

NEWSLETTER

U.S. Legislation:

The U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed H.R. 305, the Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2009—that will vastly improve the welfare of horse transport in the United States.

The legislation would prohibit the interstate transportation of horses in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another, better known as a double-decker.

Double-decker trailers are designed for animals such as cattle and pigs – shorter-necked species than horses, which require more headroom than double-decker trailers afford. Horses often throw their heads to maintain balance, and injure easily in such vehicles.

Congress returns in September when H.R. 305 is now cleared for a vote before the U.S. House of Representatives.



Speak Up For Horses on e-bay Giving Works:

Are you cleaning out your tack room, closet, attic, or do you just have something you would like to get rid off?

Sell those items on e-bay and you can donate all or part of the proceeds to Speak Up For Horses.

Check it out at: http://donations.ebay.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=38825

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Lucky 48 update:



Our sweet mare Ethel, who is blind in one eye and vision impaired in the other went to an Equine Sanctuary For Blind Horses at the beginning of August. She has settled right in and made friends with two good looking geldings. We would like to express our deep thanks to Karen who opened her doors so Ethel can spend a happy long life in safe surroundings.

Four beautiful foals were born at the farm:

Ruby born to Tater on April 24th.



Moms and babies



Little Mister born to Sugar on April 28th



Simon born to Dolly on May 3rd



Gus born to Flame on June 10th



The summer of 2010 has brought no rain and over 80 days of temperatures above 90 degrees. We have had to deal with 6 days of over 100 degrees. Needless to say, pastures are burned and grazed to the ground. Most of our horses much prefer the shade of the barn and indoor arena. Even after a very cold winter we are experiencing an above average number of bugs, mostly flies and horse flies. They are such a pest. We added 50 pound salt blocks in every stall after our horses devoured the small blocks in less than a week. Already we are starting to place round bales in the pastures to supplement grazing.



Happy Update:

Our totally spoiled rotten boy Happy has Shelly wrapped around his hooves. Aside from receiving his daily carrot treats he has also taken to protesting if anyone dares to take him to the pasture when the sun is still out. He hates the heat. He hates the bugs. He will spin, wheel, and run like a horse who has lost his mind. We have given up and given in; he gets to stay inside all day. Peeking out of a barn window is the most one gets to see of him these days.



Ivory Lady – by Paulette Wachtel

My girl died April 19, 2010 of colic. Ivory Lady was the first and only horse of a woman who dreamed of having a horse since she was a young girl. She was rescued from a sale in 2000 where she was bound for slaughter. I adopted her in 2005.

Ivory Lady was born February 19, 1982 at Newstead Farm in Virginia. Her sire was Sir Ivor, a legendary thoroughbred champion in Europe. Her dam was by the great Native Dancer. The pedigree of dreams and this bay filly was most likely thought to have a bright future. She raced six times in three months and for unknown reasons she was done. In November, 1985 Newstead Farm had a total dispersal sale. Ivory Lady sold for \$400,000.00. I don't know where my girl was from 1985 – 2000, but she was bred every year. I know she showed up at the Keeneland Sales four more times.

Ivory Lady was the reason I became involved in the anti-slaughter movement and horse rescue.

She stirred a fire in me that had laid dormant for so many years. She was my heart. Over \$ 1000.00 has been donated to Speak Up For Horses in her memory. It is her legacy.

I thank you for the lessons learned by virtue of our having been in each other's lives.

I thank you for knowing, that even though I have said "good-bye" and acknowledged my willingness to let you go, it is a paradox of life, that having let you go, you will nevertheless be with me always.

I miss you more than words can say. I love you. You will remain in my heart forever. With wings on your hooves, fly with the angels.

Volunteers:

Our group of volunteers has grown in numbers since we started out and we hardly can express our gratitude with words. Because of their devotion, time and love, our horses are receiving the very best and all the attention they so deserve. From mucking stalls to working with individual horses, from hauling horses to stacking hay, no chore is too big. They weather the heat, the cold, the mud, the rain and anything else thrown at them. We couldn't do it without you!

THANK YOU

To all of our supporters from afar who believe in our mission, we thank you. With your continued support we can do right by the horses that need our help and the ones in our care.

Ed, Shelly, Annie, Paulette and Terry

