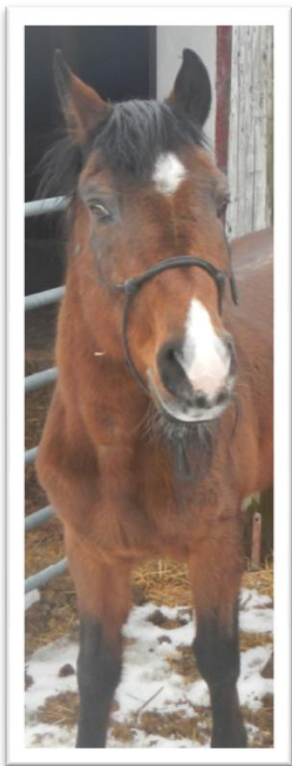




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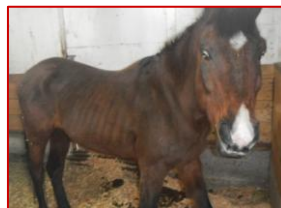
On a frigid winter night, Spring Hill Horse Rescue received an emergency call – three horses in Shelburne, VT needed help. With no hesitation, Spring Hill's response team hooked up the horse trailer and was on their way....



Dear Spring Hill Friend,

My name is Willie. I am one of the three horses found locked in a dark barn that cold winter night. I was really thin, covered in lice, and my hooves had curled up with over a foot of excessive growth. My mouth was full of abscessed teeth and I was nearly blind, probably from being in the dark for years and years. When I got to Spring Hill I needed constant care including extensive veterinary, hoof, and dental work not to mention a careful re-feeding program. I also needed very expensive surgery to fix a bone in my hoof. I had to go to an equine hospital for two weeks. My recovery was long but with the help of generous donors like you, I and my two herd mates have made a full recovery!

You may be wondering why Dorothy isn't writing to you this year. Well, a lot of new horses came to Spring Hill and among them was a handsome black gelding named Smokey. When Smokey came he was even skinnier than I was! Dorothy helped him through his recovery; they ate together, they bunked in the same stall, and they grazed together all day long. Just like humans, we horses have best friends, and Dorothy and Smokey were together day and night. One day a miracle happened. Some very nice humans came to Spring Hill to visit us animals. They fell in love with Smokey and wanted to adopt him. They realized that Smokey would be heartbroken without Dorothy and asked if they could adopt her too! How lucky! Before Dorothy left she made me the new spokes-horse and herd



Abused horses rescued in Shelburne

Posted: Jan 25, 2013 SHELburne, Vt.

An animal welfare group Friday said examination of horses belonging to a Shelburne man reveals "the worst case of abuse and neglect" they've ever seen.

Last Tuesday officials removed the horses, which are recovering at the Spring Hill Horse Rescue. The group said it found two mares and a stallion that had been locked in small, dark stalls for several years -- surrounded by the remains of other horses.

Chittenden County State's Attorney T.J. Donovan said his office will join Shelburne Police in the investigation. "I think anytime that you see cruelty -- whether it's a child, another person, whether it's to an animal -- you really have to have an investigation and that's what we are going to do---," said Chittenden County State's Attorney T.J. Donovan.



Smokey & Dorothy in their new home.



This is what my hooves looked like the night of my rescue.

of animals in need and offer all of this free, with no cost to tax payers. I heard the humans talking about one of the cases where they took in 62 animals all at once! You can imagine what it costs to do this important work. Goodness, my rehabilitation alone cost thousands of dollars! When you contribute to Spring Hill you are contributing to the care of us animals and supporting Spring Hill's much needed services.

It's been almost a year since Spring Hill rescued me from that dark barn. I just celebrated my 23rd birthday! I'm still waiting for a new home but my humans at Spring Hill say I can stay as long as it takes to find one. Now that I can go outside I've gotten some of my vision back. I have a clean barn, plenty of food and water, and I know I am safe here. I love to feel the warm sun on my back, the taste of green grass, the smell of fresh air, and to hear the snow crunch under my hooves. I'll be forever grateful for what Spring Hill has done for me, my two herd mates and the new friends I've made here. I'm grateful to you and all of Spring Hill's supporters too! THANK YOU!



This is me getting lots of love.

Your friend,

Willie

manager for Spring Hill. She said I was the most responsible one. I'm very honored to have been appointed into this position.

Since I came to Spring Hill several other animals from all over the state have needed Spring Hill's help too. You see, there are dozens of humane societies and animal rescues in Vermont that take in dogs, cats and other small animals. They do good work too but they just aren't equipped to take in large animals like horses, goats and other livestock. Spring Hill fills that gap. They have trained humane agents that specialize in animal cruelty investigations, trucks and horse trailers, and a facility to bring large animals in need of urgent care to. They have rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed thousands



This is me the day I came home from the hospital.

I'm writing to ask you, please, can you help out our humans with their mission in helping horses like me? I know they would appreciate any donation – large or small. With your help Spring Hill can pay for hundreds of bales of hay, tons of grain and supplements, veterinarian and hoof care, and warm blankets. We animals know that your contribution comes from your heart, and knowing that you care for our well-being means the world to us. I know you won't let us down. Dorothy says you are a very faithful herd 😊

Happy Holidays!

