

Forever Morgans Newsletter, October 2014

New Rescues

FM took in five horses in September.

1. Julie's Fine Kayla (1998 bay mare, rescued 9/7/14) was owned by a broker who had her already weighed and tagged for slaughter, not even going to go through auction, but he was willing to sell her to FM for \$650. It's the top end of what we can pay for a horse, but she was about to load onto the truck and we couldn't stand to let that happen. Her former owner says she is a sweet, willing mare who is great on trail rides.
2. Exeter's Allegra (2003 black mare, rescued 9/8/14 Allegra) was literally already on the truck to slaughter. The broker pulled her off and sold her to FM instead. Allegra is stunningly beautiful; her breeder said she was trained to ride and a sweet in-your-pocket Morgan. She has an adoption pending!
3. Orcas Fantasy (1997 chestnut mare, rescued 9/22/14) was at the Sunnyside, WA feedlot, scheduled to ship to slaughter. Fanny is very sweet, easy to handle, does everything asked of her, and gets along well with other horses. Fanny has excellent old-line Morgan breeding with heavy Funquest and a pedigree known for being athletic, intelligent and spirited. She has an adoption pending!
4. Adventure's Miss Ritz (2000 bay mare, rescued 9/29/14) was an Amish buggy horse but she was bred to show, with Aristocratic Aire (by Noble Command), Tedwin Topic and Waseeka's In Command on her papers. Her last owner dropped her off at New Holland without any information and didn't stay to see where she ended up. Ritz is underweight but appears healthy and decently cared for and has a very kind face.
5. Oak Grove Pretty Woman (1997 bay mare, rehomed 9/30/14) was rescued in November 2013 and immediately adopted by a family who adores her, but they have made the difficult decision to find her a new home that is a better fit. She is too hot under saddle and needs an experienced rider. Julia was successfully shown in both driving and riding before being an Amish buggy horse. She has an adoption pending!

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..

As of 10/1/14, FM had 4 horses in quarantine, 5 others boarded, and 29 in foster.

Horses currently boarded:

FM had 6 horses boarded as of the end of August. Three(Kayla, Allegra and Ritz) are in quarantine and three others (Annabelle, Eclipse and LV Blaze) are boarded at the quarantine barn in Pennsylvania

(Cindy's); board costs \$10 per day per horse. Fanny is in quarantine in WA at \$150/month. Gabby is boarded at a barn in Oregon at \$7 per day. Reva is boarded in NY at \$200/month.

1-4. **Kayla, Allegra, Fanny** and **Ritz** are in quarantine. See notes in section above.

5-6. **Annabelle** (2013 registerable brown/bay filly, rescued 8/16/14) and **Eclipse** (2014 registerable black filly, rescued 8/16/14) completed quarantine and have become best buddies. They share a paddock at the quarantine barn in PA and have a pending adoption where they can grow up together.

7. **LV Blaze** (Locust Valley Blaze, 1995 chestnut gelding, rescued 1/22/13) has a foster home pending and is booked for transport in late October.

8. **Gabby** (2001 chestnut mare, rescued 4/13/14) is boarded in Oregon and has a pending adoption.

9. **Reva** (Runnymede's Revision, 1993 chestnut mare, rescued 2/10/13) is settling into her new barn and gaining admirers. Hopefully someone will fall in love and adopt this gracious lady soon!

Horses transported to foster:

All horses had a health certificate and vet check prior to transport.

1. **Chester** (1990 chestnut gelding, rehomed 11/3/13) moved to a foster home in Vermont in early September. His foster family absolutely adores him!

2. **Alusive** (WYP Alusive, 1995 chestnut gelding, rescued 10/19/13) waited for a long time for a foster home, but the wait was worth it! He is enjoying the green fields and friendly horses at his foster home in Georgia, and loves the pampering he is getting. It's a nice retirement for this sweet boy!

3 and 4. **Penny** (JBS Copper Penny, 1998 chestnut mare, rescued 6/30/14) and **Cappuccino** (Tazara Cappuccino, 1995 registered chestnut mare, rescued 8/11/14) had a long trip from Pennsylvania to Florida. After letting them settle in, their foster evaluated them both. Penny is a lovely mare, sweet and well-mannered, and a wonderful driving horse. Cappuccino was also a buggy horse, but her foster decided to see how she would do under saddle. She is not yet sure of herself but is improving, currently learning to canter with a rider. She is a very pretty mover, not hot at all, and should be a nice pleasure horse.

5. **Derringer** (Idlewild Derringer, 1991 brown gelding, rescued 7/29/14) arrived at his foster home in Arizona and is quickly becoming the darling of the barn. The kids love him and he is very careful and gentle with them. He has an adoption pending!

Horses in foster homes:

There are currently 29 horses in foster homes:

Derringer (AZ), Cora (CA), Penny and Cappuccino (FL), Alusive (GA), Edison (ID), Thumbelina and Charm (IL), Black Lady (KS), Stowaway (MO), Joy (NC), GG and Mitsey (NE), Julia, Steppin, Showy, Jess, Reva & Glory (NY), Ally, Sierra, Reflection & Jax (OK), Lacy (OR), Sailor & Wyatt (TN), Star and Song (TX), and Chester (VT). (Horses in the same state may be in separate foster homes.)

- **Charm** (Relentless Charm, 1993 bay mare, rescued 5/19/14) has been trail riding with her foster home and loves it! She willingly goes wherever she is asked and strides down the trail with her ears pricked and a swinging walk – and looks beautiful doing it. Charm is the type of sweet horse that every family needs.

Adoptions

1. **Valor** (Dia H Valor, 2000 liver chestnut gelding, rescued 10/12/13) was adopted on 9/20/14. He is spending a few more weeks with his current trainer/foster in Washington, then will be headed to Arizona where his adopter is excited about taking him on trails.

2. **Noble Rose** (PMM Jestures Noble Rose, 1991 dark bay mare, rescued 12/3/12) was boarded at Cindy's for over 20 months before an appropriate foster home came along. It turned out to be more than just a foster home, though, as it quickly became apparent that this was Rose's forever home. The horse that was once considered dangerous and untouchable now goes on trail rides with her loving family.

Rainbow Bridge

FM received the sad news that Sunday Vision was humanely euthanized. This handsome bay stallion was rescued in June 2010; he had fallen on hard times before he was rescued and was in poor condition when FM got him. He was nursed back to health and regained a shine in his coat and a sparkle in his eye. Everyone loved Sunday, but his best buddy was a barn cat who would cuddle and hang out next to him. His adopters gave him a wonderful life and miss him dearly. Sunday was a gentle soul, extraordinarily kind and sweet.

A daughter of Sunday, Runnymede's Revision, is currently in foster in New York. Like her sire, she is a gentle horse that everyone loves.

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 - 8 adoption applications submitted!!!
- Foster Follow Up Committee : Danny Collins, Chair – Updates requested

- 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 Friedian, Chair - No report.
- Therapeutic Riding Programs : Heather Rodriguez, Chair - No report.
- Transport : Jami Sacks, Chair - No report.
- Transportation Fund: Martha Cather, Chair - No report.

Expenses

Partial list of expenses for August.

\$970.00	PA QT/board (7 horses for total of 97 days)
\$150.00	OR board (Gabby)
\$220.00	QT and board for Derringer while waiting for transport
\$105.00	farrier (LV Blaze, Kayla, Allegra)
\$650.00	Kayla purchase 9/7
\$50.00	Kayla transport from Shippensburg 9/7
\$50.00	Kayla fees, vet and Coggins
\$600.00	Allegra purchase 9/8
\$35.00	Allegra transport from NH 9/8
\$50.00	Allegra fees, vet and Coggins
\$310.00	Ritz purchase 9/29
\$35.00	Ritz transport from NH 9/29
\$50.00	Ritz fees, tax and Coggins
\$500.00	Chester transport to foster (DE – VT, 9/6)
\$500.00	Alusive transport to foster (PA – GA, 9/7)
\$1025.00	Penny and Cappuccino transport to foster (PA – FL, 9/7)
\$330.00	Derringer transport to foster (CA – AZ, 9/9)
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\$5,630.00	total

Thank you, Reference Committee!

The Reference Committee has been extra-busy lately checking references for several new applications each week. Every application has at least five references that each get a phone call lasting about 10 minutes, and the committee chair talks to the applicant. That's over an hour on the phone for each

application, plus time for writing and submitting the report. FM couldn't do adoptions or fosters without the committee's hard work and we appreciate them a great deal. Thank you, Reference Committee!

ACTHA fundraisers

Are you looking for a way to help support Forever Morgans- and have fun at the same time? Would you like to challenge that wonderful Morgan mind in your pasture- and have fun? Does spending the weekend with other horsemen and women negotiating obstacles and riding sound fun? Then we would like to encourage you to become an American Competitive Trail Ride Association (ACTHA) Ride Host! A portion of every entrance fee can be donated to Forever Morgans. (Yes, we are a registered charity with ACTHA!) A successful ride can bring in \$2,000 or more! Have fun and help our Morgans!

What do you need to do to be a Ride Host? Call all the people you know and invite them to a ride! Help organize the ride! Oh, and have fun! ACTHA will even provide you with phone numbers of active riders near you and help you market your ride!

There are two ways to have fun!

- Competitive Trail Challenge: 6 miles, 6 obstacles, 6 judges. Test your horse, and yourself, over normal trail obstacles. Six different divisions to accommodate all levels of riders.
- Obstacle Challenge: indoors or outdoors, 8 obstacles, 4 divisions. Decide which fun format would most appeal to the riders in your area and then test yourselves!

Do one of these activities or plan a weekend and do both, either way spend a great day with your horse and like-minded riders while earning money to support your favorite charity- FOREVER MORGANS!

If you'd like to learn more please visit ACTHA's ride host page at <https://www.actha.us/hostaride> . See you on a ride!