Things You Made Happen...

Thanks to your help Tango, now known as Tucker, made an amazing transformation in just six months time.

Despite the scary situation with the pandemic Tucker put on weight and muscle. He is currently working on his fitness and has begun training.

One thing we discovered is that Tucker is a little over-enthusiastic about the ladies (mares) in the barn. It seems that when he was gelded some tissue may have been inadvertently left behind.

We had bloodwork done and found that Tucker’s testosterone levels are a little bit closer to those of a stallion than of a gelding.

What Happens Next?

Our plan moving forward is to transport him to a veterinarian in East Aurora where he will be sedated and have an exam to determine if any tissue that may have been left behind can be discovered on palpation.

If so, we may be able to schedule a surgery locally to remove the tissue. If not, then we need to determine whether or not to pursue treatment through Cornell.

If the remaining tissue cannot be removed then Tucker will have to be kept separate from mares as far as turnout, and perhaps even riding are concerned.

It is definitely in his best interest to resolve things, as he needs to be able to be easily handled in order to live a safe (for himself and his handlers) and happy life!
Thanks to your generous response to our need for new fencing we were able to finally get one of the replacement fences up this month!

The horses now have a beautiful new space to enjoy socializing, exercising and training.

When the pandemic struck we had put the new fence on hold in case we reached a point where we needed the funds to keep the horses fed.

Thankfully, many supporters of the rescue and people in the Western New York community reached out to help during the shutdown!

There is still much work to do to replace one of the other fences and repair existing fencing. With your help we can continue to provide safe areas for the horses to train in and enjoy.

Thank You From The Horses!
For several years we have had a stray cat that was seen around the barn fairly regularly. He would stop in and eat food but as soon as anyone would try to approach him he would run off.

Early this year when our back barn helper, Jake, was taking food up to our front barn cat he noticed the stray was visiting and didn't look so great. He bent down and invited him over and the cat walked right to him and allowed him to pet him and pick him up.

We think he knew he needed help.

Jake was able to get him into a carrier and we managed to be given an appointment with our small animal vet on short notice.

Having no name, the cat was dubbed "Taco."

After a thorough exam he was tested for feline leukemia and FIV, given a rabies vaccination and an injection of a long-acting antibiotic.

Poor Taco had a fractured tooth, abscesses on his face, needed to be neutered and was deemed "ancient" (actually he is probably mid teens.)

Taco has lived a tough life.

After a visit with a second veterinarian Taco was put on a different antibiotic as he had become incontinent and his abscesses continued to drain.

He finally got his health issues resolved and was able to return to be neutered.

We thought Taco would go back to life in the barn or be adopted, but he seems to have become quite content living upstairs in the spare bedroom chilling out in his bed, with the girls at the farm coming up to visit him, and getting a little chubby!

After all he's been through this guy deserves to take it easy from now on.
COVID EFFECTS

The rescue, along with everyone else, has been deeply impacted by the covid pandemic.

We have had to cancel all of this year's major fundraisers here at the farm. This has had a huge impact on our budget.

*The fear of not being able to provide food and care for the horses was very real.*

**Your Support Has Kept The Horses Safe**

Thanks to an outpouring of generosity from our treasured supporters of the rescue horses, and members of the Western New York Community, the horses have continued to receive food and care.

With your support we will continue the work of providing care and saving and rehabilitating unwanted, injured and/or neglected horses that need our help.

Thank you for your caring and generosity. *You have made all the difference.*

**Moving Forward**

Despite the uncertainty of when we can safely resume hosting events we ARE able to schedule times for those of you that would like to stop by to visit the horses.

We are required to follow covid protocols of social distancing and wearing masks inside of the barn or when within 6 feet of another person. Hand sanitizing stations are also located at the barn entrance.

*We are looking forward to planning a few virtual, and also a couple of "scheduled" events and will keep you posted as to what these are and when they will take place.*

All of us will need to become more creative with ways to continue the mission of saving horses.

We welcome your input and ideas of ways to accomplish this objective!
The Horses Need Your Help!

Keeping the horses safe is always a top priority.

A huge part of this is having a secure place for new rescues to reside until they are able to be integrated into the established group at the farm, as well as a temporary shelter for occasional overflow.

Please Help New Rescues Quarantine Safely

A monumental challenge for farms taking in new rescue horses is having a way to get them through quarantine.

New arrivals that have been in strange surroundings with groups of other horses, many from all different places, need to be kept separate from the rest of the herd at the farm until they can be deemed free from any communicable diseases.

Stables should have a designated quarantine area in which new arrivals are placed for 3 weeks and observed for symptoms.

Our previous quarantine shelter was only a temporary solution that is no longer viable.

We are hoping you will choose to partner with us to help make & keep the rescue horses healthy!

Even though many of them have been let down, neglected, overlooked, discarded and forgotten, YOU can make a huge difference in their lives.

Right now your gift will be DOUBLED - we have pledges to match up to $1500 in donations.

PLEASE consider supporting the efforts to help make & keep the rescue horses safe & healthy!

Donate Today! Help Provide a Safe Haven!

YOUR donation will be doubled!

☐ $25 will help pay for fence repair
☐ $35 will help pay for fixing the footing
☐ $50 will help pay for building a pad for the shelter
☐ $100 will help pay for a permanent shelter

THANK YOU!