

Haps Now Happy!



Hapsirishpub, a 8-year-old thoroughbred, was found starving in Harrison County, KY in March of 2008. Named after the famous pub in Cincinnati, this magnificent horse seemed to have been forgotten by his fans. After being retired from the racetrack, he fell on hard times. Acquired by a couple who kept him in a pig barn without proper food, water, veterinary or farrier care, he was doomed.

Unforeseen tragic events brought attention to Hapsirishpub's unspeakable imprisonment in the darkness of a filthy pig stall. Speak Up For Horses was contacted by a very concerned animal control officer and we sprung into action immediately.

After freeing him from the cold and darkness of the barn he was forced to call home for the past six months, he was moved to a bright open barn set up all for himself with a wonderful couple who volunteered to help oversee his first two weeks of recovery on a 24/7 basis. A terrifying injury that apparently occurred months before was treated immediately by our equine vet.

Haps had arrived with a body score of 1 on the Hennecke scale and a huge untreated wound to his left rear leg.

Extensive vet care and determination by our volunteers helped Haps on his road to recovery.

An unbelievable number of goodhearted people from all over the country chipped in to help defray the huge costs of rehabilitation associated with re-feeding a starved horse as well as vet, farrier and massage care.

Once Haps regained his strength, spirit and spunk, we renamed him Happy.

Some of Happy's fans have stopped by to visit him in Falmouth, KY bringing carrots and apples, much to his delight.

Thank you to the local news station which has aired his story on several occasions, bringing most needed awareness of animal cruelty to a wide audience. He also inspired the magazine The Horse to run a story about the importance of Estate Planning.



Veterinarian Dr. Garofolo

A little over a year later, he had regained his strength and to much of his own amusement, the speed he was born with as a thoroughbred. At nine years old, his life is finally filled with the love and security all horses should be provided with by their human care takers.

A huge Thank You goes out to all Happy's loyal fans and supporters.

Happy is living his life as a sanctuary horse with us at Speak Up For Horses.

If you would like to help with his continued rehabilitation and daily care, you can contribute through the PayPal button here on our website, or by mailing a check to Speak Up for Horses, P.O. Box 434, Falmouth, KY 41040.

Your donations thru PayPal can help us care for Happy.

[VIDEO OF HAPPY](#)