



Providing Humane Services in Steuben County

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PRESS RELEASE

It has been nearly seven six months since the removal of eighty extremely neglected Thoroughbred horses from 4512 County Route 82 in the town of Troupsburg, New York. The operator (Geraldine Trupia) of the aforementioned farm pled guilty to animal cruelty and was sentenced 12/17/2008 in Troupsburg Town Court.

The majority of the horses seized have been nursed back to good health from their starvation and neglect and have been treated for numerous health issues (including rotting hooves due to fungal infections, overgrown hooves, abscesses, sharp dental points, wounds and other infections, parasites, etc.). Horses that once had trouble walking- now happily trot and kick-up their feet, horses that once were emaciated and ate ravenously everything put in front of them –no longer have ribs showing or appear worried about being without enough food, horses that had even seem to give-up on life- are now thriving (happy & content), horses that were once in a lot of pain – no longer suffer. The before and after pictures show remarkable transformations and tell the story best.

The prognosis for starved horses that lose a significant part of their body weight is grim. “We have truly beaten the odds by being able to return so many to health”, noted Vicki Mosgrove, Executive Director for the Finger Lakes SPCA. “The foster care providers, rescue personnel, veterinarians involved and SPCA supporters are real heroes. Their compassion and dedication on behalf of these severely neglected equines are admirable and inspiring!”

However, we now make a critical appeal to our community and horse lovers from a far to help us beat the odds again for these noble horses who have endured so much! Adoptive homes are desperately needed to ensure the ultimate protection and to truly save the life of these magnificent equines. Reputable rescues/retirement facilities are also being sought to assist with rehoming. Moreover, expenses for the care of the equines are outpacing donor designations in support. The Finger Lakes SPCA, Inc. has received no restitution to date from the former owner, and it is possible the SPCA may never receive monies in a timely way to assist these horses. Emergency equine fund donations and donations of hay are critically needed to help us continue to provide for their daily care until proper placement can be found for the remaining equines. Eighty horses were initially seized. We are happy to report that some of these horses have already been matched to adoptive homes. But, we currently have fifty-four horses that still need our support.

80 horses seized initially (1 died, 4 euthanized that had no other humane option, 1 returned to an owner & 20 adopted).

The Finger Lakes SPCA, Inc. needs to stay vital, so that it may continue to assure the protection of these equines. Moreover, the SPCA needs to open up spaces in their foster care network for other horses in need of help. Please visit our website (www.fingerlakesspca.org) for a partial listing and photos of available horses and contact the Finger Lakes SPCA, Inc. via phone 607-776-3039 to inquire further about equine adoption and other available horses with our foster families. Emergency Equine Fund contributions can be made at our website or mailed directly to the Finger Lakes SPCA, Inc. (7315 State Route 54, Bath, New York 14810).