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2022 Annual Report



Our Mission

To rescue, rehabilitate, and retrain horses facing neglect or abuse, and provide them with the best opportunity for a permanent home and a lifetime of safety.

Our Vision

A world in which all horse owners take responsibility for their animals:
responsibility for their care,
responsibility for their safety,
and responsibility for their passing.

Our Values

Transparency • Integrity • Honesty • Professionalism • Compassion

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On the cover: Zellie, Evie, and Henry frolic in the arena, photo by Oden Photography



Executive Director's Message

After a couple of tough years, the arrival of 2022 felt like a breath of fresh air. The world seemed to return to more-or-less normal, a welcome change after two years of lockdowns and uncertainty. For the horses, it was business as usual, just as it had been throughout the pandemic. Life on the farm stayed pretty much the same. Our volunteers continued to turn up day after day to throw hay, fill water buckets, and clean paddocks and stalls. Hay continued to be trucked in, and manure continued to be trucked out. That's the beauty of farm life. As long as the horses stay healthy and happy, all is right with the world.

Great horsemanship is a pursuit of passion here at SAFE. Drop in any day of the week and you'll find staff members and volunteers working together to educate and exercise the horses. Whether it's helping a horse to learn to trust again, or preparing another for an upcoming adoption showing, there's so much dedication and caring that goes into this work.

In 2022, we had eighteen riding horses in our Horsemanship program. Many were ridden for the first time. Formerly untouchable horses like Montana, Edward, and Jacob took a lot of patient groundwork to prepare them for saddling and starting. Youngsters like Nova and Rae began serious schooling in 2022, and our six holdouts from the Fall City 40 continued to make incredible progress as riding horses, even the challenging Veronica and Artie Shaw. And just because a horse can't be ridden doesn't mean they miss out on horsemanship! Companion horses like Brandy, Bandit, Tiva, and Tanis spent plenty of time in our roundpens, working on good manners and helping volunteers learn the basics of groundwork.

SAFE has always had a strong community of volunteers and supporters, but in 2022, the community really grew into something special. Many of our volunteers started coming out multiple days each week to help with horsemanship or work on the Facilities team, and it fostered an atmosphere of comradery, teamwork, and learning throughout the barn. Happy humans make happy horses, and our herd benefited a lot from the extra handling, grooming, and attention they received.

Away from the barn, there were exciting changes happening too. Our Board of Directors was revitalized by the addition of several new members, and the increase in momentum was felt by everyone. 2022 saw the return of Heart of the Horse as an in-person event, and the exciting and daunting decision to hold the gala right here on the farm. Heart 2022 was a huge success: it brought in double the previous amount of donations, and it was an awful lot of fun. I attribute the success of Heart 2022 to the SAFE Board of Directors. Their hard work and engagement made this event something extra special. We'll be doing it again on July 22, 2023, so mark your calendars because you won't want to miss it.



Me and Owen

All in all, 2022 was a great year for this organization, our people, and our horses. This year's Annual Report highlights a lot of what made it such a successful year. So read on! And thank you, as always, for being part of SAFE.

Bonnie Hammond, Executive Director
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2022 Top Donors

2022 was another year of exceptional donor support for the horses at SAFE. Though the biggest increases we saw came from the return of Heart of the Horse, donations still increased 9% over the course of the year, with an increase in Corporate Workplace Giving Program gifts of 21%. Donor retention also remained steady, with roughly 1,400 individuals and companies making gifts. The average gift amount was \$174, and almost 3/4 of the donations made in 2022 were less than \$100, which shows that our “grassroots” support is still going strong.

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\$1,000-\$2,499

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Second Time's a Charm

Artie Shaw was a key figure in the rescue operation that SAFE called the Fall City 40. Left to his own devices, this wild young stallion had gathered a handful of mares, and proceeded to raise himself a fine family of short but sturdy fillies and colts, all of them bay with Artie's trademark chrome markings. When Artie became a SAFE horse in 2020, he was completely untouchable, with firm plans to stay that way. But with patience and consistent handling, he became a horse who could be haltered, led, safely groomed, and petted. When it came to riding, however, Artie just was not ready to wear a saddle or carry a rider. He was offered a home as a companion horse, and we breathed a sigh of relief that we wouldn't have to make him a riding horse. But about a year later, his adoptive home fell through, and he returned to SAFE in May of 2022. All horses at SAFE do groundwork training on a regular basis, and we noticed a change in Artie. He seemed a little more grounded, and a lot more mature. He was introduced to the saddle very slowly, and once he accepted it, the process of putting a rider on his back began. And after months of careful preparation, Artie became a riding horse. He's still what we would call "green," and we'll need to find an experienced rider with a smaller stature to continue his education after adoption. But his transformation from wild stallion to puppy dog riding horse is pretty well complete. Artie seems happier and more comfortable than we ever hoped to imagine.



Program Milestones

Intakes and Adoptions

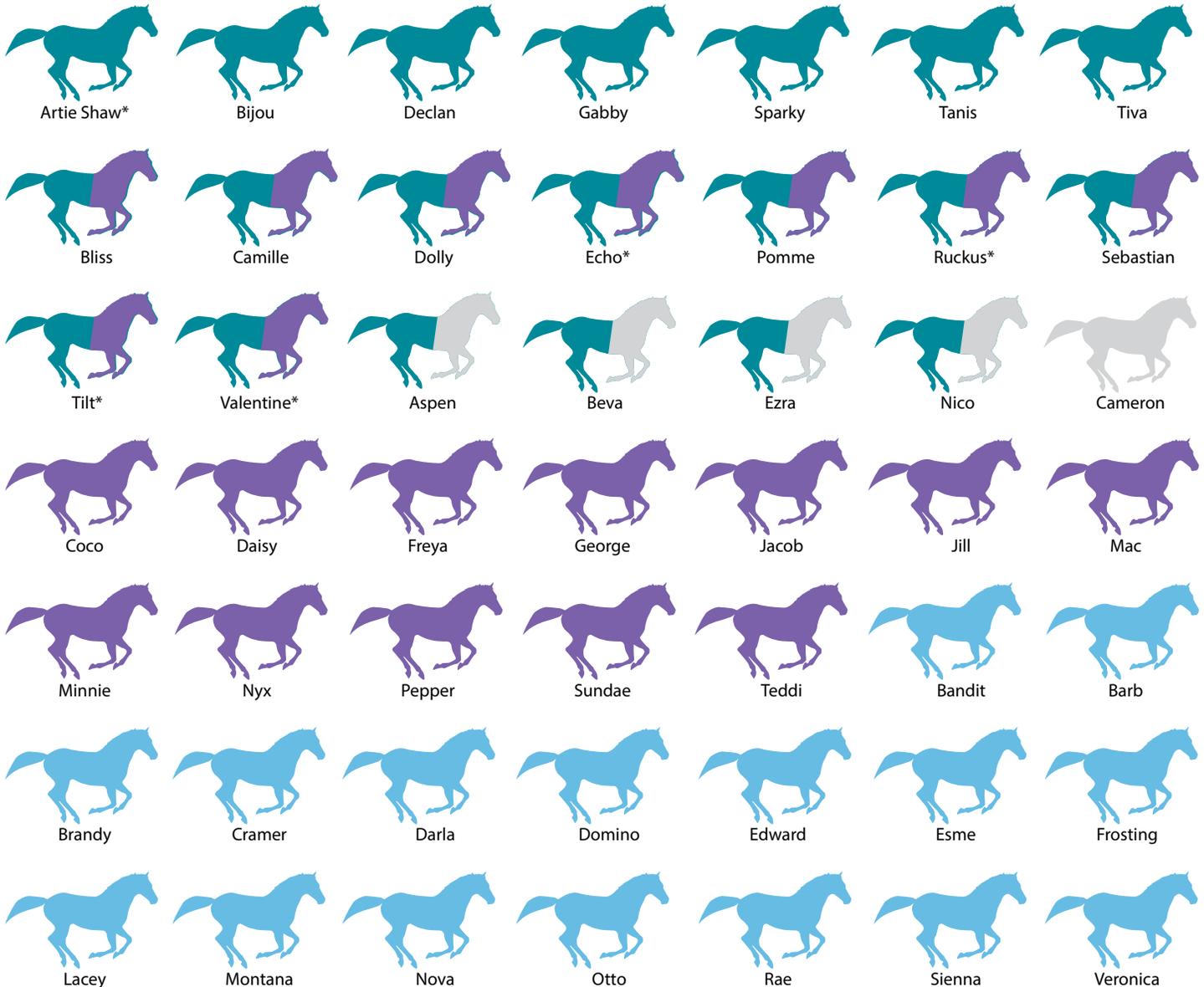
2022 began slowly in terms of adoptions, because a large number of our horses weren't yet ready for new homes. Nevertheless, we were still able to place 20 horses into new homes, making room for 21 new intakes over the course of the year, including five horses returned by previous adopters. Five horses were laid to rest, due to neglect suffered before being rescued.



Intakes



Adoptions



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another



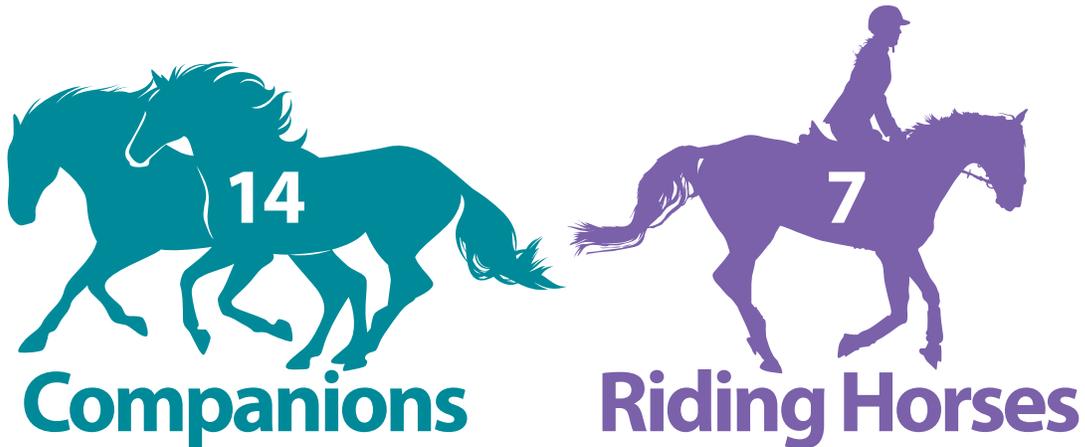
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- NEW INTAKE
- ADOPTED
- DECEASED
- NOT ADOPTED

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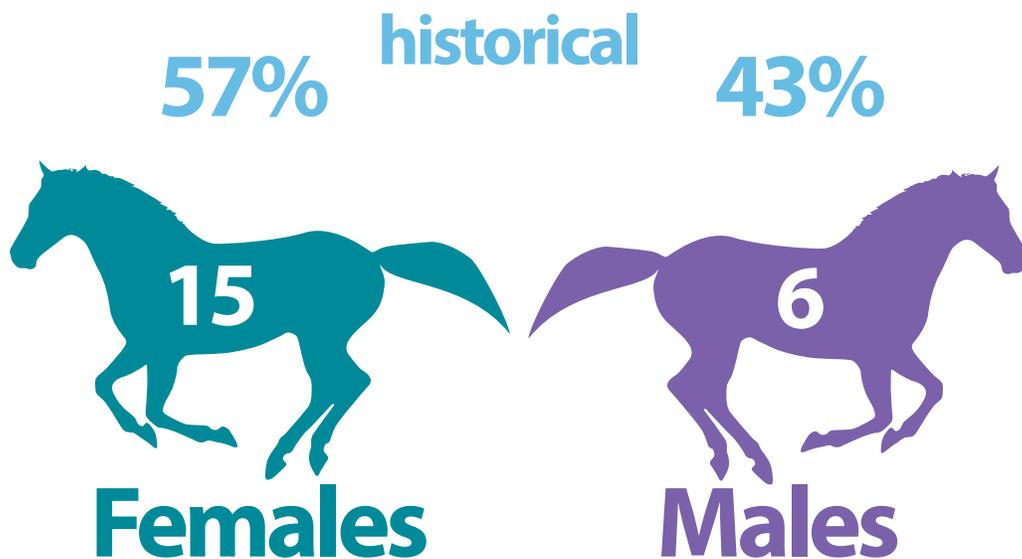
Adoption Statistics: Companions vs. Riding Horses

Training and horsemanship is a huge part of SAFE's rescue program, because we understand that people want horses that they can ride. But we actually have a great track record for placing unrideable horses into adoptive homes. Of the 21 horses we adopted into new homes in 2022, only seven were riding horses. The rest were what we call "companion horses." Horses find comfort in the company of their own kind., so many of our adopted companion horses become new friends for horses who aren't happy being alone. Caring for horses can be so satisfying and fulfilling, and adopters who take on companion horses quickly discover that there's a lot more to life than just riding!



Adoption Statistics: Males vs. Females

It's interesting to observe that in 2022, SAFE placed significantly more female horses than males. Historically, our herd has always skewed toward mares and fillies over geldings, colts, and stallions. Perhaps there is a reason that we end up rescuing more females than males, but with debates still raging over whether mares or geldings are better, we would be foolish to even address that question!



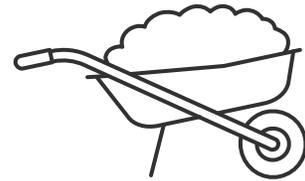


Volunteers: the Heart of SAFE

With only five full-time paid employees on staff, the vast majority of SAFE’s work is performed by volunteers. At our Redmond, WA facility, we have three regular chore shifts each day. Morning shifts are responsible for feeding, turnout, and stall cleaning. Afternoon shifts bring horses in for the night and clean their paddocks. Night check serves one last late feeding and ensures that all the horses are tucked away safe and sound for the evening. There are also many other volunteers that keep SAFE operating at full capacity: our volunteer Board of Directors, the volunteers that make up the Operations Council, and the many individuals who work behind the scenes on facility maintenance, special events, fundraising, marketing, and more. Our volunteer program is critical to our success as a rescue, and it’s absolutely true when we say we could not do what we do without our volunteers.

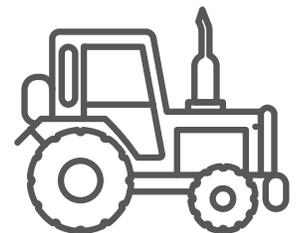


**In 2022, SAFE had a total of
317 active volunteers
141 were new in 2022**



In 2022, we logged

**19,948 volunteer hours
which would be the same as
10 full-time employees,
saving \$299,220
in payroll costs.**



and in 2022,

**6 volunteers hit their
10 YEAR anniversary
volunteering at SAFE!**





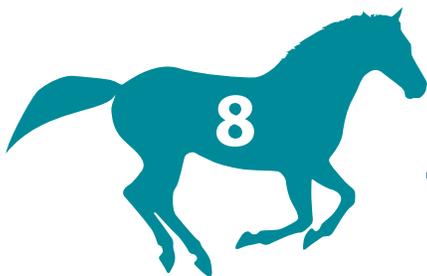
Extending Community Outreach

Because SAFE operates with a self-imposed cap of no more than 30 horses at any given time, there is a limit to how many horses we are able to help. Our Community Outreach Program was developed to help horse owners keep their horses out of the rescue pipeline. SAFE offers short-term assistance to horse owners facing life changes and challenges, as well as gelding surgery and humane euthanization. We also encourage owner responsibility by providing counseling and advice about safe rehoming and manageable horsekeeping practices.

In 2022, SAFE was contacted by

154 horse owners seeking help

Most of these horse owners were offered counseling, with an emphasis on safe rehoming and owner responsibility.



8 owner-surrendered horses were taken in and SAFE spent \$6,693 to stabilize and rehabilitate them in their initial year at the rescue

SAFE provided hay to 62 horses across Washington State at a cost of \$6,259

SAFE spent an additional \$19,200 on Community Outreach Assistance:

8 humane euthanizations

24 horses received vet or farrier care

17 stallions turned into happy geldings



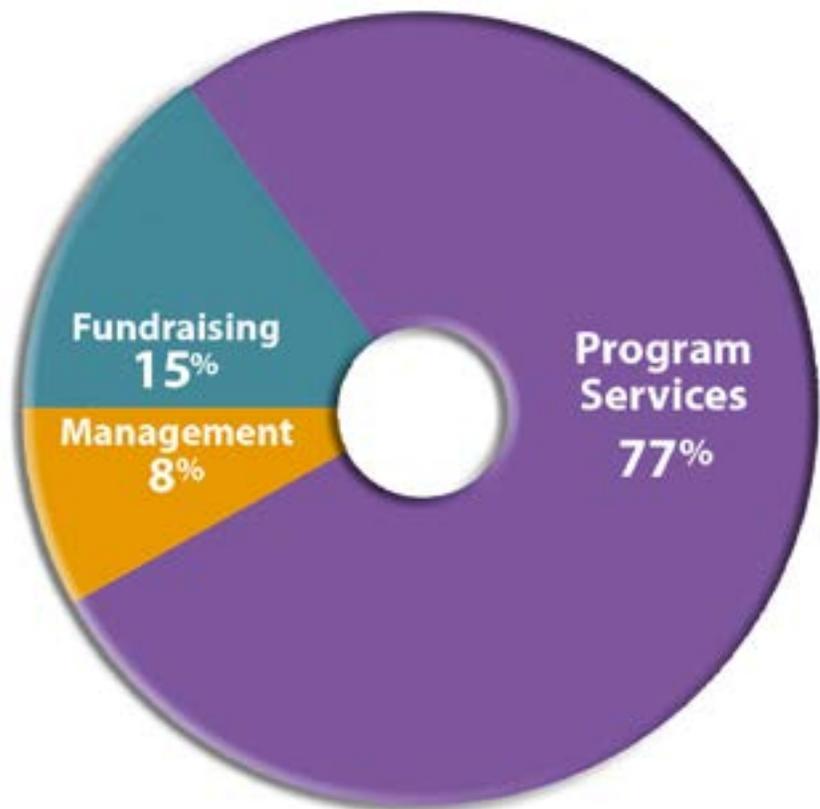
Revenue

Income in 2022 came from a well diversified revenue stream. Donations from the general public made a healthy increase from the previous year, but we saw a huge increase in Special Event income, due to the return of our in-person gala Heart of the Horse. Donations from Corporate Workplace Giving programs also increased in 2022, and income from Grants and Foundations remained steady. As a result, 2022 marked the first year in which SAFE recorded over one million dollars in annual revenue. And we finished the year with a budget surplus, further strengthening our emergency reserves.



Expenses

Financial stability for SAFE allows us to uphold the promises we make to each horse that we take in. Our annual budget is prepared using historical data and researched projections, and monitored carefully to keep spending on track. In 2022, we remained conservative when making decisions on special projects and focused on the needs of our horses. Over the course of the year, we saw hay prices nearly double in Washington state, which put a lot of strain on already-struggling horse owners. This in turn increased demands on our Community Outreach Program, with more people turning to us for assistance, which we thankfully were able to provide.



Statement of Activities

OPERATING REVENUE

Public Support

Donations	\$392,933
Special Events	\$425,385
Workplace Giving	\$115,436
Grants	\$52,305

Other Revenue

Adoptions	\$16,199
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Total Operating Revenue \$ 1,002,258

OPERATING EXPENSES

Program Services

Rescue Program	\$617,772
Community Outreach	\$25,878

Supporting Services

Fundraising	\$126,389
Management	\$68,964

Total Operating Expenses \$ 839,003

Statements of Financial Position

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	\$724,348
Accounts Receivable	\$0
Other Current Assets	\$0

Fixed Assets

Rescue Assets	\$65,038
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Other Assets

Lease Deposit	\$6,833
Lease Last Month Payment	\$5,765

Total Assets \$ 801,984

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$2,811
Credit Cards	\$34,237
Other Current Liabilities	\$222

Long-Term Liabilities

Kubota Tractor Loan	\$0
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Equity

Retained Earnings	\$596,906
Net Income	\$167,798

Total Liabilities and Equity \$ 801,984



Mayday Rescue: The Graham 27

Typically SAFE rescues horses one or two at a time. But when a rescue operation involves a large number of horses, the challenges are truly daunting for Animal Control officers, county prosecutors, and rescues like SAFE. Large seizures do not typically happen unless the horses are at serious risk of suffering or death. So when these seizures do occur, we will do everything in our power to support law enforcement and help make it happen.

The call for help came over the Thanksgiving weekend. Pierce County Animal Control was waiting on a warrant to seize a group of horses who reportedly belonged to a rescue that also taught riding lessons to kids. We lined up horse trailers, including two belonging to the Seattle Mounted Patrol, and waited for word that officers were going in. We found fifteen of the horses together in a large field, and another twelve in an old dairy barn. We rounded up the horses and loaded them into our waiting trailers, then transported them to two off-site locations to wait out the mandatory 15 day hold period.

At first glance the horses might have looked to be decent shape, but the reality was far more grim. Three of the horses in the dairy barn had to be humanely euthanized due to their condition. The horses in the field had no shelter, and the grass that they were eating was sparse and turning to mud. Most were carrying worm loads, and worms were seen in their manure. They had gone a long time without hoof care and nearly all of them had severe thrush. Once ownership of the horses was signed over to SAFE and we began to get to know them better, more evidence of mistreatment surfaced. We'd been told that these were "kids' horses," but every one of them was deeply troubled and frankly, unsafe. When turned loose in the roundpen, they moved out like robots, trotting and cantering as fast as they could as if fearful of being punished. It would take weeks of calm, patient groundwork to convince these horses that slowing down and relaxing was actually an option.



Betty & Eleven (top); Kelly (bottom)
Photos by Oden Photography

Thanks to a local therapy program and another animal rescue to the north, we were able to sign over ten of the Graham horses in early 2023, and we've since found adoptive homes for eight more. The remaining six are all at SAFE being retrained, and should make fine riding horses once they are ready for adoption.

At the time of the Graham seizure, there were two other large herd dispersals going on in other parts of the state that SAFE could not assist with. If this trend continues, we could be in for some challenging times ahead. We are always looking for better ways to effectively help with these situations. In the meantime, SAFE's Mayday program is back at the ready for the next call for help.

Unforgettable Horses

Sadness and loss are part of animal rescue, and SAFE is no stranger to saying goodbye. When we have to let a horse go, there are always positives to consider to make ourselves feel better. Mostly we thank our lucky stars that the horse was here with us, surrounded by gentleness and love, when their final hour approached. It's always sad, but it helps to acknowledge that the horse will never again be afraid, or in pain, or hungry. It helps to give the gift of a dignified and painless end.

We didn't get enough time with Beva and Aspen, but the time we did have was the best it could have been. Beva came to us extremely emaciated, and it's fair to say that she was rescued just in time to save her life. Her sister, Aspen, struggled to walk on her hugely enlarged knees. The two mares were very close, and gave each other a great deal of comfort. They always had a nicker or two for passers-by, and appreciated pats, scratches, and being told how lovely they both were.

Beva and Aspen survived to be rescued, but their neglect had effects that wouldn't go away. For Beva, it was colic, no doubt because of the damage caused by severe starvation. For Aspen,

her troubles started a few days before Beva's colic, when we noticed that she was much more lame than she had been. Watching her struggle to compensate for the lack of mobility in her front legs was terrible. Maybe it was the cold weather, maybe she slipped at some point, or maybe she just couldn't do it anymore. We promised when we rescued her that we would only ask her to stay with her sister if she was comfortable. And clearly she was not.

So we made the painful decision to let them go together. And as much as it hurt to make that choice, it would have been far more painful to keep them going or to separate them. So they left us together, and it was peaceful and quiet and neither of them knew that the other was going away.

Beva and Aspen were truly rescued by SAFE, and we worked our very hardest to give them a better life. Losing them was heartbreaking, but we're so glad that we were able to know them.



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SAFE is all about the horses, but helping them would not be possible without people who chose to make our mission their own. If you find inspiration from the members of the community that is reflected in the pages of this Annual Report, please consider joining us. You are welcome and encouraged to follow in their footsteps and become part of SAFE.

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