

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund Announces 2016 Grants

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The Brennan Equine Welfare Fund (BEWF) has announced the distribution of its 2016 grants. Thirteen equine rescue, rehabilitation, retirement, retraining, and placement facilities across the United States have received funds.

Thoroughbred-focused recipients include:

- Bright Futures Farm, in Cochran, Pennsylvania;
- The Exceller Fund, in Lexington, Kentucky;
- Equine Encore Foundation, in Tucson, Arizona;
- Friends of Ferdinand, in Indianapolis, Indiana;
- Glen Ellen Vocational Academy, in Glen Ellen, California;
- ReRun Inc, in East Greenbush, New York; and
- CANTER Kentucky, in Louisville.

Non-breed-specific organizations granted include:

- The Kentucky Equine Humane Center, in Nicholasville;
- Days End Farm Horse Rescue, in Woodbine, Maryland;
- Brook Hill Retirement Center for Horses, in Forest, Virginia;

- Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center, in Longmont; and
- Peaceful Acres Horses, in Pattersonville, New York.

Duchess Sanctuary, in Oakland, Oregon, was also awarded grant funding to assist with the care of two horses and one donkey.

“Birdie” and “Dorita,” two mares, were seized by authorities due to neglect. They arrived at Duchess Sanctuary emaciated with overgrown hooves and rain rot. Duchess Sanctuary began a refeeding program for the mares, had them dewormed and vaccinated, had their teeth floated and feet trimmed, and gave them therapeutic baths to treat the rain rot. The mares have returned to healthy weights and are turned out with a herd of other horses. The BEWF grant will help with their continued care at Duchess Sanctuary.

Lady Jane, an aged donkey, came to Duchess Sanctuary with overgrown hooves—one of which was entirely curled under. Despite corrective trimming and a special shoe, a veterinarian determined that a severely contracted tendon was preventing Lady Jane from walking normally. The veterinarian recommended surgery to allow the leg to straighten and remove an infected piece of bone inside her hoof. Currently, her hoof is 95% healed and she wears a slipper on that foot to protect it. Current radiographs look good, and she is walking normally on all four feet. The BEWF grant will help to continue her rehabilitation and recovery. She will live the rest of her days at Duchess Sanctuary.

The BWEF is a fund-raising nonprofit organization set up through The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, in Ohio. The fund supports registered 501(c)(3) organizations that specialize in retirement and rehabilitation services, offer permanent sanctuary, and offer carefully scrutinized adoption or rehoming services. The BWEF was established in 2000 by Linda Pavey and carries on the memory of her equine companion Brennan (J.B.'s Hero), an off-track Thoroughbred.



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