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Oliver! Oliver!

Meet the cast of one
of our group rescues

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Welcome to another issue of Bransby Life!

I think it's fair to say that 2022 has been an eventful year so far, and with the lack of rain and increase in costs we are already experiencing a greater need for our help and support, which is very likely to get much worse as winter approaches.

Here at Bransby Horses our teams try hard to be here to support those equines that need us most, and more so, we are here to support horse owners who might be struggling for many reasons. At times like these it is more important than ever that charities such as Bransby Horses are here to help. Please read more about this work on page 8.

Over the last two years we have been working on the creation of our ten year strategic plan, "Transforming the lives of equines together." The essence of this is to give us a clear plan for what our charity aims to accomplish, and more importantly, how we are going to succeed in doing so. With the changing world around us, the most important aspect of the plan is to ensure that we remain flexible to meet the demands that this puts upon us. Whilst I appreciate that financially times are more

difficult for us all, your ongoing support is vital to enable us to continue to help more and more horses. There are many ways in which you can do this, including buying Christmas gifts from our Gift Guide, taking your chances by playing our lottery, passing on our story and your copy of Bransby Life to a friend or by any of the other ways mentioned within this issue. If you would like to read about our plans for the next ten years, please do visit our website.

In more positive news, included is an update for you on both Stig and Honour, who have both featured in previous issues; it really is the positive outcomes which inspire us to continue doing what we do best.

I do hope you enjoy reading this issue of Bransby Life, with very best wishes from me and the team here at Bransby Horses.

Jo Snell
CEO

Year to date
51 rescued
54 rehomed
315 cared for onsite
606 in loving foster homes*



*July 2022.

Only foals and horses



Cobalt

If you're a UK tax payer please contact us so we can claim Gift Aid on your past donations in the last four years at no additional cost to you.

2022 has presented us with its own set of challenges but we've learnt a lot about adapting over the past few years. Our welfare hotline has received a record number of calls for advice, support and private rescue; half are due to increasing costs which are only set to get worse as we move into winter. We're pleased owners are reaching out for help when needed, showing how valuable the service we provide is to horse owners.

There have been some real highs and lows on site this year; we mourned the passing of our beloved favourites, Ebony and half-bothers Nero and Domino. As our oldest and longest resident, Ebony was with us for over 20 years. As their individual health declined, we

were grateful to have been able to provide them with the very best care and attention - with Ebony until the grand old age of 30. They had wonderful lives at Bransby Horses and will be greatly missed.

We welcomed the arrival of three beautiful Welsh pony foals from pregnant mares who arrived as part of a joint operation with World Horse Welfare; a number of Welsh mountain mares and stallions were taken in after their owner suddenly passed away. Foals Cobalt, Coral and Rusty were born in the spring and are positively thriving on all the love and attention they are receiving. You can keep up with their latest antics on our social media channels.

We were also delighted to once again host our information evenings on site, welcoming current and new



Coral

supporters once again. Our first event covered road safety and Highway Code changes, featuring special guests from the local constabulary and The British Horse Society. We're pleased to report it was well received and even made the local ITV news. Look out for more to come next year.

Lastly, we were so pleased with the overwhelming response to our survey from the last issue - **thank you to each and every one of you who took the time to provide feedback.**



Rusty

To read our tributes to Ebony, Nero and Domino, visit the News section on our website.

Catch up on our latest news and updates from across the charity on our website: [BransbyHorses.co.uk/news](https://www.bransbyhorses.co.uk/news)



BANNED FOR 10 YEARS: A successful prosecution that took 12 months to conclude

When concerns were raised over the welfare of a mixed herd in early 2021, we requested assistance from The Donkey Sanctuary and the RSPCA to secure their safety. We found two Shetland ponies and three donkeys wading through a field of mud so thick it was difficult for them to even walk.

Immediately noticing they were constantly itching, RSPCA Chief Inspector Justin Le Masurier said, "Some had live lice in their coats and significantly overgrown hooves, with no evidence that a farrier had attended for

many months. The animals had also not received adequate worm control or sufficient dental care. Despite advice and warnings being given to the owner, these were ignored and we had to take action to prevent suffering."

The complex needs of donkeys and ponies are completely different and were not being met in this mixed group environment.

Hannah Bryer, Head of Welfare at The Donkey Sanctuary, said: "Their hooves were overgrown and one of the donkeys was walking abnormally. We spoke with the

owner, explained our concerns and gave detailed advice on the actions needed – including seeking veterinary advice and farrier care.

"When the situation remained unchanged, further intervention by the RSPCA was necessary to safeguard their welfare and prevent further suffering."

Named after characters from the famous Dickens' novel, donkeys Fagin, Sikes and Dodger, along with Shetlands Twist and Oliver, were overgrown and nervous. Each required immediate foot treatment and had to be



Dodger and Sikes



Fagin

sedated because of their nervous disposition.

Following the emergency care they received on arrival, their individual health and wellbeing conditions were assessed and tailored programmes were produced to meet their needs.

Oliver and Twist required a special weight loss programme that combined individual diet and exercise routines – the field they had lived in before didn't allow ease of movement as they were knee-deep in mud causing health problems.

After months of working hard to gain their trust, our teams were able to perform routine checks with ease. Some were more accepting than others and some have taken a little longer to come around.

Fagin was especially nervous on arrival so we worked extensively with him to develop his confidence and he's come on leaps and bounds. Team Leader, Michelle Craven, said: "Fagin's come a long way since he's been in our care and no longer needs sedation for routine care. Our hard work to earn his trust has

paid off and he now enjoys a chest scratch whenever he can get them."

After a lengthy prosecution, the owner admitted to neglect and was banned from keeping equines for 10 years and all five animals were signed over to Bransby Horses.

Oliver and Twist successfully lost weight following careful monitoring, diet and exercise and were snapped up by Perfect Partners as soon as they were eligible for rehoming. Both are now thriving in loving family homes.

Fagin is buddied up with confident Sponsorship Star, Nipper, whom he looks to for guidance. They live with

Dodger and Sikes and the younger donkey herd on our Visitor Centre Yard. Our teams have worked with the farrier to reassure all three that they're in good hands and are getting used to their regular pedicures. Despite some temporary health concerns, all three donkeys are now living their best life with their new field friends.

Thank you for your support – without you, Fagin, Sikes, Dodger, Twist and Oliver would not have received the care and attention they so desperately needed and deserved.



Oliver and Twist

Thank you

It's thanks to members of the public reporting their concerns that we send our teams out to investigate. **If you're concerned about an equine's welfare, please call us on 01427 787 369.**



Polytunnel Appeal well and truly on track

Polytunnels provide shade in the summer and shelter in the winter, providing protection all year round.

Why fundraise for Polytunnels?

As the majority of our residents live outside in herds all year round, these shelters are extremely important in providing protection from the weather, particularly as the number of animals we take in increases.

Our horses are used to living outside in all weathers but they require shelter when the weather is either too warm or too wet.

Our residents enjoy using the tunnels because they are open at either end, reducing the chance of equines dominating certain corners or areas preventing others from using the shelter.

During the warmer weather a good breeze goes through the tunnels to cool the animals down and with two exits, it's easier for them to get out of the way of each other if personal space becomes an issue.

To find out more, visit BransbyHorses.co.uk/polytunnels

*As of 20/08/22.

Our Polytunnel Appeal is well on its way to hitting our target thanks to the incredible generosity of you, our supporters.

We launched the campaign back in March this year with the aim of raising £35,700 to fund the installation of polytunnel shelters across our sites in Bransby and Barlings. The appeal received an early boost in the form of an £8,000 grant from the Petplan Charitable Trust (PCCT). Fundraising Manager, Charlie McClelland, said: "We would like to say a

massive thank you to everyone who has donated. Every penny we receive is greatly appreciated and **we can't thank everyone enough** for helping us to provide shelter for the equines in our care throughout the year from the British weather.

"We extend our thanks to PCCT for the £8,000 award which was funded through the generosity of pet owners who opt to give a small donation to the Trust when they renew their pet insurance policy with them."

Once we have reached our

final target, 21 tunnels will have been installed in our fields that are most open to the elements.

Restricted Fund Appeals:

This Appeal is to raise funds for the purchase of polytunnels for use at Bransby Horses specifically and will be a restricted fund for which the monies raised can only be used for this purpose. If the funds raised do not meet or raise more than the target then the funds raised [whether less or more than the target] will be used for the general purposes of the charity.

A steady flow of donations
**has taken the total
so far to an amazing**
£33,000*



Thank you

There are so many additional ways you can help us. For inspiration, please visit BransbyHorses.co.uk/How-To-Help

Requests for help show no signs of slowing

Following on from our story at the back of your Spring/Summer issue, from January to June we received 29 direct requests from people looking to sign their horse over to us because they had run out of options. In the same time period we took in 57 equines, 40 of which were rescued from direct neglect or abandonment situations. With continued calls and requests for us to take in horses from

owners with nowhere else to turn, we anticipate a busy period ahead as our Welfare Manager, Rachel Jenkinson, explains: **"As we move into winter we're expecting the numbers to increase even further and we're rightly concerned about the nationwide impact this will have on the equine welfare sector."**

"It's very sad and some of the cases we have been involved with have been

extremely hard for everyone to witness. Of course it's our privilege to be able to help these horses but we would prefer not to be needed in this way.

"We would like to reinforce the message, we are here to help and if anyone is struggling financially with their horse then please do give us a call and we will do our very best to help find a solution that suits everyone. Unfortunately we can't

Could you spare less than the price of a cup of coffee per month?

A regular £2 donation by direct debit would mean we can promise to be there for abandoned and neglected equines. Make your wish a reality and use the direct debit form on the back of your letter or call us on 01427 788 464.



We *wish* we weren't needed but we *promise* to be there when we are.

promise we will be able to take in every case but we will always assist and help to work out solutions to ensure the best outcome for all equines in need."

Our figures in the first six months of 2022 show no signs of slowing down as we move into the winter months when the costs associated with keeping horses naturally increase.

This increase will be felt much more keenly this year and into next due to price increases in fuel, grain and hay.

As reported in our last issue, the number of calls for the first three months of this year were already more than we received throughout the whole of 2021, and we fear the worst is yet to come.

Executive Director of Equine Welfare, Emma Carter said: "We would like to reassure our supporters, as one of the UK's leading equine welfare charities, that despite these extra pressures we will continue our work rescuing, rehabilitating and caring for equines.

"We would also like to extend our thanks to each and every one of you who makes a donation or has fostered one of our horses. Without you we simply couldn't continue with our work and for that we are truly grateful."

We wish we weren't needed but with your ongoing support, we can promise to be there for abandoned equines in the future and support more owners when they need us most.

Huey, Dewey and Louie came to Bransby Horses following an Abandonment Notice in April this year.



"As we move into winter we're expecting the numbers to increase even further."



Otter was abandoned and found wandering around farmers' fields in desperate need of veterinary attention.



Saint David was abandoned, likely due to his poor health.

Making a Difference

Thanks to members of the public reporting their sightings, we were able to provide the essential veterinary care Otter and Saint David so desperately needed. Please call our Welfare Hotline if you are concerned about an equine on 01427 787369.



Honour's new companions include her 'mini-me' Laila, a Shetland called Minnie and stable mate, BJ.

Honour finds her Happy Ever After

We are very pleased to announce that Sponsorship Star and visitor favourite, Honour, is now living in a loving foster home following an unexpected perfect match found through our Perfect Partner rehoming scheme.

Although she was not advertised, an application received by the charity fitted Honour so well it couldn't be ignored.

In an ideal world all the charity's horses would find their Perfect Partner with a Bransby Family Fosterer, but

sadly many have complex needs meaning this isn't always possible. Honour's size, lack of early handling and medical needs meant she was very likely to be in sanctuary care her entire life. However, when an applicant ticked many of her boxes, the charity felt there was a good chance Honour's Perfect Partner had been found.

Rehoming Manager Rosanna said: "We're over the moon Honour has found her perfect match. We hope everyone who sponsored her

will continue to support and follow her journey.

"When someone applies to foster a Bransby horse, there are lots of things to consider but the animal's needs are our highest priority. In very rare circumstances this means there may be horses that are not advertised but could still be considered for foster life.

"This is what has happened in Honour's case and we are confident she will continue to thrive out of the limelight and in a new herd."

The 16.3hh, black, shire



mare is still settling into her new home with her new Perfect Partner, Jennifer, who is very excited about their future together.

Jennifer said: "Honour has settled in really well. She has a field companion, Laila, who looks like a smaller version of her and Minnie who is the perfect size for proper grooming. She has a massive stable right next to her field where she spends a few hours a day, especially when it is too hot, with her next-door stable mate BJ, who is a very gentle gelding who she loves. They are the perfect size to groom each other over the stable wall.

"When we visited Bransby Horses we were so impressed with the layout, the fields and the care of all the equines there. They've done a splendid job with Honour – she is very trusting and we have only known each other a couple of months. Hopefully we will be together for many good years to come."

Honour, like all the charity's residents, has a home for life with Bransby Horses and remains under the charity's ownership. Should there ever be a change in circumstances, Honour will return to the sanctuary without question just like all of our equines in foster homes.

Honour's Sponsorship supporters can look forward to receiving updates on her new life in due course and with your donations, we will continue to care for all equines in need and find amazing homes for those that are suitable.

All of the funds raised through sponsorships go towards looking after and caring for all of the animals who live at Bransby Horses.

Honour's story

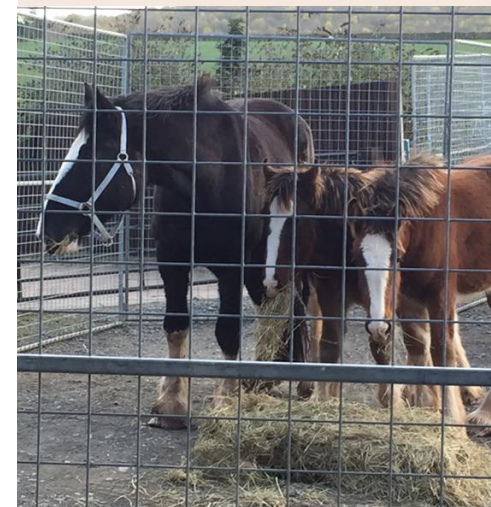
Honour arrived the day before VE Day in 2017. Befittingly named by staff, she arrived as part of a joint rescue of a large herd of shire horses who had been abandoned in a large field in the West Midlands.

Concerns were raised for the welfare of the herd ahead of the cold, harsh winter months where mares, foals and a then two year old Honour, would have no food or shelter.

She arrived on a cold winter's day frightened and confused. It's possible she had never been handled by humans until she arrived and was understandably wary. However, her kind nature shone through and within months the young filly started to blossom into the striking, confident mare she is today.

You can find out more about Honour and all of our Sponsorship Stars on the following pages and on our website:

BransbyHorses.co.uk/sponsor



Make a new friend and help support our work by sponsoring an equine from as little as £3 a month. **Add your chosen Sponsorship Star to your order form** or call 01427 788 464.

Sponsorship stars

The summer months have been up and down for our Sponsorship Stars too, having lost retired favourites Ebony and Nero and Sponsorship Star, Domino. As you can imagine, our Sponsorship Stars and their antics have kept our spirits up across the yards - especially with some cute new foals around too! As the nights draw in, it's time for the donkeys to head over to the barns to protect them from the wind, rain and mud to enjoy their enrichment toys gifted to them by their biggest fans. Read about what they've all been up to over the summer months below and **scan this QR code to find out more about our Sponsorship Stars' Wish List.**



It was a busy summer for **Honour** as her Perfect Partner application was processed and she was on her best behaviour for all the visits required before her preparation for life in a loving foster home. It's fair to say she loved the attention from her handlers who helped prepare her for life with new stable mates, Laila, Minnie and BJ. Whilst Honour has settled in well, we can't wait to bring you further updates from our team's regular visits and news from Honour's foster family.



Honour

Matilda's enjoyed lots of summer enrichment and swapping fields to keep her mind (and feet) active. She's been a great support to pal Annabelle recently after having two teeth removed. We're sure this wasn't so she could have first dibs on Annabelle's food if she was too sore to eat... right?



Matilda

Womble has gained a little summer weight, however it won't be long until he'll soon be back to his slimmer self once the grass loses its sugar content. He's been busy helping Rodney who has been having regular dentist checks for an ongoing condition. Womble provides great comfort to Rodney on these bimonthly visits.



Womble

Nipper has welcomed newbie donkey Coco really well - our 2023 calendar cover star! He's even helping him lose weight in the best way Nipper knows how - playing! The funny thing is that they look very similar, so quite a few visitors are mistaking Coco for Nipper, which of course, is not doing great things for his ego. However, Nipper, Fagin, Oscar and Coco have been joined by the remaining donkeys from our Oliver Twist group rescue donkeys (read about their rescue on p.4). Dodger and Sikes so Nipper has a great new group of buddies to cause plenty of mayhem!



Nipper

Pecan has seen many of his pals find new homes this year, including McCauley, Piper, Basil and Dougie, meaning Pecan has been joined by some new faces... Grace and mother /daughter duo, Belle and Lollipop. These three ladies have certainly made their presence known in the herd so Pecan is hoping the gender balance will soon be restored.



Pecan



Saratoga

Woody and Saratoga are both currently living in the Thoroughbred Boy herd on our Walklands Yard where their needs are best tailored for. Now they live together, Woody likes to use Saratoga as a bit of a comfort blanket, sending brave Saratoga to investigate anything new to check everything is OK. Ex-policehorse Steele also lives in the herd and the three of them are often found grazing together. They're also first in line for a good scratch!



Woody

Why not sponsor one of our Sponsorship Stars as a gift? You can ask us to send your gift directly to the recipient or have your gift delivered to see their face when they open it! Please let us know on your order form, call 01427 788 464 or visit BransbyHorses.co.uk/sponsor

amazon wishlist

Why not purchase your favourite Star a gift from our Amazon Wish List? To find out what they're looking for, call us or scan the QR code above.



Legacy

MYSTERY VISIT provides lasting memories

With over a thousand horses, ponies, donkeys and mules under our care, gifts left to us in Wills are vital to our work. Earlier this year we received a legacy from a long term supporter who made a surprise visit to Bransby Horses, arranged by her family.

Marian Bevan lived in Cardiff and had a soft spot for animals, especially those in need. Marian's daughter Christine remembers: "We took in several rabbits over the years, one of which took up permanent residence in the home after a severe bout of flu. He was so ill, mam stayed up with him all night, keeping the coal fire burning after the vet had given him a 50% chance of survival. The rabbit stayed in the house permanently for eight more years and was quite a character - even begging his favourite treat of buttered toast."

Despite never visiting Bransby Horses, Marian supported us with regular donations and always enjoyed reading our magazine.

Christine continued: "In 2006, we decided to treat mam to a mystery visit to Lincoln to see her beloved horses at a Bransby Horses open

day. She had no idea where she was going until she spotted the sign for Lincoln. We all had a wonderful weekend and it was a very emotional experience for her, which she talked about for many years afterwards. She was so impressed and wanted to make sure that Bransby Horses would benefit after her death."

The vital gift that Marian created in her Will helps us to provide a second chance for equines in need and help shape the charity's future for generations.

Marian celebrated her 88th birthday on Christmas Day 2020 but showed signs of deterioration by 27th December and was rushed to hospital, sadly passing away on 5th January 2021.

Marian's daughter said: "We miss her so much. She was always smiling, laughing, chatting and always ready to help an animal in need by way of a donation. We have the most beautiful photos of her at Bransby Horses. They remind us of how happy she was that weekend - she loved every minute of the time she spent with your horses."

You too can create your legacy with Bransby Horses.

Get in touch with our friendly team on 01427 788 464 or visit our website for a free information pack: BransbyHorses.co.uk/legacy

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3. Personalise
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Welcome to the Autumn/Winter Gift Guide!

Enjoy browsing our new range of exciting products and some of your much-loved favourites. We know times are hard right now so we have ensured the very best deals with our suppliers, meaning we are delighted to be able to keep our low Christmas card and calendar prices again this year. We hope you find a gift for everyone within these pages. If the choice is too overwhelming, our **Gift Cards with a Difference** starting from £10 on page 15 are always a popular choice – happy shopping!

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and free gift
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and a rhyming story, sure to put
a smile on everyone's face.
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Pudding's Picnic Panic
36-page
rhyming
children's story
book. Don't
miss out on
Pudding's next
adventure.
£6.95 - Code:
20700020

Building on the
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calendar featuring equines
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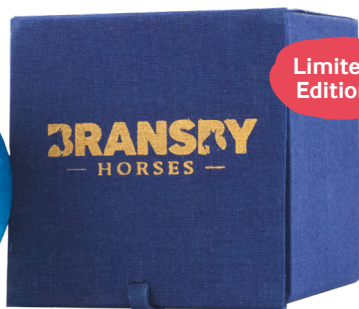
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All Christmas card packs contain 10 cards with envelopes



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Message inside reads: Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a joyful New Year.

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Cosy toes snugly socks with cuff to keep you toasty this winter. Adult one size.

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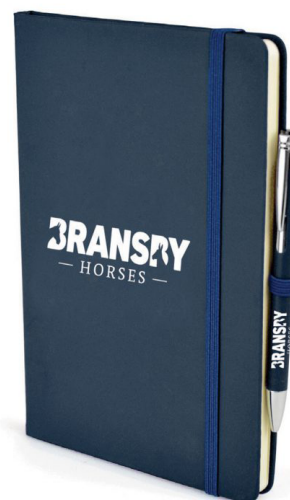
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Elegant metal ballpen, engraved with gift box. Black ink.
£3.95 - Code: 21000136



Refillable

Set of 2!



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Pony rescued from dangerous landfill site



Welcome
to Bransby
Horses
Stig

Thank you

Every penny of profit from our Gift Guide and online shop sales goes directly
back into the daily care for our 300-plus equines in Lincolnshire.

Remember Stig? In our last issue, we featured Stig in our cover letter and article on the
rise in private rescue requests we had received (read more on p8). Here's his story...



When our rescue team arrived and eventually found the black and white cob, he was friendly and pleased to see humans.

Left to fend for himself on a landfill site in Gainsborough in January, this young pony had a lucky escape and was our first rescue of the year.

Staff noticed him wandering around the 100-acre site where there were moving vehicles and large, dangerous machinery, as well as waste gas outlets. When our rescue team arrived and eventually found him, he appeared friendly and pleased to see humans.

It's not unusual for us to be called to ponies or horses who may have escaped from their field – usually following a quick check for a microchip, we're able to reunite them with their owners. Our Field Officer was able to get close enough to scan the pony for a microchip – a legal requirement in all horses and ponies – but none was found, so he was removed for safety and temporarily boarded with us.

As the pony wasn't microchipped, this meant an Abandonment Notice had to be served and the police informed to try and find the owners. He stayed with Bransby Horses until the notice ran its course and landfill staff also helped with attempts to find his rightful owner but sadly, we were unable to trace them.

One of Stig's rescuers, Welfare Manager, Rachel Jenkinson, said: "The staff on the site had become very fond of him as he entertained himself by following them around and giving them the odd nip."

"Despite the friendship, he was rubbing up against and damaging their site machinery and it was a dangerous environment for him which can quickly become a welfare concern."

Named 'Stig' from the children's book 'Stig of the Dump', this friendly youngster was around 12 hands high and about two years old when found.

Rachel continued: "He was a bit dishevelled but otherwise there were no immediate health concerns and he was very friendly. The team managed to put a head collar on and walk him back to the trailer but, being a young colt (uncastrated male horse), Stig was very playful and displayed typical youngster behaviour by nipping the team and wanting to play."

With multiple bruises on their arms and a long walk ahead, the team decided to give him a lead rope to carry which kept him entertained until he reached the trailer. Stig seemed to be very proud of his new toy and enjoyed the attention from his new-found friends.

Rachel added: "He loaded straight on to the trailer without issue and travelled really well."

His journey here began with a full health check, a good bath and tidy up, and he will continue with a tailored programme developed by our expert teams to meet his individual needs, including diet, enrichment and training.

Following a few months acclimatising to his new surroundings, Stig has successfully made friends in a herd for the very first time. This is such an important step for any herd animal, as Stig now feels safe enough to graze, rest and play, as well as groom and interact with others. It is hoped he will soon begin training with a view to eventually being rehomed.

In 2021, 25 abandoned equines came into our care and we also support local authorities and landowners with many more.

Now safe thanks to wonderful and generous supporters like you, Stig will receive the very best care and attention for the rest of his life.



Winter Costs Food & Care

During the winter, the charity has extra costs to cover to keep all of our equines warm and fed as the weather turns colder.

By donating towards our general funds, you will be making a real difference to the lives of hundreds of equines.

Please add this to the bottom of your order form, call our friendly team on 01427 788 464 or visit BransbyHorses.co.uk/wintercosts

In 2021, we spent £66k on hay, bedding and feed. Your donation will help towards providing these essential winter supplies.

Make a donation today and your generosity will be appreciated by the 300-plus equines in our care this Christmas.

Please note: This is not a restricted fund and your donation will be used where most needed.



“By creating a legacy in our Wills we know that we are helping to build a better future for our equine friends.”



Having supported the charity since the late 1980s and fostering a companion pony, John and Jackie did not hesitate to remember Bransby Horses when they decided to create their legacy.

“We know that Bransby Horses gives every equine the very best chance of a secure and happy future. We hope to be able to continue to visit the charity for many years to come and by creating a legacy in our Wills, we know that we are helping to build a better future for our equine friends.”

By creating your legacy like John and Jackie, we can continue transforming the lives of equines together.

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