

Back From The Brink: Brennan Equine Welfare Fund Offering 3rd Annual Matching Gift to Help Horses like “Chino”

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Second chances are rare in life. But, if you are a horse and depend on the care and kindness of humans for your existence, and they have failed you...you may never know that second chance.

Such was the situation of a severely neglected chestnut paint Quarter Horse in Maryland. With a body score of 1.5, indicating extreme starvation that showed his protruding ribs and spine, it seemed that the end was very near. Luckily, however, authorities were alerted to his condition and he was turned over to Days End Farm Horse Rescue. Named “Chino”, this miserable horse’s situation appeared dire. He arrived salivating at the mouth, having severely sharp teeth that had not been “floated” (filed down evenly to facilitate grinding of hay and grain) and had rubbed the inside of his cheeks raw. His skeletal frame was 300+ pounds underweight with internal parasites and a painful skin fungus called “rain rot”. Severely depressed, he hadn’t the energy or will to eat or drink when offered, and suffered a life-threatening gut impaction that required hospitalization. After five days of fighting to live, success in his treatment was evident, and he was able to be released from hospitalization and begin his recovery.

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund was happy to award a grant to help “Chino’s” recovery. He endured a long rehabilitation process that included dental care, specified feed and supplements, farrier work to correct his overgrown hooves, and eventual weight and muscle gain. With each step in his recuperation, a light shone brighter in his eyes, and a great personality began to emerge. Staff that was attending to him realized he was one special and appreciative horse that would eventually make a nice riding horse when it was time for him to be placed for adoption.

It’s indisputable that every little girl wants a horse...and it takes a special little girl to want a horse that has been through a rough go of things, but a good match was made between such an extraordinary young lady named Emily and “Chino”. The pair have bonded and become such extraordinary partners, that many accomplishments that the duo have realized only show what rewards become evident when dedication and second chances are realized. “Chino” not only has had this second chance at life with his rescue and a loving forever home, but has become a talented sport-horse and is now participating and winning in various competitions. He has shown in Dressage at Intro Level A & B and Training Levels 1 & 2, competed in Horse Trials/Three-Day Events (Dressage, Stadium Jumping and a Cross Country course) winning 1st and 2nd Placements. With each new experience, it is unmistakable that a once forgotten and neglected horse is forever grateful that he was given a second chance.



Brennan Equine Welfare Fund is a fund-raising, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was established in 2000 at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation by Linda Pavey in honor and memory of her horse, “Brennan”. 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. Brennan Equine Welfare 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 that offer carefully scrutinized adoption or re-placement services are also supported.

If you would like to honor a special person or equine that has touched your life, or are interested in year-end giving ideas, a charitable donation to Brennan Equine Welfare Fund would be honored. You can be assured that any gift you make will help provide grant funding for special equines in need just like “Chino” for years to come. Any contribution to Brennan Equine Welfare Fund is tax deductible. Linda, who is also the Donor/Account Advisor to Brennan Equine Welfare Fund, will be personally offering a \$5,000 (five-thousand dollar) matching gift through December 31, 2011. Your donation will have double the power to offer a second chance to equines in need as all donations will be matched dollar-to-dollar until \$5,000 is realized. All checks should be made out to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (make sure to write “Brennan Equine Welfare Fund” on the memo line) and mailed to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, 200 W. 4th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. For more information or to donate online, please visit <http://www.brennanequinewelfarefund.com> or call Linda Pavey at (513) 561-5251.