

Lucky to be Alive - A Thoroughbred Gets Special Care

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund Offering 7th Annual Matching Gift To Help Horses Like “Catch This T”



“Catch This T”
Assisted by a grant from
Brennan Equine Welfare Fund

Reading in the news, sometimes there are reports of car accidents. Maybe a hit and run. But, surely it is not every day that one reads about what happened to a Thoroughbred horse named “Catch This T” (affectionately known as “T”). In 1999, this unfortunate horse was hit by a truck. The force was so great as to throw him onto the hood. The good news is that he survived, and healed, but unfortunate circumstances found “T” once again when he was adopted by a new owner. This person did not properly care for him, and he became emaciated, losing a lot of body mass and muscle tone. He was literally starving. Shortly thereafter, he contracted Equine Protozoal Myelitis (EPM), which is a neurological condition that causes incoordination and weakness. Luckily, “T’s” luck turned around when he was accepted by Bright Future’s Farm in Pennsylvania as one of their permanent residents.

Cincinnati-based Brennan Equine Welfare Fund (BEWF) was happy to award a grant this year to Bright Future’s Farm specifically to assist with “T’s” care. In addition to his daily feed, grain and routine veterinary care, his special needs require that he receive massage and chiropractic treatments as well as acupuncture to help manage his symptoms. The grant helps, in part, with these expenses. “T” has come a long way in his care, by gaining weight and muscle tone. This year, he got dapples on his coat. Dapples are a sign of good health and balance within. For this 22-year old who has been through so much, he certainly deserves this.

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", also an off-the-track Thoroughbred. 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 replacement 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 “Catch This T” for years to come. Any contribution to Brennan Equine Welfare Fund is tax deductible and 100% goes towards the horses.

Linda will be personally offering a \$5,000 (five-thousand dollar) matching gift through December 31, 2015. Your donation will have double the power to offer a second chance to equines in need as all personal donations will be matched dollar-to-dollar until \$5,000. is realized. Checks may 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.