



Neigh Savers Foundation, Inc.

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Southern California Garage Sale Huge Success!

On Saturday June 6th, our Southern California Team, Cynthia Wilson and Nicole Rawnsley, sponsored a Garage Sale to benefit Neigh Savers. The area's local newspaper published an article on Idle No More and asked area residents for household and horsey donations. Anonymous donations were generously left at Nicole's front door. Everything from clothes to books, and furniture to paddock boots were donated. Equestrians and Professional Garage Sale Shoppers attended. In addition, to baked goods Neigh Savers T-shirts were also sold. Several contacts were made with equestrians interested in learning more about NS and participating in further events. The event was a great success and raised over \$1,200 for NS! Thank you to Sharleen Schwartz, Matthew Schwartz (pictured) and Rick Schwartz for being an integral part of the team. On the other hand, our Golden Gate Fields fundraiser was almost a total bust. We raised \$172 and gave out donated raffle items worth over \$500. Pictured below right is our lonely volunteer Kristin Howard. However, we thank NS Board Director Heidi Green and husband, Matt, Destiny & John Hubbard and Diane Rybicki for giving up their Sunday. Lesson learned....avoid the track on dollar Sunday when people are more obsessed with dollar beers than anything else. NS may hold a Northern Cal garage sale at the end of summer. Way to go Southern California Team!!!!



Dark Nose – Brownie Update

Due to the generous contributions of people from across the United States and Canada we were able to raise funds to help support Brownie for two months. In addition, new friend Erika H. is coming to see Brownie and may be able to adopt him depending on whether or not her neighbor allows the use of his pasture where he already has a few other grazing animals. Brownie is getting a bit better each day and hopefully will be able to enjoy a good quality of life at some point down the road. We will be posting new photos on our website soon.

Lord's Table – Adopted!!!!

Lord's Table, our beloved "Louie" has been adopted by new friends Chris & Jennifer W. Tragically, Jen lost her beloved OTTB Gjerbel while riding him in the arena as he suffered a massive heart attack. Her heart was broken but her husband Chris began hunting for another horse to love and spoil and came upon our Louie. Both Chris & Jen are Los Alamitos racing fans and had seen Louie race and win. After all, this champion racer was the Horse of the Meet not once, but twice and the fastest horse clocked there. He was referred to as "The Lord" and knows exactly who he is. Jen once attended Jockey School but will be going slow with Louie. Her only desire is to ride him slowly in the arena for 20 minutes a pop and let him know what a star he still is. As Chris says, "Louie will think he is being exercised for a race that will never happen again." You can view photos and YouTube videos on our Rescued Page. Thank you Jen & Chris for giving Louie a home!



Adoption vs. Permanent Retirement

Sometimes people ask, why don't you just keep those horses at a permanent retirement facility or farm? Our answer is two-fold. One, we believe these off track thoroughbreds and really most animals prefer to have a special bond with a special person or persons. At a retirement facility there is little time for personalized attention. Our adopted OTTB's have thrived after their adoptions and blossomed into entirely new horses. The second is simply economic. \$50,000 to \$70,000 either can feed one horse for life to go toward the placement of 50 to 70 retired race horses in homes. For us it is very easy to do the math and continue adopting. Adoption does have its pitfalls and is definitely more difficult than permanent retirement. It is very time consuming to screen potential adopters and then to checkup and keep track of adopted horses. Even after all is said and done occasionally we need to take a horse back and start all over again from scratch. However, when we see the happy equine and human faces (as shown above with Jen & Louie) you know it was all worth it.

A Third of US Charities Hanging By a Thread

Hey, that was the headline in our local paper recently. This wasn't "news" to us at Neigh Savers. All we have to do is look at the checkbook to know the truth of that statement. However, we will survive and even when faced with challenges each and every month, somehow we manage to make it to the next and sometimes some really unexpected things happen, such as the success of the Southern California garage sale or donations from 11 generous women to help Brownie.

Don't forget, even small donations are very meaningful. A \$5 or \$10 donation buys a bag of shavings or a much needed bale of hay. Our donations go directly to the horses as we are all volunteers. Our Donation link via PayPal can be found on every page of the Neigh Savers website at www.neighsavers.com

Thank you for reading this newsletter and have a safe July 4th celebration (in advance). Please let us know if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

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