

Refuge RR



The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit, and fire. ~Sharon Ralls Lemon.

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Another year has come and gone and animals still continue to be abused, mistreated abandoned and slaughtered. Everywhere we turn some act of cruelty is happening. Here at the refuge we truly believe that the only way to live peacefully and save our earth is to treat all creatures equally with respect and dignity.

At the refuge we try to give all the rescued animals a haven where they may live for the remainder of their lives, a place where suffering and cruelty does not exist. *The only way we are able to do this is by the generosity of our donors and sponsors.* We would like to extend a *huge thank you* to all of our supporters for helping us help the animals. Without you none of this would be possible. It truly is a community effort and if we all believe and continue to work towards ending animal cruelty, success is attainable. Only collectively can we win the war against animal abusers.

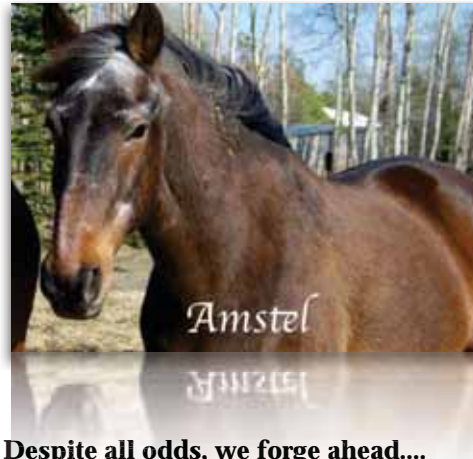


Dear RR Friends & Supporters

Refuge RR is one of the largest horse and animal sanctuaries in Canada with 80 equines and over 300 other animals in our care. Every day at the refuge is a struggle. This year has been extremely difficult. With limited fundraisers the refuge has not had sufficient funds to repair shelters, fences and equipment etc.

Plagued by Water Shortage

We have had a huge water problem again, or should we say "lack of water". Refuge RR has spent the last few years struggling with limited or no water. Two years ago we had professionals come in to dig and find water, however the water flow was insufficient. Government ministries were contacted as well as in-depth research was carried out without any tangible success as all this takes money. This year insurmountable hours were spent driving 16km sometimes up to 3 times daily, to obtain & bring back 1000 gallons of water for the animals. We need to have a hydrological assessment made to determine if there is enough water to sustain the animals even in the short-term. However this is extremely costly and we just do not have the funds.



Despite all odds, we forge ahead....

Despite of the lack of money, driving for water, 20 hour days of physical work, we are still able to maintain our high quality of care and while we have only taken in one horse this year we have answered to an increased number of calls and placed every last horse in need of a home. Along with horses we have also helped hundreds of other animals including a variety of wild animals, all of whom have been saved from starvation abuse and slaughter. Because of Refuge RR they are all safe now and living peacefully in "forever homes"

This year we assisted another rescue when their caretaker fell extremely ill with a life-threatening ailment and could not care for her 40 animals (she has recovered since then and

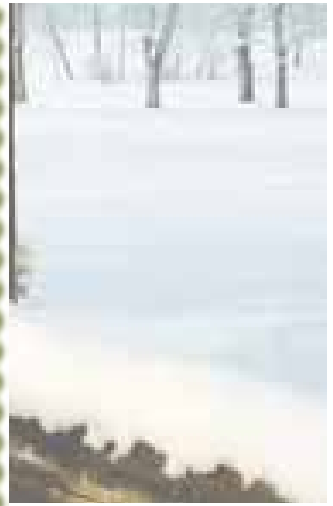
is back at home with the animals).

How you can help?

In order to help the refuge's horses and animals we need funding. All of the donations go directly to the animals since the refuge has no paid employees or other cost overheads. No donation is too small and yet it will make a huge difference! All donations to the Refuge RR are tax deductible. Here is a list of needs and wishes:

OUR WISH LIST

- In order to get through this winter we need a minimum of \$12,000 to pay for hay for 12 weeks.
- \$400/week for specialized grain and horse feed.
- 23 winterized and waterproof horse blankets which cost an approximately \$100-\$150 each.
- Second-hand tractor in order to put our hay out every week. Our existing tractor is irreparable. Most of the summer and fall we used a hay wagon in the field and pushed off twenty 800lb bales of hay manually. However because of the weight we cannot drive through mud or snow which makes a new tractor an extreme necessity.



WISH LIST CONTINUED

- Because of an extremely kind donation we were able to finish off the inside of a pre-existing building so we now have an emergency barn. However we need to install electricity which will cost approximately \$2,500 and we need to finish the siding to protect the wood so it does not rot. The tin will cost us approximately \$5,000.

All of this does not include vet bills or blacksmith fees

Through thick and thin we will fight and protect all of these animals. We do believe that humans will let compassion and goodness prevail. With your support we will continue to make sure all the animals here at the refuge will live happy and healthy lives and we will be the ambassadors for all others that suffer the injustice of cruelty at the hands of ignorance and indifference.

If you wish to learn more, please visit our website. We encourage you to read their stories and see the photo gallery.



We would like to wish you, your families and your animals a wonderful holiday season and we hope that you will keep the refuge and all the happy four-legged friends in your hearts!

WHO WE ARE

Refuge RR for Horses is a federally registered, charitable organization which rescues, rehabilitates & provides permanent homes for abused, neglected and abandoned horses..

DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation (tax receipts are available) you can either do this on-line on www.refugerr.org which also allows you to print your tax receipt (see "donate" button that leads you the secure Charities donation site) or send a check indicating your name and address so that we can send you a tax receipt. For any other information you can contact us by email: refugerr@explornet.ca.

Your help is our survival - please donate!

THANK YOU!

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