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A Year in Completion—2023 Newsletter

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Our Mission

We are deeply committed to the rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming of equines, fostering a sanctuary where dignity and care are paramount for every donkey, horse, mule, and pony we shelter.

We offer these gracious animals a second chance at life, nurture their recovery, and ensure their safe transition to loving homes. Our expansive 200-acre sanctuary serves as a testament to our dedication, managed by a team whose passion for equine welfare knows no bounds.



Jerry, the First Donkey

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A New Home for Mom & Daughter



Lilac and Stormy (1 day old)

Lilac was at least 7 months pregnant when she was rescued last February. She made the 7 hour journey with 9 other donkeys to TMR Rescue and had her baby, named Stormy, on May 10th. Stormy and Lilac have been recently adopted and are going to be kept together as a bonded pair. They will be forever safe and never have to be in fear again.



Ernie and Arnold found forever homes in 2023

Helping Find Forever Homes

A total of eighty-three equine found their forever homes through TMR in 2023. We are happy to help with those looking for a companion to their herd.

Can't bring one home but want to be able to call one your own? Whether your HOA doesn't allow donkeys, or you're just not ready to commit, our Sponsorship Program is just what you need. Financially sponsoring an animal gives you visiting rights after a short safety orientation. Full sponsorships are \$150 per month, partial sponsorships are available.

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Reach out to Mistie, our Adoption Coordinator if adopting or sponsoring interests you. Adoptions@TMRrescue.com

In 2023

- ...our sanctuary celebrated 10 YEARS as a nonprofit .
- ...forty-three new animals found refuge from relinquishment or confiscation at TMR.
- ...eighty-three animals went to their forever homes through our adoption program.
- ...a new record keeping software was DONATED by Barn Manager.
- ...\$8,575 was donated towards our Annual Fall Fundraiser. Twenty-four boys are now scheduled to be gelded in early 2024.
- ...a number of repairs, upgrades, and clean up projects we started and are ongoing to achieve more in 2024.
- ...our Gift Shop celebrated it's Grand Opening.
- ...more than thirty volunteers joined our team after completing their orientation.

We would not be able to achieve so much in one year without our supporter's help, thank you.

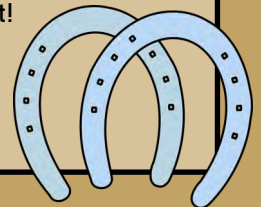
Immediate Needs

Hay

Our hay bill reaches upwards of \$26k per month this time of year. We are constantly looking for help sourcing Bermuda and Coastal hay, both squares and rounds. If you are able to help financially we are grateful.

Farrier

Our current farrier is fantastic but 350 equine is a lot for one person. If you or someone you know is interested in helping, please reach out!



Our **Amazon Wishlist** is always kept up to date with hay feeders, lead ropes, and basic medical supplies. It can be found by scanning the QR code or at:

<https://a.co/6nH7MFR>



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Saved from Slaughter

In February of 2023, TMR Rescue saw an influx of new arrivals from an Oklahoma Kill Pen. These animals were destined for Mexico or Canada where the slaughter of equine for meat is legal.

These 10 donkeys came with the minimum needed for transport, a Coggins test. We believed most of the females were pregnant. All the animals were found to have terrible parasites and were very malnourished.

Throughout the year, we have seen several births here including Haggis Mack, Derrick, and Stormy from the group of females. It has been a pleasure watching them grow and seeing them find their forever homes one by one.

In May, an additional 6 male donkeys and one female mule from the same situation were brought to us.

Unfortunately, one of the male donkeys from this transport did not make it due to the severity of the parasites and malnourishment.

The arrival of the May herd was sponsored, meaning the cost of saving the donkeys from the kill pen and transport was completely covered.



Pictured: Rescued Kill Pen Burro now named Floppy



What's Going On

Donkey Walks

Monthly event on the first Saturday of each month (excluding November). RSVP to the event by emailing Fundraising@TMRrescue.com or messaging us on Facebook.

Jan 6 · Feb 3 · Mar 2 · Apr 6 · May 4 · Jun 1 · Jul 6 · Aug 3 · Sept 7 · Oct 5 · Dec 7

Frequent Outreach Events

DeepRoots Winery · Lonepint Brewery · Farmers Market on Tamina · Navasota Farmers Market · New Haven Retirement Home · Texas Makers Market · The Forum at the Woodland Retirement Home · Wild Stallion Vineyards



Check out our calendar at www.TMRrescue.com/calendar to know where Benny the Donkey is.

Benny's Birthday Party

Come celebrate our new annual event with our ambassador donkey. Benny will be 9 years old this November. In 2023, we celebrated with a Dunk Tank for the Ranch Manager, the Grand Opening of our Gift Shop, Hay Rides of the facility, and cake for Benny.

Read more of Benny's story at www.TMRrescue.com/featured-story

TMR Rescue Facility Tours

We've had several big changes this year including the structure of our facility tours. We now offer two types:

General walking tours are a 30 minute walk around a small section of our facility. You will see Benny the Donkey (if he's not at an outreach program), Jerry the first donkey, and many more. These tours are scheduled for Tuesdays and Saturdays at 1pm.

VIP tours are for those that want to see the majority of the facility. These tours are done by Johnny himself and are a two hour long experience riding around in a utility vehicle. These tours are by appointment only.

Interested in a tour?

Visit our website at www.TMRrescue.com/resources to learn more.

Jill Herrin is one of many that joined the volunteer crew in 2023. She has a knack for mucking and is at every Donkey Walk!

Interested in Volunteering?

If you are local and interested in helping us take care of our herd, email our Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa!

Volunteers@TMRrescue.com

TMR is currently taken care of by more than 50 volunteers.

They help with watering our 350 donkeys, mucking,



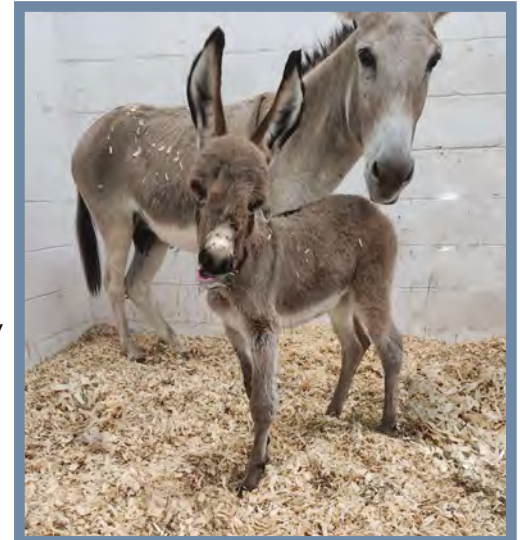
Nicholas, Jill Herrin, and Eric

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grooming, socializing, training, admin work, and more!

The Loss of Baby Puddin'

Our team was devastated in May when we lost Puddin', one of the babies from the Oklahoma Kill Pen rescue. Born to Aster, Puddin' was our Earth Day baby and the second baby born in the nursery pasture. Puddin' was born with a defect between her trachea and esophagus that hindered her ability to eat properly. She had chronic pneumonia her 21 day life was split between Waller Equine hospital and Texas A&M Veterinary hospital.



Aster & Puddin' at Waller Equine Hospital

Aster is believed to be a very young first time mother. That, paired with the malnourished and parasitic conditions she was rescued from, left Puddin' with a birth defect. Puddin' showed us her playful spunky self on the days we were able to spend together. She will be missed and her time at TMR was cherished by all that knew her.



Puddin' giving Aster a kiss on the cheek in TMR's Medical Barn

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Phil the Mammoth Donkey

From Trash to Treasure

Phil the Mammoth was picked up by Harris County Constable Pct. 3 in April last year. Phil was found wandering through residential areas picking through trash. His neglected state included a mass larger than a softball on his lower leg.

Phil lucked out and the precinct called up TMR. A wellness exam was done by one of our veterinarians and a biopsy showed the growth was not cancerous but proud flesh. Proud flesh is the result in the improper healing of a superficial wound. These types of growths are very



Phil the Mammoth was picked up by Harris County Constable Pct. 3 in April when he was found rummaging through trash. You can see the softball sized growth on his back right foot in this picture.

common for untreated fly wounds in equine. Thankfully, it was discovered the mass had not affected the bone at all and it was a fairly simple removal.

However, Phil's recovery from surgery is on going due to the slow healing process. He has graduated from our Medical Barn and is located nearby for constant observation. He gets his

bandages changed frequently and milks the staff for extra carrots all

the while. This big boy is up for adoption and is a favorite among our volunteers.



The X-ray of Phil's growth

