

“Very efficiently organised. Friendly & knowledgeable staff.”
Mrs S Yates

Dear Valued Friend of Bransby Horses

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Time is flying this year and we are so grateful to have you with us. As we go full steam ahead towards the end of 2022, we want to thank you for your ongoing, generous contributions that help to care for over 310 horses that live across our two sites in Lincolnshire. We definitely couldn't continue our work without you.

As you may know, we recently welcomed over 55 of our valued supporters and local organisations on site for our 2022 VIP day event. We are incredibly humbled that so many of you wanted to come and join us! We had an incredible response with us having to open a waiting list for both the Friday and the Saturday.

A wonderful time was had by everyone involved and our teams loved the opportunity to meet you and tell you more about the work we do and how you help to make that happen.

Please enjoy reading our full VIP Day Round Up enclosed, and note the dates for next year's event and how you can even secure your place already.

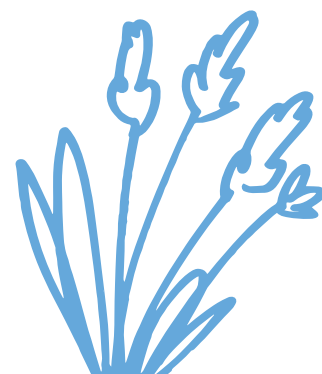
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Hannah Ghest

Individual Giving and Campaigns Coordinator
On behalf of the Fundraising Team

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“Excellent! Many close up horse opportunities with knowledgeable explanations.”
Mrs B Brown



VIP Day Round Up



Our Welfare Team talked about the work they do.



Meeting Toby was a highlight for many!

It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Her Majesty The Queen on Thursday 8th September. After much discussion the decision was made that our VIP Day Event would still take place, not only because of Her Majesty The Queen's love and compassion for horses, and support of charities like ours, but also because many of our guests had already made the journey to the area - with one guest travelling all the way from France! We were pleased to welcome over 55 of our valued supporters and local organisations on site for our 2022 VIP Day event.

Greeted by our CEO, Jo Snell and Executive Director of Equine Welfare, Emma Carter in our Conference Room, guests enjoyed an informative update as well as exclusive information about a recent rescue case. As a mark of respect, we held a one-minute silence during the welcome talk for everyone to pay their respects. Guests were then split into three small, more intimate groups to encourage interaction with our teams, starting each group with a different activity.

Spending time over at our rehabilitation yard, guests were introduced to some of the horses and their individual handling plans created to help equines in our care who have been identified as nervous or unhandled. The team work tirelessly to embed basic skills in the horses and to build their trust in people. The guests were introduced to a handful of residents including Toby & Tinker, who are the best friends. They have been kept together for many years but unfortunately were no longer getting the care they needed after their owner passed away. Guests also met Rev and Harris, another pair who enjoy each other's company, Rev was the more nervous of the pair but he bravely stepped to the front of his stable to greet some of his new fans. The Yard Team gave us an interesting insight into the work that goes into trailer training. We saw: Lizzy who is a pro at loading and has progressed to taking short trips in the trailer round the village; Conrad who, although still very young, has taken to the trailer very well; and Rascal who is taking a little longer to become confident in this new experience but very bravely showed the guests how he was progressing with having the ramp closed.

Guests were met by Nadine & Kate from our Welfare Team for a very interesting and informative talk about the incredible work that they do. Their thought-provoking talk also included some of their recent rescue work and more information on our Rescue Support Team, use of



polytunnels, rehoming and the journey of a typical horse here at Bransby Horses.

On Main Yard, members of the team took guests to meet the Game of Thrones Group you're so familiar with. The team explained more about each of the girls and what they were up to now, such as their current handling plan or what herd they were living in, and how they were all thriving in their own individual ways. Kelsey, Main Yard Deputy Team Leader, said the difference in them all is astonishing from when they came into our care.

Once we had had a good catch up with these lovely ladies, the team introduced guests to our newest additions – the foals. Although we could not get too close (staying well out of nipping distance!), guests learnt all about Rusty (4 months old), Coral (10 weeks old) and Cobalt (5 months old) and their mum's: Tawny, Auburn and Periwinkle. The mares came to us after the sudden death of their owner and three of the five ponies that arrived were then discovered to be in foal and soon came our latest arrivals. All of the foals, and their mums are doing well. Unfortunately, Coral was born prematurely and did have to spend some time during her first few days at a local veterinary hospital but with 24/7 care and careful monitoring from our

onsite vets she is now thriving, and very cheeky! Guests rounded up this yard visit with a quick tour before moving on.

After an already action-packed day, all the groups came back together to take part in a first for our VIP Days - a Riding Barn Showcase. Our teams work tirelessly with equines that have been identified as potentially able to be ridden to increase their opportunity for rehoming. We were introduced to Ellis and pony Dahlia – a 4 year old who had just been backed and was starting to be ridden, who shortly will be looking for her perfect partner; Ellie and pony, Jimmy – a 5 year old Shetland who has been slowly backed and is soon going to be joining his perfect partner and their one year old child who will be riding Jimmy occasionally; and then Natalia and Stig - who you may remember from our Bransby Life magazine, who has just started his journey with some ground work. The team demonstrated the work they do every day in the Riding Barn and discussed their equine's history and journey at Bransby Horses so far.

Following on from the individual handler's showcase, our guests awarded their winners for three categories with one of our special 2022 VIP Day rosettes for Best Turned Out, The Pony They'd Most Like To Take Home and Most Compelling Story.

The guests made it a very fair competition and ensured that each of the ponies involved won at least one rosette each. Each group over both days seemed to think alike and Dahlia did very well in the Best Turned Out class, Jimmy in the Pony They'd Most Like To Take Home Class and Stig in the Most Compelling Story.

After the fun of the Showcase was over, guests said farewell to the ponies as they made their way to the Visitor Centre Yard to see how polytunnels encourage natural herd behaviour. This visit was well received as guests were able to see them first-hand after donating towards our Poly Tunnel Appeal earlier in the year.

At the end of the visit, some guests chose to top it off by enjoying a delicious afternoon tea in our onsite Café.

We really enjoyed welcoming some of our valued supporters back onsite for another successful VIP Day and would love to see you there next year on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September 2023.

If you'd like to get to involved and reserve your place(s), you can do so now by emailing mail@bransbyhorses.co.uk or calling 01427 788464.



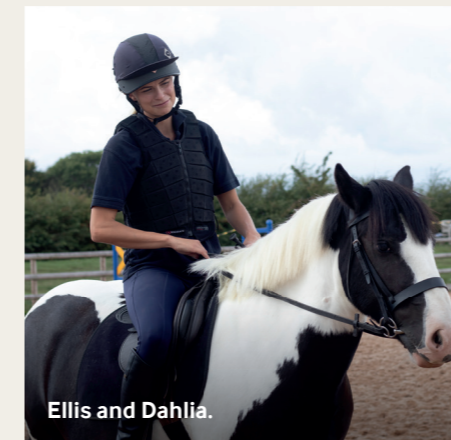
Guests met all the horses on Peter Hunt Yard.



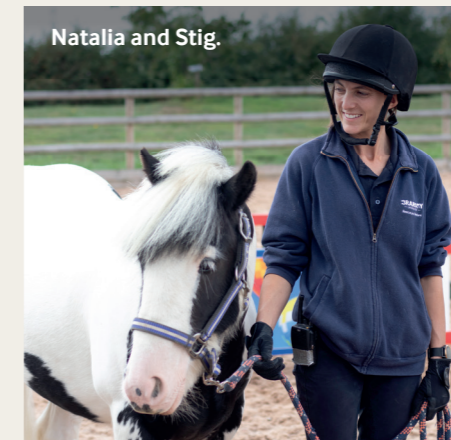
The trailer demonstration showed the type of training our horses undertake.



Guests met one of our newest arrivals, Cobalt and mum, Periwinkle.



Ellis and Dahlia.



Natalia and Stig.



Guests said hello to the Game of Thrones ponies.



Dogs are always welcome at Bransby Horses!



Stig enjoyed meeting the guests.



Cakes were served as part of a delicious afternoon tea.

Supporter Number:

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Make a donation towards some of the equines we met on the VIP Day and their friends:

-  £5 could go towards a bag of feed
-  £15 could go towards Stig, Dahlia, Jimmy or one of their friends having a pedicure, i.e. a farrier visit!
-  £35 could provide the basic care for Toby, Tinker, Rev, Harris or one of their friends for one day.
- I would like to donate £..... (other amount)

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Send your favourite pony or handler from the VIP Day a special message

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