



Injured animals get Indian Hill treatment

Jeanne Houck, jhouck@communitypress.com 2:52 p.m. EDT July 13, 2016



(Photo: Provided)

Mares Birdie and Dorita were skin and bones from neglect when they arrived at Duchess Sanctuary just outside Oakland, Ore.

Lady Jane, an old donkey, came to the 1,120-acre horse haven with hooves so badly overgrown that one front foot was entirely curled under.

Now, all three are doing well thanks to the care of Duchess Sanctuary, which is one of 13 horse rescue, rehabilitation, retraining, retirement and placement facilities across the nation to receive a Brennan Equine Welfare Fund grant this year.

More than \$36,000 was awarded.

Indian Hill native Linda Pavey of Madeira founded the fundraising nonprofit in 2000 for horses like Birdie and Dorita and donkeys like Lady Jane.

Birdie and Dorita showed up at Duchess Sanctuary “severely emaciated, with overgrown hooves and a painful skin condition called ‘rain rot’ which produced oozing sores,” Pavey said.

“Duchess Sanctuary began a re-feeding program for the mares, had them wormed, vaccinated, their teeth floated, their feet trimmed and gave them therapeutic baths to treat the rain rot.

“They have been rehabilitated back to healthy weights and are turned out with a herd of other horses, although they stick close to each other,” Pavey said.

Lady Jane needed corrective surgery on her overgrown hooves to help her walk pain-free again, Pavey said.

“X-rays were taken, and although corrective trimming and a special shoe was utilized, a severely contracted tendon was preventing Lady Jane from walking normally,” Pavey said.

“Surgery was needed to allow the leg to straighten, but also due to an infection, a piece of bone inside her hoof had to be removed as well.

“Current X-rays look good, and she is walking normally on all four feet,” Pavey said.

Pavey comes from a long line of equestrians and horse lovers.

Her parents were involved in animal rescue and she formerly boarded horses at Camargo Stables at 8605 Shawnee Run Road in Indian Hill and managed a private barn in the village.

The Brennan Equine Welfare Fund operates through The Greater Cincinnati Foundation and is named for Pavey’s beloved horse, an off-the-track thoroughbred she had for 12 years before he died in 2002.

“(Brennan) taught me patience, trust, bonding and that a horse, while not successful at his original career, can have a big role in his second career and that all horses deserve all the best for their lives because they give and have so much to teach us,” Pavey said.

Meanwhile, Duchess Sanctuary expressed its gratitude for the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund grant on its Facebook page.

“Duchess Sanctuary is once again the grateful recipient of a grant from the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation,” the post said.

“This year’s funds will be used to help us care for the two mares we took back in January, Birdie and Dorita, and our sweet Lady Jane!

“Thank you to Linda Pavey and Brennan Equine Welfare Fund for their continued support of our work.”

Visit www.brennanequinewelfarefund.com/ to donate money to the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund, to apply for a grant or for more information.

Contributions are tax deductible and 100 percent goes towards the horses, Pavey said.

Pavey said the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund has no paid employees, no overhead and that all advertising and postage is donated.

Want to know more about what is happening in Indian Hill? Follow me on Twitter @jeannehouck.

Other Brennan Equine Welfare Fund grant recipients

- Bright Futures Farm of Cochran, Pennsylvania.
- Brook Hill Retirement Center for Horses of Forest, Virginia.
- CANTER Kentucky of Louisville.
- Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center of Longmont, Colorado.
- Days End Farm Horse Rescue of Woodbine, Maryland.
- Equine Encore Foundation of Tucson, Arizona.
- Friends of Ferdinand Inc. of Indianapolis.
- Glen Ellen Vocational Academy Equine Retirement Foundation of Glen Ellen, California.
- Kentucky Equine Humane Center of Nicholasville.
- Peaceful Acres Horses of Saratoga, New York.
- ReRun Thoroughbred Adoption of East Greenbush, New York.
- The Exceller Fund of Lexington.

Read or Share this story: <http://cin.ci/29BQifU>