
15% of proceeds goes to the rescue!



ADOPTED!

Blaze has been adopted by Hinckley's Mom, Kelly. Blaze and Hinckley are moving to Lyme, CT where they will enjoy trail rides with Kelly, her husband and twin boys!

