

Forever Morgans Newsletter, August 2014

New Rescues

FM took in one horse in July.

1. **Idlewild Derringer** (1991 registered dark bay gelding , rescued 7/31/14) has been a schooling horse for years. He had a suspensory injury on his right hind several years ago that had healed but was recently aggravated, making him occasionally lame at the trot. Derringer moved to a new barn and was unable to “pay his own way” as a lesson horse, so was going to be sent to a broker and likely sold to slaughter. A trainer at the barn contacted FM instead. Derringer is a sweet boy that anyone can ride in the arena or on trail rides, he just needs to be in a less-strenuous home with an easier workload. He is in a foster home in California at the moment, headed to a foster in Arizona soon.

Available Horses

Information on all available horses is on the FM website, <http://www.forevermorgans.org/horses.htm> . Most horses now have downloadable pdfs with additional information that can be printed and shared. Please consider posting flyers about horses near you on local bulletin boards, feed stores, shows, etc..

As of 8/1/14, FM had no horses in quarantine, 10 boarded, and 22 in foster.

Horses currently boarded:

FM had 11 horses boarded as of the end of July. Nine horses are boarded at the quarantine barn in Pennsylvania (Cindy's); board costs \$10 per day per horse. Gabby is boarded at a barn in Oregon at \$7 per day. Valor is boarded/in training in WA at \$175/month.

1. **Penny** (JBS Copper Penny, 1998 chestnut mare, rescued 6/30/14) is tall, solid, and at a good weight. She was measured and is just a hair under 15 hands barefoot. Penny had foundered just prior to being rescued, so is still sore from that but is improving.
2. **Page Turner** (2002 bay gelding, rescued 6/30/14) is easy and sweet-natured. He has some calcifications on his ankles but does not appear lame.
3. **Melody** (Briarstead Suite Melody, 1997 chestnut mare, rescued 6/30/14) was adopted at the end of July. See notes in section below.
4. **April Fern** (2003 brown mare, rescued 5/26/14) looks stunning, with amazing dapples and a rich bay coat. She is a bit aloof with new people, but quickly warms up and is very easy to handle. April Fern is sweet, well-built and sound. Extremely nice mare in both looks and temperament. *April Fern has a pending adoption!*

5. **Charm** (Relentless Charm, 1993 bay mare, rescued 5/19/14) is a bit tender-footed and has some calcification over the coronary band. She is a bit shy and insecure with other horses but loves people and wants to be in your pocket.
6. **Gabby** (2001 chestnut mare, rescued 4/13/14) is boarded in Oregon. She has had some interest from potential adopters. She is a nicely-trained mare, great for trail rides and playdays, very fun and easy to ride.
7. **Alusive** (WYP Alusive, 1995 chestnut gelding, rescued 10/19/13) has been comfortable without pain medicine and no longer limps, but probably will never be able to ever handle the strain of being worked or ridden. He is quiet, a big puppy dog who is low on the totem pole in the pasture.
8. **Valor** (Dia H Valor, 2000 liver chestnut gelding, rescued 10/12/13) is in training in Washington. His foster home did not have time to work with him and no longer had room, so he was moved to a trainer for 60 days of professional work.
9. **LV Blaze** (Locust Valley Blaze, 1995 chestnut gelding, rescued 1/22/13) continues to have intermittent lameness, with head bobbing even at a walk on hard surfaces. The vet says that it is a broken sesamoid, badly healed.
10. **Noble Rose** (PMM Jestures Noble Rose, 1991 dark bay mare, rescued 12/3/12) gets along with any horse but is temperamental with people.

Horses transported to foster:

All horses had a health certificate and vet check prior to transport.

1. **Wyatt** (Merlin Worth the Waite, 2001 chestnut gelding, rescued 6/19/14) moved to a foster home in Tennessee. He was ill when he first arrived, with swollen lymph nodes and soreness, but responded well to antibiotics and treatment. Wyatt's training is going extremely well and his topline and neck are muscling up nicely. Unlike many former Amish buggy horses, he has a lovely canter and really seems to enjoy being under saddle. He is very friendly, happy and charming.
2. **Mitsey** (2009 black grade mare, rescued 8/22/12) and **GG** (Hollybrook Golden Girl, 2003 chestnut mare, rescued 1/20/14) moved to a new foster home in Nebraska.

Horses in foster homes:

There are currently 26 horses in foster homes: Cora (CA), Chester (DE), Magnum & JRC Blaze (FL), Edison (ID), Thumbelina (IL), Black Lady (KS), Stowaway (MO), GG & Mitsey (NE), Steppin, Showy, Jess, Reva & Glory (NY), Ally, Sierra, Reflection & Jax (OK), Lacy (OR), Sailor & Wyatt (TN), Star & Song (TX), and Joy (NC). (Horses in the same state may be in separate foster homes.)

Adoptions

1. **Micha's Spirit Flame** (1989 chestnut mare, rescued 6/16/14) is a sweet mare who loves being a babysitter, so she is very happy in a home with 4-year old triplets! The kids love having their own Morgan, and have already taken her on trail rides and gymkhanas.

2. **Briarstead Suite Melody** (1997 chestnut mare, rescued 6/30/14) had been with her dam for her entire life, but they were separated when they went through the New Holland auction. FM rescued Melody and Morgan SafeNet got her dam, Merlin Lady Elizabeth. Solitude Morgan Horse Rescue has sentimental ties to both mares, so mother and daughter were reunited after a month in quarantine and now get to enjoy their time together at Solitude's farm.

3. **SAMAC's The Shake**, aka Sam (2003 bay gelding, rescued 1/31/14) went home to his new adopter. She is completely in love with this kind, gentle boy and is looking forward to deepening that bond with dressage training.

4. **FMRescue HighlyClassified**, aka Jake (2004 bay gelding) has already gone on some rides with his new family in Illinois. He is well on his way to becoming a wonderful trail horse.

Committee Reports

To volunteer, please email the Board at forevermorgans@hotmail.com and we'll put you in touch with the committee chair. All of the committees can use help!

- Applicant Review: Pat Porter, Chair - 6 adopt, 1 foster
- Foster Follow Up Committee : Danny Collins, Chair – Updates requested
- Breeders/Owners Prior Record Call Back Committee : Danny Collins, Chair - Danny talked to prior owners.
- Fundraising : Ginny Bloss, Chair – No report.
- New Fosters/Prospective Adopters : Janice Scotto, Chair - No report.
- Publicity Committee: Sierra Nash, Chair -- No report.
- Rescue Me/Camelot : Christina Friedian, Chair - No report.
- Therapeutic Riding Programs : Heather Rodriguez, Chair - No report.
- Transport : Jami Sacks, Chair - No report.
- Transportation Fund: Martha Cather, Chair – No report.

Expenses

Partial list of expenses.

\$2,540.00	PA QT/board (8 horses for 31 days, Wyatt for 6 days)
\$150.00	OR board (Gabby)
\$175.00	WA board/training, prepaid for August (Valor)
\$150.00	hotel expenses, attending Oregon Morgan Classic
\$400.00	equine dental, Flame
\$70.00	farrier (Charm, Penny and Melody)
<u>\$166.43</u>	<u>vet (Penny, Melody)</u>
\$3,651.43	total

Transport for Wyatt (PA – TN, 7/8/14), Valor (WA foster – WA trainer, 7/27/14) and Derringer (CA – CA, 7/29/14) was donated.

Amazon Smile

Forever Morgans received a \$41.13 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2014.

Do you shop with Amazon? Take a few minutes to go to <http://smile.amazon.com/> and sign up to donate a portion of everything you spend to Forever Morgans. It doesn't cost you anything and FM gets money! All you need to do is sign up with <http://smile.amazon.com/> and choose Forever Morgans as the cause of your choice. Amazon will AUTOMATICALLY donate 0.5% of the cost of your order to FM. Nothing changes for you, only that you should make sure those settings don't change.

Every little bit counts and it's just a click or two away. Sign up today!

Oregon Morgan Classic show

Board members Deb Jondahl and Nik Rapelje attended the Oregon Morgan Classic show in Salem July 18-20. It was a great to meet supporters in person, introduce people to Morgan rescue, and share stories of current horses and past successes. FM raised \$414.40 in donations and merchandise sales and had several people take applications to foster or adopt.