

Forever Morgans Newsletter, February 2015

New Rescues

FM took in seven horses in January 2015.

1. **Acorn Ridge Bluejay** (2003 black mare, rescued 1/7/15) was an Amish driving horse but ended up in a broker's kill pen when she couldn't do the miles pounding pavement. A note with her said that she could only do a three mile round trip a few times a week, but that she improved with a few minutes of cold water on her sore leg. She easily took a rider at the broker lot and trotted sharply down a paved road even though she was obviously sore.
2. **Immortality-Iris** (2009 chestnut gelding, rescued 1/7/15) is a flashy chestnut with gorgeous action and a great attitude. He has been an Amish buggy horse; a note from his former owner says that he is traffic safe and anybody can drive him. He rode very nicely at the broker lot and was comfortable with a rider. We talked to a former owner who said that Iris has no vices and is very pleasant with people. He is a handsome and willing horse but not "hard enough" to be a road horse as he had issues with his tendons and stifles. He can be a little pushy so needs an owner who is firm and not timid, but generally has excellent manners and is very willing.
3. **Kaniksu Abendigo** (2003 bay gelding, intake 1/17/15) is a stunning dark bay gelding with excellent training and very good ground manners. His owner has had him for seven years and loves him dearly, but he bolted badly and threw her, injuring her. She is no longer able to ride and her husband insisted that she give up Ben. Ben has done trail rides and some dressage schooling.
4. **RKT Nordic Daisy** (1999 bay mare, rescued 1/26/15) was found on Craigslist for less than kill buyer prices. We contacted her owner, who was very concerned about where she would be going, and explained what we do, and now she is with us! Her former owner cried when we picked her up; he was sad to see her leave, but glad to know that she will be safe and well cared for. The vet confirmed that Daisy is pregnant and due this spring. Her former owner said the sire is a registered Morgan.
5. **Fastrak Francisca** (1999 liver chestnut mare, intake 1/30/15) was in Oregon with an owner who did not have the time or finances to keep her, so asked FM to make sure that she has the loving home she deserves. Cisca is a level-headed mare whose energy and athleticism make her a great fit for dressage or endurance. She is an intelligent and sensitive mare who needs an experienced partner that is gentle and confident. Originally started in dressage, she has primarily done pleasure and trail riding for the past ten years. She is a trustworthy trail horse, good with traffic, bicycles, dogs, and water, and well-mannered with other horses. She has spent the past six months with a trainer to brush up on her basics in the arena and has done very well. Her
6. **RG Night Heir** (2003 black gelding, rescued 1/31/15) was owned by a broker, purchased at one auction and slated to be sold at New Holland, but FM was able to buy him first. He was bred by the famed Grunden Ranch in Nebraska. His former owner said that he was purchased as a weanling and intended to be a breeding stallion and trail horse. He had extensive professional training under saddle, but his owner was timid and never comfortable riding him so he was gelded and then eventually traded back to his breeder. The breeder had Heir trained to harness

and sold him at auction in late 2012. Heir had harness marks and road shoes on when rescued, so he presumably was an Amish road horse. Heir's breeder said that his action is best suited to sporthorse or working disciplines, that he does crib, and he is pleasant to be around and well-mannered.

7. **RKT Nordic Foxtrim Val** (2003 black gelding, rescued 1/31/15) was also owned by a broker and bought by FM before going to New Holland. Val's former owner said that he is an agile horse with a lot of speed and stamina who is well-mannered around other horses. He purchased the horse as a yearling and had him for ten years. Val is trained to drive both double and single and frequently did trips of over 30 miles at a fast pace in hilly country; he was not trained to ride. He was primarily a road horse but was also used as a breeding stallion. Val's owner already had plenty of foals from him, so sold him last spring as a stallion. He was gelded sometime in the past year; the vet has confirmed that he is a gelding. Val is solid black but a scar left a white mark across his nose.

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 2/1/15, FM had 5 horses in quarantine, 2 others boarded, and 18 in foster.

Horses currently boarded:

The quarantine barn in Pennsylvania (Cindy Noll's) costs \$10 per day per horse.

- 1-5. **Bluejay, Iris, Daisy, Heir** and **Val** are in quarantine. See notes in section above.
6. **Boxford Superwoman** (2004 dark chestnut mare, rescued 10/29/14) is boarded at the QT barn. She was said to ride when she was at the broker lot, but when someone at the QT barn was evaluating her they thought that she seemed unfamiliar with having a rider, as though she was used to wearing blinders so was not sure about seeing someone on her back. She is an unassuming mare who is quiet and easy to overlook, but will be an outstanding horse for someone – she's only 10 years old and extremely well bred.
7. **Sioux Brown** (2004 bay mare, rescued 12/18/14) is boarded at the QT barn. She has a high-powered motor and loves to strut and show off, but she has good manners and is easy to handle. Sioux came in with road shoes and obviously has been an Amish buggy horse, but easily accepted a rider.

Horses transported to foster:

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

1. **LV Blaze** (Locust Valley Blaze, 1995 chestnut gelding, rescued 1/22/13) went to a foster home in Illinois. This foster home has had experience and great success with horses with behavior issues.

2. **Reva** (Runnymede's Revision, 1993 chestnut mare, rescued 2/10/13) moved from is boarded in New York. Reva was boarded in NY at \$200/month.
3. **Maple** (APS, 2001 bay mare, rescued 12/18/14) completed quarantine and moved to a foster home in New York.
4. **Nite** (Logan's Nite Mist Melody, 2002 black mare, rescued 12/18/14) completed quarantine and moved to a foster home in Virginia.
5. **Ben** moved from his former owner to a foster home in Arizona.
6. **Cisca** went to a foster home in Oregon. Her foster says that she is a sweet and easy mare with gorgeous movement.
7. **-9. Nell** (Matlick View Nell, 2010 black mare, rescued 12/15/14), **Charlie** (Royal Prince Charlie, 1997 black stallion, intake 12/18/14) and **Kia** (Aikane's Kia's Memory, 2005 bay mare, rescued 12/18/14) went to three different foster homes in Florida.

Horses in foster homes:

There are currently 20 horses in foster homes:

Ally, Ben and Wyatt (AZ), Charlie, Kia, Nell and Ritz (FL), Blaze, Reva and Thumbelina (IL), GG and Mitsey (NE), Stan (NJ), Faith, Maple and Showy (NY), Reflection (OK), Cisca (OR), and Sailor (TN), and Nite (VA). Horses in the same state may be in separate foster homes.

- **Ritz** (Adventure's Miss Ritz, 2000 bay mare, rescued 9/29/14) had a severe colic episode. Her foster home took wonderful care of her, and she fully recovered. The emergency vet bill for her treatment totaled \$372.00. Ritz's foster says that she didn't seem to have much prior experience being ridden, but is learning quickly and developing into a wonderful riding horse, very fancy under tack, and would be beautiful as a hunter. Ritz has excellent manners, is eager to please, and is not at all excitable or spooky. She would be perfect for a teenage girl with some riding experience.
- **Wyatt** (Merlin Worth the Waite, 2001 chestnut gelding, intake 6/19/14) is doing extremely well at his foster home. He enjoys going on trail rides and is solid and steady under saddle. Wyatt is very friendly and overall an extremely nice boy.
- **Faith** (Sonja's Simple Faith, 2004 bay mare, rescued 11/24/14) is a sweetheart. Her foster home has been riding her when weather allows and she is calm and soft.

Adoptions

Three horses were adopted in January.

- **Jax Suite Victory**, 1997 chestnut gelding, rescued 7/6/13
- **WYP Alusive**, 1995 sorrel gelding, rescued 10/19/13
- **Wheatland Lacy**, 1992 chestnut mare, rescued 6/6/13

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: Cindy Berg, Chair - 1 adoption applications and 2 foster applications submitted and completed, 1 foster app submitted in December and completed, 3 adoption applications in progress
- Foster Follow Up Committee : Danny Collins, Chair – Updates requested
- Transportation Committee: Jami Sacks, Chair – Incredibly busy making travel arrangements for all the horses who found homes with the holiday special (8 horses to adoptive homes) and moving horses to newly-available foster homes.
- Breeders/Owners Prior Record Call Back Committee : Danny Collins, Chair - Danny talked to prior owners.

Expenses

Partial list of expenses for January.

\$1,996.20	PA QT/board (10 horses for total of 207 days, with early payment discount)
\$137.70	Reva board (\$200/month + tax, prorated) (NY)
\$650.00	Iris purchase 1/7
\$625.00	Bluejay purchase 1/7
\$100.00	Iris and Bluejay transport from broker 1/7
\$1,205.00	Blaze (PA-IL) and Reva (NY-IL) transport to foster 1/15
\$290.00	Maple transport to foster, PA-NY 1/15
\$305.00	Ben transport to foster (balance), CA-AZ 1/17
\$525.00	Kia transport to foster , PA-FL 1/20
\$525.00	Nell transport to foster , PA-FL 1/20
\$550.00	Charlie transport to foster , PA-FL 1/20
\$225.00	Nite transport to foster, VA-VA 1/24
\$600.00	Daisy purchase 1/26
\$65.00	Daisy transport from owner, PA-PA 1/26
\$372.00	Emergency vet for Ritz colic 1/26
\$650.00	Heir purchase 1/31
\$650.00	Val purchase 1/31
\$721.51	Vet at QT barn, including Coggins and health certs, repro exams for mares
\$73.79	postage and mailbox fees

\$10,266.20 total

AMHA Convention

The AMHA Convention is coming up soon, and FM will be there! FM will have a booth in the Morgan Marketplace with information on what FM does and the horses we save, and Ginny Bloss will be a speaker in the panel discussion on *Connecting the Amish* seminar on Saturday afternoon. The FM booth will also have FM merchandise for sale and cupcakes to celebrate 10 years of saving Morgans, so plan to visit if you're at the convention.