



HOOFBEAT HERALD

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President's Ponderings

Welcome to our first new format, monthly herald of happenings at HHH. Our dedicated team is working hard to care for our horses, providing them with the care and training they need to prepare them for a bright future at their forever homes. Rehoming is a key objective at HHH.

We couldn't do it without you! A big thank you to our amazing community of supporters and volunteers. Your contributions are invaluable and make a real difference in the lives of our guests.

If you have something to share in our next newsletter, please send to info@heavyhorseheaven.com.au by 12:00 (midday) on Tuesday 29/10/2024

Between issues keep up with what's going on via our socials. Insta: @heavyhorseheaven

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Rescue Roundup (Or “ins” and “outs”)

Early this month we were joined by Raddison and Barky. Like our other guests they have enjoyed lots of pampering and love including some special attention from Sinead McCann from Boyne Equine Health. They are both coming along well.



Barky



Raddison

We have had some recent successes in rehoming.

Sahara arrived in quite a poor state in January. She arrived with her mum and had to be weaned from her. She has come a long way with the help of our volunteers, in particular Karen Dykhoff and Ash, who have worked particularly closely to reassure this little sweetheart that humans are ok. They have done wonders. A couple of weeks ago Sahara officially became part of Karen Dykhoff's family.



So cute



First time in a halter (so grown up)

Hunter first came to us in May 2018 and was placed at Cooma Cottage in Yass. He played a significant role in educating the public and school children about the vital contributions of heavy horses to Australia's history, then returned to us a few months ago. This week, Hunter was re-located to Tocal Homestead in Paterson. He instantly made friends with Harry

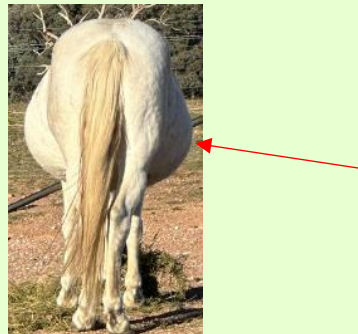
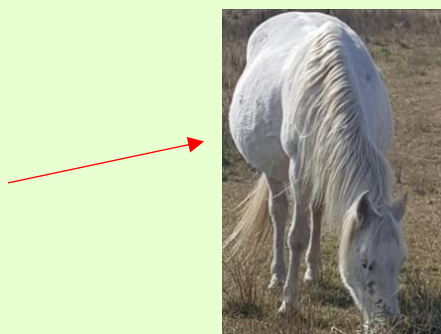


Sweet sorrow



New best buddies

Phoebe arrived in January with some trust issues that are taking some time to break through. She also brought with her another guest – who isn't born yet 🤪. Any day now. Watch this space!



Support Stable

We have volunteers, donors , and sponsors who all keep the HHH wheels turning. We also have our mascots who not only serve as a borrowed family for the guests, but help promote us at events. One of our favourites is our big man Diesel.

Our very own ace reporter Clyde Stale popped around to interview Diesel this week. Here's what he had to say.



Hello. Clyde Stale here. Today I'm chatting with HHH Diesel, one of the mascots here at Heavy Horse Heaven. He's a Black Shire who has been with HHH since 2018.

Clyde Stale: So, Diesel, what's your biggest peeve about being a horse?

Diesel: Humans. They're always trying to put bridles on me and ride me around, like I'm some kind of taxi ... And don't get me started on the grooming! I'm not a hair salon, you know.
BUT - it's good here at HHH.

Clyde Stale: tell me, what's your favourite thing about being at HHH?

Diesel: Well, I really enjoy grazing in the fields and munching on fresh grass and of course, apples. I also love a good gallop with my mates Busta and Geronimo, especially when the wind is blowing through my mane. BUT the best thing of all is the attention I get from the gorgeous volunteers that come to visit me. When I first came here in 2018, I did have a whopper case of Stringhalt but after the care and love that Karen, Auntie Sinead and the vols have given me, that's eased up a lot. The team here have helped lots of us to readjust and trust.

Clyde Stale: That's great. Well, let's talk about your career. What's your dream job as a horse?

Diesel: I'd love to be a therapy horse. Imagine helping people feel better just by being around me. That would be truly fulfilling... and they would give me apples.

Clyde Stale: That's a noble aspiration. Now, if you could have dinner with any famous horse, who would it be?

Diesel: Hmm – it's a toss-up between Black Beauty and Trigger, not the one from the Lone Ranger, the one that pulled Ernie's milk cart. It was the fastest milk cart in the west.

Clyde Stale: If you could be any other animal, what would you be and why?

Diesel: a dog. Any dog.

Clyde Stale: Why a dog?

Diesel: I could finally fit on a couch and cuddle with a human.

Clyde Stale: If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?

Diesel: More apples and fewer fences.

Clyde Stale: what advice would you give to a young horse just starting out in the world?

Diesel: Just be yourself. Don't let anyone tell you who you should be. Always remember to eat your chaff, and if you'd like to help HHH, follow this link:

<https://www.heavyhorseheaven.com.au/how-to-help>

Reader Quiz

(Just to see if you read everything)



ACROSS

1. New guest.
2. If Diesel was a dog, he could do what on the couch?
4. What other animal would diesel like to be?
6. What Diesel isn't (2 words).
9. Diesel's buddy.
11. What is wrong with Diesel's gait?
13. We often do this before we rehome.
15. The name of this publication.
17. How many years had Diesel been resident at HHH?
19. Hunter's new bestie.
20. Where is the Tocal Homestead?
22. When Phoebe arrived.
23. Recently found his forever home.
24. Diesel's favourite food.

Answers next week 🤖

DOWN

1. Where their new life ____.
3. One of HHH's most vital assets.
5. Sahara's new mum (2 words).
7. What colour is Diesel?
8. Diesel's breed.
10. From Boyne Equine Health.
12. Big-bellied girl.
13. Key objective of HHH.
14. Diesel's other buddy.
16. Other new guest.
18. One of Diesel's heroes.
19. Third H is for.....
21. One of the volunteers who worked closely with Sahara.
23. Diesel's home.

Next Month

- November is Volunteer Spotlight.
 - Clyde Stale will be interviewing a couple of the longer-term volunteers.
 - We'll check up on Sahara and ask her mum how she's going.
 - President Profile – read about the journey with Karen Hood.
 - Pics of the new baby 🍼



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