



**BRENNAN**  
Equine Welfare Fund

A 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization for  
the Benefit of Equines In Need

## Brennan Equine Welfare Fund Announces 2018 Grant Distributions

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Cincinnati, OH – Brennan Equine Welfare Fund (BEWF) is pleased to announce its 2018 grants. Fourteen exceptional equine rescue/rehabilitation/retirement/retraining and placement facilities across the USA have been awarded.

Thoroughbred-focused recipients include Bright Future's Farm, Equine Encore Foundation, The Exceller Fund, Friends of Ferdinand, and ReRun.

Non-breed-specific organizations granted include Brook Hill Retirement Center, Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship, Duchess Sanctuary, Days End Farm, Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, Illinois Equine Humane Center, Kentucky Equine Humane Center, and Speak Up For Horses.



Also awarded was Glen Ellen Vocational Academy (GEVA). Among the horses assisted by this grant is *Governor Elect*, a 27-year old Thoroughbred Gelding. Racing from 1994-1999, he won close to \$200k, starting out high-earning races (winning a total of 19), then dropping to lower-earning races as he aged and was eventually run only in claiming races, where the horse could be bought and switched to another trainer. "Govie" could not sustain athletic-type form after his total of 55 lifetime races and had to be retired due to a career-ending injury. A previous trainer intervened when it was learned that he was to be retired and contacted GEVA who agreed to take him. He arrived with an injured fetlock (ankle) that caused him so much pain, he had a cantankerous personality. Under the expert care of GEVA, attention to his rehabilitation was taken and with no training or racing anymore, his fetlock began to heal. And with that came a different horse...one that was more comfortable, allowing his real personality to show; a more gentle soul. He'd had a rough 5 years of

sprinting and now it was time to retire and just be a horse, still loving to run, but when and how he wanted. He shares a paddock with long-time friend Rio, a Quarter Horse/Paint cross, also a rescue. *Govie* is very talkative, especially if he thinks there might be some food to be had. At dinner time, he frolics and cavorts like a young horse. *Govie's* favorite things are food, carrots/treats and more food, especially his mashes and alfalfa. He definitely leaves no doubt when expressing himself!

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund is a fund-raising, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization set up through The Greater Cincinnati Foundation. Grants from Brennan Equine Welfare Fund are used to serve equine rescue shelters across the country that provide dignity to final years of aged, injured, abused, starved and slaughter-bound horses, as well as those used in medical experimentation. This fund supports registered, 501(c)(3) organizations that specialize in retirement and rehabilitation services and offer a peaceful and permanent sanctuary for these beautiful animals. Shelters, which offer carefully scrutinized adoption or re-placement services, are also supported. Established in 2000 by Linda Pavey, Brennan Equine Welfare Fund carries on the memory of her equine companion, Brennan (J.B.'s Hero), an off-the-track Thoroughbred.

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