

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund Announces 2015 Grants

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The Cincinnati, Ohio-based Brennan Equine Welfare Fund has announced that 15 equine rescue, rehabilitation, retraining, and placement facilities across the United States will receive its 2015 grants.

Thoroughbred-focused recipients include:

- Bright Future's Farm in Cochran, Pennsylvania;
- The Exceller Fund in Lexington, Kentucky;
- Equine Encore Foundation in Tucson, Arizona;
- Friends of Ferdinand (FFI) in Indianapolis, Indiana;
- Glen Ellen Vocational Academy in Glen Ellen, California;
- Thoroughbred Athletes in Guthrie, Oklahoma; and
- CANTER Kentucky in Louisville.

Non-breed-specific organizations granted include:

- The Kentucky Equine Humane Center in Nicholasville;
- Mitchell Farm in Salem, Connecticut;
- Days End Farm Horse Rescue in Woodbine, Maryland;

- Speak Up For Horses in Falmouth, Kentucky; and
- Heaven Can Wait in San Miguel, California.

Also receiving awards are:

- Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship in Milford, Ohio;
- Duchess Sanctuary in Oakland, Oregon; and
- Longhopes Donkey Shelter in Bennett, Colorado.

The grant provided to FFI will benefit Malcolm, a young Thoroughbred gelding who, despite a myriad of injuries and ailments, is blossoming under their care. FFI took him in after he was discovered abandoned at an auction house in Indiana in late 2014. Frightened and unstable, Malcolm had a body score of 2 to 2.5 (on a scale of 1 to 9), evidence of a previous broken pelvic wing, an infection in his right fetlock, a respiratory illness, and an inability to right himself without human assistance due to severe muscular atrophy. Although FFI and their veterinarian doubted Malcolm would bounce back, the gelding has gained more than 450 pounds, rebuilt muscle, and graduated to full pasture turnout (where he has learned his limitations but, nonetheless, is fully intent on pestering his pasturemate!).

The Brennan Equine Welfare Fund is a fund-raising nonprofit organization set up through The Greater Cincinnati Foundation. Grants from Brennan Equine Welfare Fund are used to serve equine rescue shelters across the country which provide dignity to final years of aged, injured, abused, starved, and slaughter-bound horses, as well as those used in medical experimentation. The fund supports registered 501(c)(3) organizations that specialize in retirement and rehabilitation services and offer a peaceful and permanent sanctuary for these beautiful animals. Shelters which offer carefully scrutinized adoption or replacement services are also supported. Established in 2000 by Linda Pavey, Brennan Equine Welfare Fund carries on the memory of her equine companion Brennan (J.B.'s Hero), an off-the-track Thoroughbred.



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