

Forever Morgans Newsletter, June 2014

New rescues:

FM took in 10 horses in April and May.

1. Brookstone Hy-Sierra (2000 bay mare) was purchased directly from an Amish farmer on 4/7/14. Sierra was shown in 3 year old park harness, where she placed 1st at Southern States, 2nd at Mid-Atlantic and 3rd at Grand Nationals! Her owners didn't have the time or money to keep her in training, so she was put out to pasture. She had one foal. Her only driving was during her show training, she has not been an Amish road horse. Her Amish owner contacted FM instead of sending her to auction.
2. Jasmine(2010 bay mare) was returned to FM on 4/12/14. She had been adopted, but did not get along with her adopter's other horse.
3. Gabby (2001 chestnut mare) was rescued from the auction in Eugene, OR on 4/13/2014. FM was contacted about her just a few hours before the auction started, and she was the very first horse in the ring. FM was able to bid by phone and keep her from shipping to slaughter. A note with her said that she loves to run and has done barrels, trail rides in the Cascades, and been ridden by kids. She is a well-mannered, easy to catch, nice little mare. Gabby is said to be registerable so FM has submitted a DNA test.
4. HG Shock N' Y'All (2004 brown mare) was pulled from New Holland auction on 4/14/14. She has been an Amish driving horse and has pinfiring scars. While she was in QT, FM was contacted by the owner of her half-brother (World Champion Working Hunter Arduns Falcon), who said that Ally had been trained as a pleasure driving horse.
5. TE Lightening Crashes (2002 bay gelding) was pulled from New Holland auction, on 4/28/14. He was an Amish buggy horse and is trained to ride.
6. Festival Delight (1986 bay mare) found herself at an auction in southern California on 5/10/14. FM worked with a local rescue to act quickly and make sure that this grand mare was safe.
7. Rio's Night Time (2003 bay gelding) was purchased directly from a broker on his birthday, 5/11/14, instead of going to New Holland auction. FM contacted his breeder, who had sold Rio in October as a stallion that was well-handled with good manners but not trained to ride or drive. His new owners gelded, trained and then sold him.
8. Wata Diamond Star (2009 brown gelding) was first rescued in September 2012 and adopted. His adopters contacted FM because they can no longer keep him. He is very sweet, young and athletic, and is broke to ride but still green. He is being fostered in Texas.
9. Relentless Charm (1993 bay mare) was owned by an Amish gentleman who contacted FM. He could have sold Charm to another breeder or broker for significantly more money, but wanted to be certain that she was in a good home. Prior to being an Amish broodmare, Charm compiled an impressive show record in both English Pleasure and Pleasure Driving disciplines. She was picked up on 5/19/14. Charm is a gorgeous rich bay with lovely dapples.
10. April Fern (2003 brown mare) is from the New Holland auction on 5/26/14. April was an Amish buggy horse who had been with the same family from birth until she was taken to the auction. Her former owner said that she started coming up lame after long trips about a year ago, so

they got a new horse. She rides and drives. April is the daughter of 2013 rescue LR Amie Temptation and has the same sire as 2011 rescue DJJ Black Diamond.

Available horses:

Information on all available horses is on the FM website, <http://www.forevermorgans.org/horses.htm> . Most horses now have downloadable pdfs with additional information that can be printed and shared. Please consider posting flyers about horses near you on local bulletin boards, feed stores, shows, etc.

Horses currently boarded:

FM currently has 6 horses boarded as of the end of May. Two (Charm and April) are in quarantine, and three are boarded at a in Pennsylvania (Cindy's); board costs \$10 per day per horse. Gabby is boarded at a barn in Oregon at \$7 per day.

1, 2. April and Charm are in quarantine. See notes in section above.

3. Noble Rose (PMM Jestures Noble Rose, 1991 dark bay mare, rescued 12/3/12) continues to make great improvement in her behavior and manners. She is much more relaxed, able to be handled, and even friendly. She needs a foster or forever home that can continue to work with her.

4. LV Blaze (Locust Valley Blaze, 1995 chestnut gelding, rescued 1/22/13) also continues to relax and his manners are improving. His intermittent lameness has improved some with the warmer weather.

5. Alusive (WYP Alusive, 1995 chestnut gelding, rescued 10/19/13) has been weaned off of daily pain meds. His ankles are severely damaged so that he can never be ridden or driven, but he now seems to be comfortable. Cindy reported that he felt good enough to briefly canter in the pasture. He is a sweet, gentle boy who needs a home where he can be a pasture pet.

6. Gabby (2001 chestnut mare, rescued 4/13/14) completed QT and needs a foster or adoptive home. See notes in section above.

Horses transported to foster: (All horses had a health certificate and vet check prior to transport.)

1. Opal (1994 cremello pony mare, rehomed 6/11/13) was moved to a new foster home in Maryland. The little girl at her foster home is completely thrilled with having a pony "just like Barbie's Majesty!" and has spent hours brushing and talking to her. Opal is enjoying the attention and getting along nicely with the foster home's other Morgan mare.

2, 3. Ally (HG Shock N' Y'All, 2004 brown mare, rescued 4/14/14) and Reflection (Rose Valley Reflection, 1995 chestnut mare, rescued 10/7/13) arrived at a new foster home in Oklahoma at the end of May. They were very happy to stretch their legs and have a good roll in the grassy pasture. Their foster home plans to evaluate them further once they have settled in.

4. Sierra (Brookstone Hy-Sierra, 2000 bay mare, rescued 4/7/14) also moved to a foster home in Oklahoma. Her foster family found out that she knows to park out and pose for treats.

5. Stowaway (Keepsake's Stowaway, 2008 chestnut gelding, rescued 3/24/14) was scheduled for transport to his foster home at the end of May. The transport was delayed due to equipment problems.

Horses in foster homes:

In addition to the 5 horses moved to foster, there are currently 22 other horses in foster homes: Song and Star (TX), Jax (OK), Black Lady (KS), Valor (WA), Mitsey, Jake, GG and Thumbelina (IL), Reva, Steppin and Showy (NY), Joy (NC), Lacy (OR), Sailor (TN), Chester (DE), Cora (CA), Edison (ID) and Magnum and JRC Blaze (FL). (Horses in the same state may be in separate foster homes.)

- Jake (registration in progress, 2004 bay gelding) is doing very well under saddle. With his kind demeanor, good manners, and sweet nature, he has the makings of an awesome horse for a beginner or junior rider.
- Valor (Dia H Valor, 2000 chestnut gelding, rescued 10/12/13) shed his scruffy winter coat to reveal a gorgeous dark chestnut color and caramel-colored mane and tail. He is stunning! Valor is eager to please and looking for a person of his own.
- Steppin (Steppin to the Sky, 1998 chestnut mare, rescued 10/7/13) has been started under saddle and is learning to relax. She is a gentle mare who needs a soft person.
- JRC Blaze (JRC Blaze of Glory, 2003 chestnut gelding, rescued 2/17/13) continues to have treatment for his hooves. The sand and dryness at his foster home in Florida is helping tremendously, and the riding students at his barn enjoy giving him attention.
- Magnum (Rosedust FortyFour Magnum, 2000 bay gelding, rescued 10/12/13) is turning into a wonderful saddle horse and absolutely loves being ridden. He was an Amish buggy horse prior to being rescued, so his foster home harnessed and hooked him up once to see if he would be good for driving. He accepted being hooked but then refused to move and very emphatically did not want to drive. Magnum clearly wants to leave that part of his life behind and just have fun with a rider!

There are many other horses in foster homes! Updates and photos are shared on Facebook when available.

Adoptions:

1. Avalon (2012 bay filly, born to rescue Maggie Mae 6/5/12) was adopted 4/22/14. Her new mom is looking forward to raising and training this lovely little lady.
2. Michelangelo (1993 bay gelding, rescued 3/23/14) was adopted 4/25/14. This petite gelding is the perfect size for his equally-petite new mom. She loves his fun personality and is looking forward to trail rides with friends.
3. Maggie Mae (2005 bay mare) was adopted 5/15/14. Her new family saw her ad online, made arrangements to meet her a few days later, and immediately fell in love. The feeling was mutual and Maggie was soon enjoying her new home.
4. TE Lightening Crashes (2002 bay gelding, rescued 4/28/14) joined Maggie Mae at her new home when he was adopted by the same family on 5/27/14. They are excited to have his-and-hers Morgans to ride together.

5. JMF Johnny Who (1995 black stallion, rescued 10/28/13) had a 10-day trip that took him across the country and home to the woman who raised him. He knew her at once and still comes running when she whistles.
6. Festival Delight (1986 bay mare, rescued 5/10/14) was adopted by her breeder, who was stunned to learn that this grand old mare had been at risk of shipping to slaughter in Mexico. The adoption application and references were completed in record time! Delight is now home, enjoying retirement with her sister.
7. Rio's Night Time (2003 bay gelding, rescued 5/11/14) was still in quarantine when his now-adopter saw his photos. It was love at first sight and she immediately sent in an application. She looked at his pedigree several days later and found out that he is related to a beloved horse that she lost years ago.

Several other current foster horses have pending adoptions that are expected to be completed in June.

Additional adoptions were processed for new homes for previously adopted horses. When an adopter is no longer able to provide for the horse, FM maintains right of first refusal but will gladly work with the adopter to find a new home nearby. Any potential adopter does have to complete an adoption application with reference checks.

We're having a baby!

Showy Lady's Slipper (2002 chestnut mare, rescued 8/17/13) is due to foal in the next few weeks. Her exact due date is uncertain, as we only know that she was bred sometime after her 2013 filly (FMRescue Twice a Lady) was born in May and before they were rescued in August. The foal is said to have the same sire, a black Morgan stallion named A & R Lady's PAS Flint. Showy's foster home is giving her plenty of TLC and caring for her bowed tendons. She is happy, shiny, and has a huge baby belly! Both Showy and her foal are available for adoption either separately (after weaning) or together; Twice a Lady was adopted earlier this year and is growing up nicely.

Showy, her 2013 filly and the 2014 foal she is carrying were all saved in honor of Jessica Rekos, a victim of the 2012 tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, CT.

FM will share photos when the baby arrives!

AMHA Transfers

AMHA is offering a special reduced rate on ownership transfers. Effective June 1 through August 31, 2014, AMHA is offering the low fee of \$30 per horse to transfer your Morgan. You don't even have to be an AMHA member to get this great price break; a 75 percent savings for non-members.

All transfers must be postmarked between June 1 and August 31 to qualify for this one-time reduced transfer fee. For more information, contact the AMHA Registry Department at (802) 985-4944, registry@morganhorse.com.

Event Coordinator Needed

FM needs a volunteer to help coordinate representing us at events such as horse shows and expos across the country. There are many opportunities for FM to share about the work we do saving Morgans! We often have people who are willing to help at an event, but we need someone who can coordinate with event management to take care of getting materials and people where and when they need to be. Most of this can be done by email. If you're organized and want to help, please email the Board at forevermorgans@hotmail.com.

If you're going to an event, please consider helping to spread the word about Forever Morgans! We can use everything from printing and posting a few flyers about FM and available horses, to having volunteers at an information booth with banners, merchandise, and a presentation about FM horses during the event. We especially need people who are willing to take an FM foster or adopted horse as an example of the horses we save. Please contact the Board if you would like to help. (Volunteers get a free Forever Morgans shirt!)

News from Adoptee

The adopter for RKT Nordic Wynning Lady recently shared a photo and update on this nice mare. Nordic was the trusted primary horse of an Amish farmer. She ended up at auction when her owner died and his widow had to sell the farm and stock. Nordic (2004 bay mare, rescued 10/7/13) was adopted in February and her foster started her under saddle. She is now enjoying riding trails in the Colorado mountains with a family who adores her.

Committee Reports

To volunteer, please email the Board at forevermorgans@hotmail.com and we'll put you in touch with the committee chair. All of the committees can use help!

Applicant Review: Pat Porter, Chair - April: 8 total, completed 3 applications to adopt, 1 submitted but withdrawn, completed 3 to foster, 1 submitted but on hold at applicant's request. May: 9 total, completed 8 applications to adopt, 1 submitted but on hold at applicant's request.

Auction Committee : Ann Coe, Chair – No report.

Foster Follow Up Committee : Danny Collins, Chair – Danny received updates from several fosters, including photos.

Breeders/Owners Prior Record Call Back Committee : Danny Collins, Chair - Danny talked to prior owners.

Fundraising : Ginny Bloss, Chair – No report.

New Fosters/Prospective Adopters : Janice Scotto, Chair - No report.

Publicity Committee: Sierra Nash, Chair -- No report.

Rescue Me/Camelot : Christina Friedan, Chair - No report.

Therapeutic Riding Programs : Heather Rodriguez, Chair - No report.

Transport : Jami Sacks, Chair – Several horses were transported to foster.

Transportation Fund: Martha Cather, Chair – The donations designated for transportation were especially appreciated with moving three horses from PA to OK.

Expenses

This is a partial list of expenses. It does not include miscellaneous and vet expenses; health certificates and Coggins are approximately \$45 per horse, minimum.

April:

\$150.00	transport to PA QT/board, April
\$1,840.00	PA QT/board , April
\$80.00	transport to OR QT/board, April
\$119.00	OR QT/board , April
\$300.00	purchase fee, Brookstone Hy-Sierra 4/7/14
\$270.00	auction fee, Gabby 4/13/14
\$297.33	auction fee, HG Shock N' Y'All 4/14/14
\$536.00	auction fee, TE Lightening Crashes 4/28/14

May:

\$100.00	transport to QT/board, May (additional \$50 transport fee waived)
\$2,510.00	PA QT/board , May
\$217.00	OR QT/board , May
\$2,320.00	transport to foster (\$425 Opal, \$1895 Sierra, Ally & Reflection)
\$55.00	feed for transports to foster
\$140.00	farrier (5/23/14 Ally, LV Blaze, Sierra, Reflection)
\$468.18	auction fee, Festival Delight 5/10/14
\$500.00	broker fee, Rio's Night Time 5/11/14
\$542.50	auction fee, April Fern 5/26/14