

Forever Morgans Newsletter, September 2014

New Rescues

FM took in three horses in August.

1. **Tazara Cappuccino** (1995 registered chestnut mare, rescued 8/11/14) was owned by a broker who was going to take her straight to a truck headed to slaughter, not even giving her a chance for a home by going to auction. Thankfully, he was willing to sell her to FM instead, so she got on a different truck instead! She is said to ride and drive. She is going to a foster home in early September.
2. **Annabelle** (2013 registerable brown/bay filly, rescued 8/16/14) is the daughter of prior FM rescue Brookstone Hy-Sierra. Sierra, a former park harness show horse, was rescued because her owners had no interest in showing her further, so bred her for one foal and thought her filly was too lightweight to be an Amish driving horse. When FM learned that the filly was going to be sold at an Amish auction, we were concerned about her fate. As we thought, Annabelle was too small to have much interest at the auction, so FM purchased her for kill buyer prices. Annabelle is a pretty filly with a lovely refined head and flashy movement. She leads nicely and is easy to handle. With training and time to grow up, she will be a wonderful park harness or saddle horse. She will be registered with FM's prefix.
3. **Eclipse** (2014 registerable black filly, rescued 8/16/14) was just three months old when she was at the auction with her dam. Her dam was purchased by someone who did not want the filly, so Eclipse was immediately weaned and went through the auction ring alone. Eclipse has buddied up with Annabelle, a yearling filly that FM rescued from the same auction. She will be registered with FM's prefix.

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 9/1/14, FM had 3 horses in quarantine, 6 others boarded, and 25 in foster.

Horses currently boarded:

FM had 6 horses boarded as of the end of August. Three (Cappuccino, Annabelle, Eclipse) are in quarantine, and three others 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. Reva is boarded in NY at \$200/month.

1-3. **Cappuccino, Annabelle, Eclipse** are in quarantine. See notes in section above.

4. **Penny** (JBS Copper Penny, 1998 chestnut mare, rescued 6/30/14) is improving from foundering just prior to being rescued. She is scheduled to go to a foster home in early September.

5. **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.

6. **Alusive** (WYP Alusive, 1995 chestnut gelding, rescued 10/19/13) is scheduled to go to a foster home in early September. This foster home asked for a sweet and mellow horse who needs a "pasture pet" home, which is perfect for Alusive.

7. **Valor** (Dia H Valor, 2000 liver chestnut gelding, rescued 10/12/13) is in training in Washington. There was some trauma in his past -- we're not sure exactly what or when it happened -- that made him very scared under saddle. His foster/trainer is "starting over" to get his confidence and comfort back, and it's going great!

8. **Reva** (Runnymede's Revision, 1993 chestnut mare, rescued 2/10/13) was with a fabulous foster home who adored her, but they no longer had space for her when their own horse came home from training. Reva moved to a nearby boarding stable where she is charming everyone with her sweet personality. She is still looking for her forever home, but hopefully having more exposure at this location will help her to meet the right person.

9. **LV Blaze** (Locust Valley Blaze, 1995 chestnut gelding, rescued 1/22/13) is spending a lot of time enjoying the pasture at the boarding barn.

Horses transported to foster:

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

1. **Page Turner** (2002 bay gelding, rescued 6/30/14) is now in a foster home in Pennsylvania. He is handsome, nicely bred, and has a great personality. His new foster home says that he is sweet and loves attention. His hooves are overgrown and in poor condition, so he will be getting corrective farrier work before being evaluated for riding.

2. **Charm** (Relentless Charm, 1993 bay mare, rescued 5/19/14) went to a new foster home in Illinois. She was shown in both English Pleasure and Pleasure Driving before being a broodmare, so her foster home has already started gently reintroducing her to a saddle and says that she seems happy to be out of retirement.

3. **Noble Rose** (PMM Jestures Noble Rose, 1991 dark bay mare, rescued 12/3/12) has been boarded at Cindy's since she was rescued – over 20 months. It took a long time for her to come around and learn that people can be good. She is still looking for a very special forever home, but until the right home comes along, she is going to be with a wonderful foster who can help her continue to improve.

4-5. **Reflection** (Rose Valley Reflection, 1992 chestnut mare, rescued 10/7/13) and **Ally** (HG Shock N' Y'All, 2004 brown mare, rescued 4/14/14) moved to a new foster home in Oklahoma. Their former foster home had family issues and was no longer able to take care of them. A former FM adopter has taken them in temporarily. They still need a longer-term foster or, ideally, a forever home. Meanwhile, they are settling in and getting into the routine of the new barn. *See section below for individual updates.*

Horses in foster homes:

There are currently 26 horses in foster homes: Derringer (CA/AZ), Cora (CA), Chester (VT) , Edison (ID), Thumbelina, Charm & Noble Rose (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.)

- **Derringer** is in a temporary foster home in California right now and will be headed to a foster in Arizona soon. He was scheduled to move in August, but the trip was delayed due to problems with the transporter's trailer.
- **Reflection** is an alpha mare, not aggressive but clearly in charge; her foster mom says that she is a good broodmare who is used to running the herd. Because Reflection needs a "pasture pet" home, her adoption fee has been reduced to \$300.
- **Ally** is docile and happy to be on the bottom of the pecking order. Ally does whatever Rose tells her, she is a smart girl! Ally is very cute and has lots of potential. Her foster plans to start her under saddle again soon. Ally was professionally trained to both ride and drive prior to being an Amish buggy horse, so should do very well with a refresher.
- **Chester** (1990 chestnut gelding, rehomed 11/3/13) will be moving to a foster home in Vermont in early September. His former family had been fostering him while looking for a new home, but a new horse at their barn was bullying him.
- **Black Lady** (Intrigue's Black Lady, 2005 black mare, rescued 6/12/13) has been ridden frequently and is getting ready to go out on trails. Her foster home says that she was really enjoying being "pasture art" but is accepting that she might have a job now. With a little more saddle time she should be a nice trail horse or even a locally competitive western show horse. Lady has no bad habits and has taken everything in stride. She stands well for the farrier, wears a blanket when necessary, and is easy to work with.

Adoptions

1. **JRC Blaze** (JRC Blaze of Glory, 2003 chestnut gelding, rescued 2/17/13) was adopted at the end of July. His new family calls him Dante, which means enduring. They have an outstanding farrier who can continue to treat his hooves. He seems quite happy and is getting to know the family's other horses.

2. **April Fern** (2003 brown mare, rescued 5/26/14) was adopted by a family who is looking forward to helping this lovely mare reach her full potential.

3. **Magnum** (Rosedust Forty Four Magnum, 2000 bay gelding, rescued 10/12/13) is the second FM horse for his new family, joining 2012 rescue Bonanza. Magnum's new family is enjoying this cute and spunky boy, and plans to have lots of fun with him!

Grand Nationals Plans

It's just a few weeks until Morgan Grand Nationals October 11 – 18 in Oklahoma City, and Forever Morgans is busy getting ready to attend! Board member Danny Collins will be at a booth in Barn 3 with information on FM's work, the available horses, and some of the over 300 Morgans we have saved since 2005. We'll also have FM shirts, totes, and other promotional merchandise for sale. A special adoptable horse will be there -- Brookstone Hy-Sierra placed third at Nationals in 3 year old park harness in 2003, and now she's going back to represent the wonderful horses that FM saves and meet potential adopters. She is a stunning mare and is sure to win some fans.

Please consider donating funds to help cover FM's expenses to attend, as we have to pay for the booth, stall, hotel, and other expenses. We also could use volunteers to help staff FM's booth throughout the week. Danny would love some company and a few bathroom breaks! Please stop by and visit, too, as it's always great to meet in person.

Nationals is also a fantastic opportunity to move horses across the country. If you're going and have an extra space in your trailer, you may be able to help an FM horse hitch a ride to a new foster or forever home. There are several horses on the east coast that have potential homes farther west and could use some help getting there. If you transport an FM horse, your gas and mileage may be tax deductible as a donation to FM. Please email forevermorgans@hotmail.com if you can help!

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 - 2 adopt, 2 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 – One application submitted.
- Publicity Committee: Sierra Nash, Chair -- No report.
- Rescue Me/Camelot : Christina Friedan, Chair - No report.
- Therapeutic Riding Programs : Heather Rodriguez, Chair - No report.
- Transport : Jami Sacks, Chair - No report.
- Transportation Fund: Martha Cather, Chair – *See below.*

Transportation Fund

Seven FM horses have new foster homes to go to in September, so we have an extra-large bill for transportation to get them there. We did a mid-month call for donations to help cover some of the expenses and a wonderful anonymous donor volunteered to match up to \$200 in funds, bringing the total to \$985 to move horses to foster! That covered the expenses for Alusive and Derringer, and a good portion of the costs for Chester.

\$500.00 Alusive to foster (PA – GA)
\$330.00 Derringer to foster (CA – AZ)
\$500.00 Chester to foster (DE – VT)
\$650.00 Charm and Noble Rose to foster (PA – IL)
\$1025.00 Penny and Cappuccino to foster (PA – FL)
\$3,005.00 total

Thank you to everyone who donated!

Kathleen F. \$50, Anita M. \$15, Martha C. \$60, Laurie Z. \$40, Julie L. \$10, Melissa S. \$25, Deborah \$10, Sally P. \$100, Kelly L. \$150, Diana V. \$50, Ginny B. \$25/Anonymous \$25, Martha C. \$20/Anonymous \$20, Molly J. \$10/Anonymous \$10, Lauren Z. \$40/Anonymous \$40, Anita M. \$10/Anonymous \$10, Marie G. \$120/Anonymous \$100, Deanna J. \$25. **Total = \$985**

Expenses

Partial list of expenses for August.

\$2,400.00 PA QT/board (10 horses for total of 240 days)
\$150.00 OR board (Gabby)
\$175.00 WA board/training, prepaid for September (Valor)
\$45.00 farrier (Valor)
\$500.00 Annabelle purchase
\$42.50 Annabelle auction fee, Coggins, transport
\$700.00 Eclipse purchase
\$59.50 Eclipse auction fees, Coggins, transport
\$600.00 Cappuccino broker fee, transport
\$50.00 Cappuccino transport
\$650.00 Charm and Noble Rose, transport to foster (PA – IL)

\$5,372.00 total

Transport for Page Turner (PA – PA, 8/31/14) was donated.

Other Auctions

A concerned member contacted FM a few days before a Mennonite auction in Barnett, Missouri, concerned about the fate of Morgans at the auction. The sale is primarily for Standardbreds and Saddlebreds, but there were a few registered Morgans in the catalog. Morgans aren't very popular with this community, so they would likely be sold for low prices and are at high risk of being bought by a kill buyer. FM doesn't have any foster homes in the area and only had a few days, so we asked on Facebook if anyone nearby could help by fostering and/or transporting if needed. Unfortunately, no one was able to do so on short notice. FM can't just buy horses at auction and turn them loose on the streets, so we weren't able to do anything for this auction. We did talk to the auctioneer afterwards and were told that the Morgans did not go to kill buyers, but we wish that we could have been there to make sure. We hope that we can be next time.

There are small auctions like this across the country, and we can only help if we have foster homes within a reasonable distance and some way to do transport. If you or anyone you know would be interested in fostering, please send go to FM's website (<http://www.forevermorgans.org/>) for information and an application.