



Neigh & Bray

Giving a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.



February 2024

HHT Mission Statement

To rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home God's neglected or abused equine through programs of shelter, adoption, education, and assistance.

Equine Programs

- **Adoption** - Finding homes for horses in need.
- **Helping Hoof** - Help equine owners feed their horses during a financial crisis.
- **Ultimate Act of Compassion** - Helping equine owners with humane euthanasia.
- **Emergency Rescue** - Help assistance with equipment and resources.
- **Equine Bequest** - Option for those owners without an equine trust.

It is through your generous support for HHT that we can continue to give a voice to those that cannot speak for themselves.

Wish List

- Feed: Purina Senior, Strategy, Alfalfa Pellets
- Gift cards: TSC, Rural King, Walmart, Office Depot, Gas cards
- Hay - Horse quality Square and Round bales
- Board Members

Word from our Executive Director:

This year is a BIG year for all of us at Horse Haven of Tennessee! Not only are we celebrating our **25th** year of operation, we are celebrating over **1,330** horses saved across the state. Our new facility is a perfect way to ring in these milestones.

Our new facility is nestled just inside the Blount County line. We are convenient to Knox, Sevier, Loudon, and Monroe Counties. Our forever home has breathtaking views, over 40 acres of land, and has several existing buildings onsite. Not only will we be able to rehabilitate the horses in our care, we will be able to host events, trainings, meetings, and so much more!

As you can see from the photos below, we have our work cut out for us. We will be working on pasture management, fencing, and building a barn. Our projected move date will be in the fall of this year.

We are currently in the planning phase of our barn. We are thrilled with the opportunity for our rescue horses to have everything they need for the rehabilitation process. Our volunteers, staff, and board of directors are ecstatic to share the facility progress. We will be rolling out our capital campaign in the near future. Please keep an eye out for more information in your mailbox and inbox. We are excited to have you be a part of the great things happening for Horse Haven!

Ashley Ford



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Contact info:

HHT - P.O. Box 30393
Knoxville, TN 37930
(865) 609-4030

Directions to facility:

Visits by appointment only.
Take I-40 to Exit #369 (Watt Road) & turn south. Go to light and turn right onto RT. 11. Follow RT-11 by taking a left at the next light. Continue 2 1/2 miles to light. Turn right onto Ford Road. HHT is located at 2477 Ford Road.

To help ensure the safety of our volunteers and horses, we request you do not visit without an appointment. We are open for private tours with a simple phone call to **865-609-4030**

Update From The Barn - 59 equine cared for in 2023

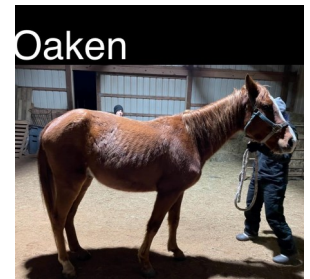
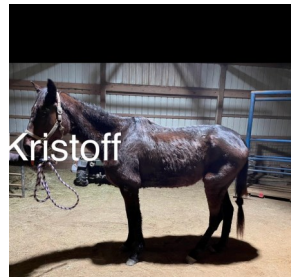
January started out with a bang! Only a few days into the New Year and the call came for assistance from our "GO TEAM". What should have been a normal pickup turned into a long, grueling day. Even though we've experienced many different weather conditions, the high winds that day was a new twist!

We want to thank the veterinarian staff at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine for helping them late in the evening and on short notice. We also want to thank the Tennessee Department of Agriculture for their swift action in getting these guys out of a bad situation!

We appreciate the teamwork, because it takes a VILLAGE!

This crew is named after the "Frozen" movies, as it was quite the frozen type day!

Each are now available for adoption and a new forever home.

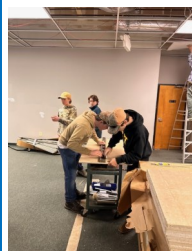
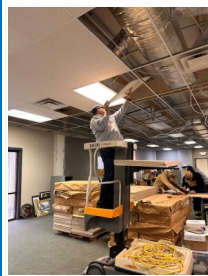


Future Administration Building

When Jack Patterson asked if we had anything he could do for his Eagle Scout project, we gave him a large list to choose from. Due to a previous water pipe burst, the building had no ceiling tiles. He felt working on this issue was important to help lower utility bills.

After 15 years of operating from four portable storage buildings, we welcome this new multi-purpose space. Once completed, it will provide office space for staff, meeting and training rooms along with plenty of clean storage space. The Tack Shack will reopen again in a large, bright new space!

Thank you Jack, Troop #20, and Lecont District of the Great Smokey Mountain Council for all your hard work.



Jack (second from left) and his "Crew"

Stable Thoughts - from "Remus"



My Prayers go out to my Blount County friends in Blue who recently lost their brother.

It is the courage of our men in blue that I would like you to join me in saluting, the Blount County Police. I had the opportunity to hang out with some great officers at the City of Maryville Tree Lighting event I had the privilege to attend.

REMUS



Jim Tedford - "Animal welfare advocacy work is in my DNA". After graduating with a degree in Animal Science from UT, he has dedicated his life working in animal welfare. Over the past 40 years he has held both staff and board positions for many well-known organizations and corporations. Two local names are the Knox County Humane Society (currently known as HSTV) and Radio Systems Corp. (PetSafe). He served

as Executive Director at The Humane Society at Lollypop Farm (Rochester, NY) before moving back to TN. He currently serves as CEO for The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement.



Jerri Cable - a long term volunteer at HHT she has served at both the Hardin Valley and the Lenoir City facilities. When asked to describe her time at HHT she had the following to say, "What a true blessing to be able to be a volunteer for an organization that you feel so much compassion for. One of the best parts of being a volunteer with these horses is the receiving is as rewarding as the giving. Couldn't ask for a better place to spend my time".



2023 - Year in Review: Income = 8% Grants / 24% Fundraising / 68% Donor Support Expenses = 6% Fundraising / 16% Admin / 78% Program Cost	Euthanasia Rate 3.5%
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- In Honor Of**
- In Honor of "**Teri Pearson**"
Donna Whitfield
 - "Merry Christmas Kathy & Dennis Hayward"**
Linda Smith-Staton
 - In Honor of "**Julie Reid**"
Eileen Segal
Elizabeth Segal
Stephen Dean
 - In Honor of "**Carol Harold**"
Carolyn Scott
 - In Honor of "**Lori Stresemann.**"
Kate Schumacher
 - "Happy Birthday Cheryl!"**
Kathleen Sales
 - "Merry Christmas, Deb"**
Ken Nixon
 - In Honor of "**Norman Stowell**"
Leslie Kelly

- IHO Continued...*
- In Honor of "**Linda Staton**"
Steven Cota
 - In Honor of "**Kathy Baxter**"
Carol Harold
 - In Honor of "**Laura Walters**"
John Curry
 - In Honor of "**Horse Haven of TN**"
K9 101 Mobile Dog Training
 - In Honor of "**Camber McDaniel**"
Brenda McDaniel
 - In Honor of "**HHT's new home**"
Robin McCord
 - In Honor of "**HHT's facility dreams coming true**"
Linda Ewald
 - In Honor of "**Carol Harold**"
Kathy Baxter
 - In Honor of "**Jennifer Stephens**"
Patricia Cowan

- In Memory Of**
- In Memory of "**Matt Stringfield**"
Kimberly Gould, Sarah Woodward,
Dianna Collins, Belinda Nesbit
Dan Schleicher, Darlene Rogers
Duracap Asphalt Paving Co.
Bonnie Ray, Corey Webb,
Julia Stringfield, Lisa Jones
Peggy Elrod, Andrew Kay
 - In Memory of **Nonchalance Grant**
Gaile Avent
 - In Memory of "**Greg Richmond**"
Paul Sands
 - In "**Memory of Sterling**"
Roch Monnig
 - In Memory of "**Eddie**"
Misty Bailey
 - In Memory of "**Chip and Zoie**"
Julie Vaughan
 - In Memory of "**Billy Shewbrooks**"
Dan Tomlinson
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HORSE HAVEN
OF TENNESSEE

HHT Calendar

Dancing for the Horses
May 10 6:00 - 10:00

25th Anniversary Open House
location TBA
July 20 11:00 - 3:00

Fall Harvest Fest & Craft Fair
October 5 11:00 - 3:00

Breakfast in the Barn
December 14 9:00-11:30

For more information about
all of our upcoming events
log onto

<http://horsehaventn.org>

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"Spanky"
Laura Ellis

"Lulu and JJ"
Claire Eldridge

"Star's Super Lad"
Marthanne Carter

"Robin Kay Johnson"
Rachel Proffitt

In Memory of **"Katie Girl"**
Sandra Henderlight

Stall Sponsorship

In honor of
"Diana Bushman"
"Laura Conway"
Frank Bushman

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We can't do it without
you!

We want to thank
Precision Printing for the
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& Direct Mail for getting
it into your mailbox.

Dancing **FOR THE** *Horses*
An evening to benefit
Horse Haven of Tennessee

MAY 10, 2024
6-10 P.M.
BRIDGEWATER PLACE
205 BRIDGEWATER ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37923
TICKETS ON SALE AT HORSEHAVENTN.ORG

11th Annual Fundraiser!

Dancing for the Horses pairs
local celebrities with
professional dancers from

Go Dance

who compete by
fundraising and dancing.
Silent auction items for every-
one, so be sure to get your bids
in early. Enjoy a drink from the
cash bar before sitting down to
enjoy a delicious buffet meal
before the main event.

Tickets are limited, so be sure
to get yours before they are
gone. Tickets are \$80 each, or
to ensure large parties sit
together you can purchase a
table for eight at \$700.

You can purchase tickets
online at

<http://horsehaventn.org>.