

## Forever Morgans Newsletter, November 2014

### New Rescues

FM took in seven horses in October.

1. **Sonja of Reliance** (1994 chestnut mare, rescued 10/16/14) was a broodmare for her Amish owner, who contacted FM instead of sending her to auction. She is just about perfect -- a fantastic horse for trail rides, great with beginners and kids, pretty, and a wonderful size (15 hands but with lots of substance). Sonja is in foster in Illinois; because she came directly from a private owner and did not go through an auction or broker, she did not require QT.

2. **Darlin Diva** (2002 bay mare, rescued 10/19/14) was pulled directly from the broker lot. Once she was safe, we talked to her breeder and former owners and found out that she was trained to ride but didn't have the style to be a competitive show horse, so was sold to Amish. Her last owner of record, who sold her in 2012, said she was a very good mare and was trained to drive but he primarily used her as a broodmare. She got along well with other horses and had good manners.

3. **Stan** (2013 brown gelding, rescued 10/19/14) was at the broker lot with Diva and was said to be a yearling Morgan with a registration application, so FM raised funds and said that we would take him. When Cindy went to see him, though, we found out that he is a Standardbred-Morgan cross. His low price made him very likely to be shipped to slaughter and he had his whole life ahead of him, so we decided to take him and make sure it's a good one.

4. **A-L Joseph's Dream** (1995 bay gelding, rescued 10/20/14) was at the New Holland auction where he had been bought by a broker who immediately turned and sold him to FM. He has been an Amish driving horse, but was initially a show horse intended to be a premier breeding stallion. When Joseph proved to be infertile, he was gelded and eventually sold. He has a pending foster home.

5. **Cedar Lake Velvet Jewel** (2004 black mare, rescued 10/21/14) is an owner surrender. She was dearly loved and a good riding horse, but her owner could not afford to keep her and wanted to make sure that she didn't end up as an Amish road horse or worse. Because she came directly from a private owner and did not go through an auction or broker, she did not require QT.

6. **Big Creek Cracker Jack** (1998 bay gelding, rehomed 10/25/14) was first rescued in July 2009 and has done well at his adoptive home, but his adopter is preparing to retire and needs to reduce his herd. Jack is trained to ride but he needs an experienced person because he can be reactive when stressed. He has excellent barn manners, likes attention, is easy to work with and gets along well with other horses. Jack does have sweet itch issues (allergic to the bites of *Culicoides* midges) which makes him miserable in Florida summers, so he would be much happier in a more northern home.

7. **Boxford Superwoman** (2004 chestnut mare, rescued 10/29/14) was at the broker lot and he called Cindy Noll, FM's fabulous QT provider, to see if FM was interested. Cindy happened to be nearby, on her way home from delivering some horses, so she quickly called the Board and got the OK then picked her

up right away. Superwoman has a fantastic pedigree, is only 10 years old, and supposedly is trained to both ride and drive -- a super mare who deserves a loving forever home.

### 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 11/1/14, FM had 4 horses in quarantine, 5 others boarded, and 25 in foster.

#### *Horses currently boarded:*

The quarantine barn in Pennsylvania (Cindy Noll's) costs \$10 per day per horse. Fanny is in quarantine in WA at \$150/month. Reva is boarded in NY at \$200/month.

1-4. **Div**a, **Stan**, **Joseph** and **Superwoman** are in quarantine. See notes in section above.

5. **Adventure's Miss Ritz** (2000 bay mare, rescued 9/29/14) completed QT and is being boarded at the QT barn in PA.

6. **Orcas Fantasy** (1997 chestnut mare, rescued 9/22/14) has completed QT and had a pending adoption, but the adopter changed her mind. Fanny is currently pending transport to a foster home in Oregon.

7. **Exeter's Allegra** (2003 black mare, rescued 9/8/14) had an adoption pending, but the potential adopter decided not to get a horse just yet, so this gorgeous mare is still available.

8. **Reva** (Runnymede's Revision, 1993 chestnut mare, rescued 2/10/13) is boarded in New York. There has been some interest in her, so hopefully someone will fall in love and adopt this gracious lady soon!

9. **LV Blaze** (Locust Valley Blaze, 1995 chestnut gelding, rescued 1/22/13) was scheduled to go to a foster home, but the home is no longer able to take him. He remains boarded at the QT barn.

#### *Horses transported to foster:*

Five horses were transported to foster. All horses had a health certificate and vet check prior to transport.

**Wyatt** (Merlin Worth the Waite, 2001 chestnut gelding, rescued 6/19/14) did very well with his saddle refresher training at a foster in TN. He moved to a foster in AZ where he can get more exposure. His foster says that he is very nice and mellow.

**Ally** (HG Shock N' Y'All, 2004 brown mare, rescued 4/14/14) and **Star** (Wata Diamond Star, 2009 brown gelding, returned 5/15/14) are together in a new foster in Arizona. The foster home says that they are

both very nice, sweet horses. They will be driving Ally, and Star, who is very green but willing, has been ridden on trails.

**Velvet** and **Kayla** (Julie's Fine Kayla , 1998 bay mare, rescued 9/7/14) went together to a foster home in PA at the very end of the month. The foster home has been riding them both.

#### *Horses in foster homes:*

There are currently 25 horses in foster homes:

Ally, Star & Wyatt (AZ), Cora (CA), Cappuccino (FL), Alusive (GA), Edison (ID), Thumbelina and Sonja (IL), Black Lady (KS), Joy (NC), GG and Mitsey (NE), Steppin, Showy, Jess, Reva & Glory (NY), Sierra, Reflection & Jax (OK), Lacy (OR), Sailor (TN), Song (TX), and Chester (VT). (Horses in the same state may be in separate foster homes.)

- **Chester** (1990 chestnut gelding, rehomed 11/3/13) has settled in at his foster home in Vermont and is a perfect gentleman. His foster home has been riding him and says he is extremely responsive to leg pressure and seat cues and has a very soft mouth. He is very attuned to his rider, so can become afraid and skittish if the rider is hesitant, but is solid if the rider is comfortable. His prior home said that he was spooky on trail rides, so his foster home put extensive effort into figuring out what would cause problems and determined that Chester doesn't like being on a narrow, enclosed trail with another horse behind him where he feels like he could be attached and can't escape. This scenario makes him nervous and jittery, but he is OK if his rider stays calm and reassures him. Other than that specific scenario, he is wonderful.

#### Adoptions

1. **Gabby** (2001 chestnut mare, rescued 4/13/14) was adopted by someone at the barn where she has been boarded.

2. **Keepsake's Stowaway** (2008 chestnut gelding, rescued 3/24/14) was adopted by a college student who has already started his education. She calls him Gilligan and says that he's cute, sassy, and has incredible movement.

3, 4. **Annabelle** (2013 registerable brown/bay filly, rescued 8/16/14) and **Eclipse** (2014 registerable black filly, rescued 8/16/14) were adopted by FM's longtime partner in rescue, Solitude Morgan Horse Rescue. They will be able to grow up together.

5. **Oak Grove Pretty Woman** (1997 bay mare, rehomed 9/30/14), known as Julia, was adopted by an equine-assisted therapy program that focuses on youth achievement. Julia loves attention and thrives on lots of work, so this is a great fit for her.

6. **Relentless Charm** (1993 bay mare, rescued 5/19/14) was adopted by an experienced rider who wanted a safe and sweet horse to enjoy trail riding.

7. **Idlewild Derringer** (1991 brown gelding, rescued 7/29/14) is his adopter's very first horse! Derringer has been a lesson horse for many years, so will greatly enjoy having his own person to love and spoil him.

8. **JBS Copper Penny** (1998 chestnut mare, rescued 6/30/14) was adopted by a woman who wants to learn to drive and was looking for a sweet, easy horse. Penny is a lovely driving horse and a total sweetheart, so she is perfect. Penny's adopter plans to keep in touch with her former Amish family so they know that Penny is healthy, happy and loved.

### Committee Reports

To volunteer, please email the Board at [forevermorgans@hotmail.com](mailto: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 - 11 applications submitted and completed, 2 submitted but on hold for additional information
- Foster Follow Up Committee : Danny Collins, Chair – Updates requested
- Breeders/Owners Prior Record Call Back Committee : Danny Collins, Chair - Danny talked to prior owners.

### Expenses

Partial list of expenses for October.

\$1,690.00 PA QT/board (9 horses for total of 169 days)  
\$150.00 Fanny board (WA)  
\$200.00 Reva board (NY)  
\$900.00 Wyatt transport to foster (TN – AZ), 10/8  
\$117.98 vet for Fanny, HC & vax, etc. 10/10  
\$675.00 Diva purchase 10/19  
\$75.00 Stan fees, tax and Coggins  
\$35.00 Diva transport from NH 10/20  
\$115.00 Stan purchase 10/19  
\$75.00 Stan fees, tax and Coggins  
\$560.00 Joseph purchase 10/20  
\$75.00 Joseph fees, tax and Coggins  
\$50.00 Velvet transport from owner 10/25  
\$655.00 Ally and Star transport to foster (OK & TX – AZ), 10/25  
\$575.00 Superwoman purchase 10/29

\$75.00 Superwoman fees, tax and Coggins  
\$100.00 Kayla and Velvet transport to foster (PA – PA), 10/31

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\$6,122.98 total

No charge for pick up for Stan 10/20, Joseph 10/20, Superwoman 10/30.  
Expenses for FM's attendance and booth at Grand Nationals were accounted separately.

### Reference Committee Volunteers Needed

We had eleven new adoption applications submitted just in October! Checking references is an incredibly important part of making sure that horses are in good homes, and the Reference Committee could really use a few more volunteers. Every application has at least five references that each get a phone call lasting about 10 minutes. It's an enjoyable task – you get a set of questions, talk about horses, and then email the answers to the committee chair. If you're interested in helping, please send an email to [ForeverMorgans@hotmail.com](mailto:ForeverMorgans@hotmail.com) and we'll get you started.

### FM at Grand National

Danny Collins did a wonderful job representing FM at Grand Nationals in OKC, spreading the word about Forever Morgans, the work that we do, and the horses we save. There was a lot of interest and several nice donations, and of course personally meeting many FM members. The Board would like to extend a special thank you to the Supporters who made it possible for Forever Morgans to attend: Joanne DeAngelis, Dave Buckingham, the Morgan Medallion Classic Regional Championship Horseshow, and Double J Morgans, and to Pamela Herren & Taylor Sparks for donating an ad in the Show Program.

### Shopping

FM can help with your holiday shopping! We have 2015 calendars, fleece jackets embroidered with the FM logo, totes, and t-shirts. Buying FM merchandise provides funds for the organization and helps spread the word about FM. Go to <http://forevermorgans.org/support.htm> to order.

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