



Neigh Savers Foundation, Inc.

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Happy Saint Patrick's Day to one and all! Hope you all enjoy a green beer and/or corned beef sandwich to take away the worries.

And worries we have plenty of although not much else. Recently I read that billionaire heiress Madeline Paulson Pickens may not be able to rescue the mustangs after all as due to an "economic downturn" she "couldn't possibly ask" any of her tony friends for donations now. Rather, like everyone else it seems, she is asking the government for a bailout of 15 million a year for her to maintain these mustangs. Ironically that's exactly what the feds are spending now at roughly \$500 a horse. It's a crazy and strange world out there and getting even more so every day.

At Neigh Savers we are just trying to keep our heads above water as so many are. Our donations are practically non-existent. February our donations totaled just \$125 (thanks Mom & Ellen) and we have received nothing for the month of

March. We are currently supporting five horses and have calls and emails each and every day asking us to take a horse. The overwhelming majority of our horses have always come with nothing, even when we ask in good faith and are promised a token donation, the donations and people vanish into thin air. Yet, we continue onwards.

Our new strategy is to ask individuals to donate space at an equestrian facility. We will then take care of the feed and other expenses. This is an experiment we are starting in the Southern California area with the help of Nicole Rawnsley and Cynthia Wilson, life-long equestrian trainers. A letter outlining the details is attached at the end of this email. Please pass this email along to anyone you know who might be able to donate stall space or any other items.

We were extremely optimistic about placing horses at the farm of Neigh Savers Board President Briana Fry in Colusa, CA and have five Neigh Savers rescue horses in that area. However, the horses decided to destroy a fence that was already on its last legs and so we have had to table that idea. The

estimates for getting the fence repaired run in the \$10,000 range. We may try to fund raise separately for this improvement. The property is 25 acres and has a sizable grazing pasture space available. We also wanted to expand the barn and build an arena and round pen. You can see the ravaged fence on our website under the profile of Excessively Rich in the Horses for Adoption tab www.neighsavers.com.

The good news is that Tresor La Vie has found a home in Bishop, CA as a riding horse and that Puff of Smoke has great potential as a jumper. In addition, we received a very encouraging report about Tickets and Tomatoes from Chicago and he is a stellar dressage prospect. Stone Cold Angel (Noah) has made a remarkable improvement in his schooling and Idle No More is shaping up to be a champion in time. According to Nicole he looks like a million bucks with his tack on. Excessively Rich is 90% recovered and will be moving to Grass Valley, CA next week for evaluation of his training potential.

Ymustichasethecat is almost ready to be trained under saddle after a harrowing rehabilitation where it looked like he might not make it. Sometimes a few months of total down time do a world of wonder for the over-raced and exhausted off track athletes. Photos and updates can be found at :

www.neighsavers.com.

New horses we have listed for adoption are both six year old geldings, It's Slow Secret, (Sea of Secrets-Storm Cat/Palace Princess) and Summer Society (Siberian Summer/My Phoebe). None of these horses have any sponsors or support. In addition, Idle No More, Desert Oro (at GEVA), Freebe's Lad (at the Golden Carrot) and Excessively Rich have no sponsors or support. If you decide to sponsor or partially sponsor a horse (even \$25. a month is very helpful) we will list your name next to horse (if you approve) on our web page. It costs about \$300 a month for us to keep a horse in foster care. We can arrange automatic deductions through PayPal. Please contact me at Karin@neighsavers.com if you are able to help.

Thanks so much for reading this newsletter and caring. It is our hope that we will see a turnaround this year and get ourselves and our horses back on track.