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## Hello and welcome to your Autumn/Winter issue!

Welcome to your latest issue of Bransby Life, where we give you a behind the scenes look at the charity to show you the life-changing difference your support is making to the horses, ponies, donkeys and mules in our care and in the community.

In this issue, you'll meet some adorable foals that brought smiles to all our faces during tough times this year. We also share with you our collaboration with other animal welfare organisations, updates in the equine sector and some stories from across the charity.

It would be remiss of me not to touch upon the news we published in June about the actions we're taking to help combat the increasing cost of delivering our equine welfare work, which has more than doubled since 2018.

Despite the incredible generosity of supporters like yourself, we've unfortunately seen the gap between our expenditure and income widen in recent years, to the point where we are currently forecasting an unsustainable £2.5m deficit this year.

Consequently, in November 2023 we began a comprehensive review of our operational model at every level and, after evaluating a variety of options,

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we've taken the difficult but important decision to adapt our model in several areas to reduce costs. Unfortunately, this meant 17 wonderful and talented colleagues at all levels within the charity were at risk of redundancy. While it has simply not been possible to save every role, the full and thorough consultation process we conducted ensured we were able to minimise redundancies and ensure all affected colleagues received the best possible support.

While this has obviously been a distressing and difficult process for everyone involved, our new operating model will ensure we're able to continue to deliver on every aspect of our mission, albeit at a slightly reduced scale

- with Bransby Horses continuing to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome horses, donkeys, ponies and mules, and the visitor centre remaining open as usual.

A review of our assets and facilities with the new ways of working in mind is already underway, and we're committed to exploring all viable suggestions which might help us to reduce costs or generate income.

Since sharing the news, I speak for the entire team when I say we've been incredibly moved by the response we've received. Your support, kind words and generosity mean the world to us, and we're enormously grateful to the many people who have got in touch with offers of help or suggestions on how

we can generate more income.

Bransby Horses has been transforming the lives of equines for over 50 years and we believe these important changes, coupled with the ongoing generosity of valued supporters like you, will go a long way towards ensuring we're here for another 50 years.

Further information can be found on our website and, should you have any questions at all, please do get in contact with me at [jo.snell@bransbyhorses.co.uk](mailto:jo.snell@bransbyhorses.co.uk).

I hope you enjoy reading about the amazing things your ongoing support makes possible. We just couldn't do it without you, so on behalf of all the equines we rescue and care for, thank you.

*Jo Snell, CEO*

# Tribute to Clifford Marshall



We'd like to pay tribute to Bransby Horses' President and long-time supporter, Clifford Marshall, who sadly passed away in May. Clifford served with unwavering dedication as a volunteer and trustee from the early 1970s to 2006 and played a vital role in our growth and development, tirelessly supporting our founder, Mr. Hunt, in his vision for the charity. Clifford's commitment was a cornerstone of our success, and it was fittingly recognised with the naming of the Clifford Marshall building.

A familiar and friendly face, Clifford was a beloved visitor, especially during our open days and even in his later years, his passion for our work never faltered. Despite less frequent visits, he remained a passionate advocate, always eager to hear about our progress.

We are eternally grateful for Clifford's immense contributions to Bransby Horses. His positive impact will continue to be felt for years to come. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



*"As a child in London, I saw hundreds of horses mercilessly slaughtered. This rest home is the realisation of my lifelong ambition."*

*"I regard the horse as being the noblest creature man has ever met."*



*"I think we live in a very unattractive world, lacking in a sense of compassion, so perhaps from this place people can see that some people care."*



*"There is a physical limit to the number of animals we can keep here so some have to be turned away. It is these I have the most memories of."*



# Transforming the lives of equines together since 1968

It's widely known in the Bransby Horses community that Peter Hunt founded the charity back in 1968, with his wife Judy. But we'd like to share with you more about our founder as a person and why he made it his mission to rescue as many equines as he could.

As a child, Mr. Hunt was fascinated by horses. He would play truant to attend the Elephant and Castle horse sales and watch horses pulling carts of fruits, vegetables and logs in the costermonger quarter. But he also saw hundreds of horses mistreated in sales and auctions, fuelling his desire to save these animals and provide them with a better future.

1968 saw "the realisation of [his] lifelong ambition" after Mr. Hunt became a lecturer at the Bishop Grosseteste College in Lincoln and moved to the small hamlet of Bransby with his wife, purchasing a house and eight acres of land.

He loved horses and wanted to rescue those that were sick, neglected, ill-treated or in his words, those "just too handsome to die." He would often attend horse sales across the country, purchasing equines who looked most at risk, and providing them with a home.

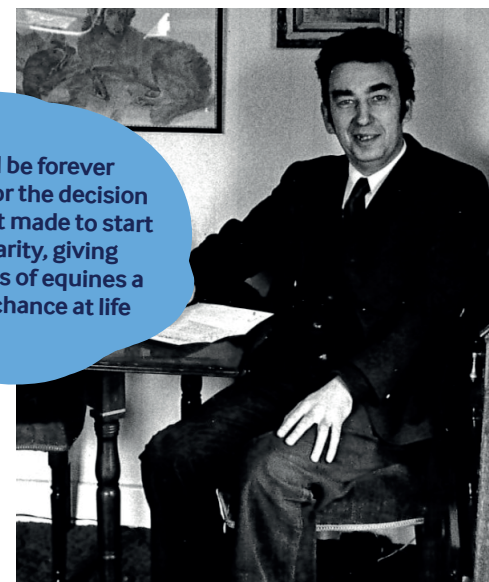
Before taking an early retirement from his teaching career in 1980, every penny of his earnings was put straight back into the charity, whether it was used towards feed, building works or purchasing horses at auction, he sacrificed it all.

And even as the charity grew, from a husband-and-wife team to multiple full-time staff members and volunteers, Mr. Hunt still "spent all the hours God sent either travelling to sales, helping the vet, repairing buildings and mucking out."

In the little spare time he had, Mr. Hunt would frequently voice his opinion against the meat trade. He protested the poor condition of these equines in sales, campaigned for the protection of native breeds and investigated the actual trafficking of animals to slaughter.

Despite never riding a horse, attending a polo match or watching a race meet, he was an integral part of the equine community and a "crusader for equine rights."

**We will be forever grateful for the decision Peter Hunt made to start this charity, giving thousands of equines a second chance at life**



**If you have a story about Bransby Horses or Peter Hunt, whether it was 40 years ago or just last week, please get in touch with [Sophie.Hampson@bransbyhorses.co.uk](mailto:Sophie.Hampson@bransbyhorses.co.uk) – we'd love to hear your story.**

# Say hello to our new Sponsorship stars

We're giving our donkeys the limelight, not just in Bransby Life, but on our Sponsorship Star scheme too. Our three latest additions can't wait to meet their future fans, so we won't waste anymore time in introducing them.



**Gnasha**



**Master Imp**



**Marlene**

*say hello to...*

## Marlene

Marlene the donkey arrived back in 2014, in-foal and with her five-month-old daughter Janice, both in an emaciated condition. Marlene was extremely nervous and not used to being handled, but she responded well to her initial rehabilitation and was soon on the road to recovery. A decade later and she's now fully settled and enjoys the peaceful surroundings.



Marlene especially loves being with other donkey mum Gnasha and the two have formed a strong bond since Gnasha's arrival.



Marlene loves spending time with others and is already looking forward to getting to know her sponsors.

Our Sponsorship Star updates are now delivered exclusively to our Sponsorship Star supporters by post or email. Become a supporter of any one of our Stars to hear what they've been up to straight from the horse's (or donkey's) mouth.



Don't be deceived by his sweet face, Master Imp is as cheeky as they come.

*say hello to...*

## Master Imp

He came to us from a stud farm as a two-year-old in 2012, after his previous owner was struggling to manage the number of equines under their care. Since then, we've discovered he's a lovable Welsh pony with a cheeky side. He especially likes grabbing feed buckets and running off with them.

**Master Imp lives with his best friend Sammy and other Sponsorship Stars Frazzle and Womble. He couldn't wait to join the Sponsorship Star scheme when they told him all about it.**

*say hello to...*

## Gnasha

Gnasha the donkey arrived in 2015 with her two-year-old daughter Matilda and two male donkeys, after they were found wandering along a main road in Nottinghamshire. They had lice and sore, bald patches in their coats from being wet for prolonged periods (donkeys coats are not waterproof), as well as overgrown hooves. We soon found Gnasha was in-foal, and a few months later...



**Gnasha is the matriarch of the herd and can be quite bossy. She is bonded with Marlene and the two love to spend time together, whether it's out in the fields or cuddled up in the barn.**



**With both of her children being Sponsorship Stars, Gnasha thought it was her time to shine.**

**To sponsor Marlene, Gnasha, Master Imp or another horse, pony or donkey for £3 a month, call 01427 788 464 or visit [BransbyHorses.co.uk/sponsor](https://BransbyHorses.co.uk/sponsor)**

# Welcome TINY FOAL



Pika was smaller than the average family dog, weighing in at just 12kg



While it's not unusual for foals from rescued mares to be born with us, the arrival of Pika has caused quite a stir.

His mum is a Shetland pony called Polly, who stands around 81cm or 8 hands high, so of course her new-born son is about half that, making him one of, if not THE smallest pony we've ever had in our care. When born, Pika was smaller than the average family dog, weighing in at just 12kg.

Senior Press Officer, Maria Thompson, said: "We just can't get over how lovely they both are. We are so pleased both mother and son are doing well as it was touch and go for Polly when she first came to us but, thanks to our wonderful supporters, we were able to provide the care she needed."

Pika is very small but not necessarily perfectly formed as there are health issues we will need to be on the lookout for as he gets older.

Being smaller than your average Shetland, Pika can be more susceptible to poor welfare and health conditions, including teeth problems and obesity.

Welfare Manager, Rachel Jenkinson, said: "Like all equines, Shetland ponies and miniatures need specialist care and

management and should only be taken on by knowledgeable people who are prepared to put the animal's needs first for their entire lifetime, which can be well over a 30-year commitment."

Polly was first seen by a vet at one of the British Horse Society's (BHS) Healthcare Clinics.

These clinics are aimed at engaging hard-to-reach communities and provide free advice and reduced cost services such as passporting, castration, farrier services, a weigh bridge and veterinary advice to horse owners.



We work with the BHS and, as was the case of Polly, we were able to take in a vulnerable equine when there was no other viable option

The pitter patter of tiny hooves caused huge excitement here over the summer.

We're always happy to offer confidential advice and guidance – if you know of a vulnerable equine, please call 01427 787 369, email [welfare@bransbyhorses.co.uk](mailto:welfare@bransbyhorses.co.uk) or visit [BransbyHorses.co.uk](http://BransbyHorses.co.uk)



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# Fosterer Campaigns For Better Driver Awareness

A Bransby Family Fosterer is on a mission to improve people's understanding around passing riders and carriage drivers safely on the roads.

Helen Henderson from Newark, who has fostered Bransby Horses' pony Evan for a number of years, is worried drivers are ignoring the law.

She has been forced to report a number of incidents to the police

where drivers have passed at speed and has also contacted her local council about bridleways which have become overgrown and impassible.

Helen said: "I feel as if drivers don't care half the time. You feel as if you are taking your life into your own hands."

"I live at the side of the old A46 (Fosse Way) in Newark, so I have to go out on to the roads with

my cart and I'm finding all the time that drivers are passing me at 50mph and 60mph in both directions, and they don't seem to have a clue about the Highway Code. The law is 10mph.

"We also have a lot of bridleways near us but many of them are just impassible."

Helen has a body camera fitted when she takes Evan out in the carriage and has

been able to share footage with the police.

She has also had the support of her local newspaper who featured her story when the matter was discussed at their local parish meeting recently.

Rehoming Manager, Rosanna Elliott Hart, said: "Helen and Evan have done an amazing job at bringing the issue of road safety to the attention of the public, the police and local councils."

"Horses have as much right to be on the road as everyone else and raising awareness of how to pass them safely in a vehicle will, hopefully, help to reduce the number of incidents occurring on our roads."

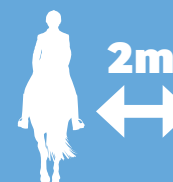
**The Highway Code was updated in 2022 and states if drivers see a horse on the road they should:**



**Slow down to a maximum of 10mph**



**Be patient, I won't sound my horn or rev my engine**



**Pass the horse wide and slow – at least two metres**



**Drive slowly away**



**Richard and Helen Henderson with Evan**  
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**We support the British Horse Society's successful 'Dead Slow' campaign. Horse riders are encouraged to log any incidents with them at [bhs.org.uk/go-riding/record-an-incident/](https://bhs.org.uk/go-riding/record-an-incident/)**

# Meet Two Donkeys Who Needed Our Help



Luigi



Mario

**Our popular donkey talks run throughout the year. If you're planning a special trip to visit Mario, Luigi and friends, please call us for more information.**

Last January we received a call from a member of the public who was concerned about the welfare of two donkeys. When our field officers visited the animals, their drinking water was completely frozen, their hooves were very overgrown, but more concerning were the cancerous tumours they both had on their bodies. Both donkeys needed urgent veterinary treatment.

We were unable to locate an owner and the animals were not microchipped (despite this being a legal requirement), therefore the RSPCA were called which allowed us to legally relocate them for the treatment they so desperately needed.

Mario and Luigi were eventually signed into our care after the abandonment notice used to gain legal ownership of the donkeys had expired. They also underwent laser surgery to remove their sarcoids, some of which were very sore and bleeding, which made them much more comfortable following their operation.

Welfare Manager, Rachel Jenkinson, said: "Initially the donkeys, who we named Mario and Luigi, were cautious of people and needed to be sedated for treatment.

"Having been with us for over a year they are now much happier and do not mind being handled for ongoing treatment and daily care."

Mario and Luigi are now happy and healthy living as a bonded pair with our other male donkeys and enjoy meeting visitors on our Visitor Centre Yard.



**Sponsorship Star, Matilda, recently had surgery to remove a sarcoid**

## What are Sarcoids?

- Sarcoids are persistent and progressive skin tumours.
- Genetically susceptible equines develop sarcoids as a result of exposure to bovine papilloma virus (BPV).
- Sarcoids are a form of cancer and are usually locally invasive but do not spread to other organs.
- Sarcoids commonly appear on the head, face, chest and groin but can develop anywhere on the skin.
- There are different types of sarcoid and because they behave and respond differently to treatment, require careful veterinary assessment.



# Happy Foals Born To Mares Rescued From Floodwater

Almost identical to look at, Beverley and Eider were named after rivers



When January's weather brought a barrage of heavy rain and severe flooding to Lincolnshire, Bransby Horses was called to help rescue a group of horses trapped in a flooded field.

Working alongside the RSPCA, The British Horse Society, Blue Cross and Next Chapter Horse Rescue, we sprang into action to make sure the horses involved didn't come to any further harm.

The rescued horses were divided amongst each charity, with Bransby Horses taking in four.

Welfare Manager, Rachel Jenkinson, said: "We were asked to assist with



Beverley and Lana



Eider and Bewick

the rescue of 13 horses that had been abandoned in a flooded field. By working with the other charities, we were able to make sure all the equines had somewhere to go before we removed them.

"It was a great piece of collaborative working and hats-off to Next Chapter Horse Rescue who were the driving force behind this rescue."

The mares arrived on-site earlier this year and following veterinary treatment and care, 13 became 15 when two of them gave birth to healthy foals a few weeks later. As with many of our rescued equines, their unknown circumstances or backgrounds mean that it's not uncommon that stallions (uncastrated males) are left free to roam in fields with mares, causing the original number

rescued to rise.

Almost identical to look at, Beverley and Eider, who were named after rivers, are now enjoying being the centre of attention here at Bransby Horses.

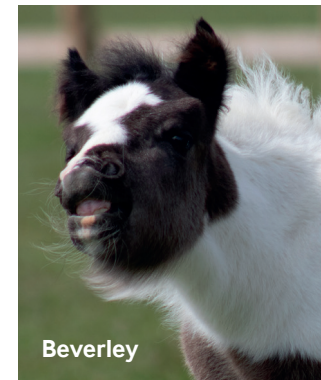
In fact, the arrival of the foals even caught the attention of Hits Radio for Lincolnshire and Nottingham who sent a brave reporter out in the rain to meet them.

Beverly and Eider are certainly getting used to the attention and have been speaking to visitors over the fence where they can be seen grazing with their mums at our main site in Bransby.

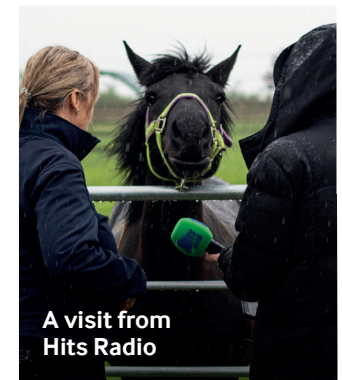
Both mares and their foals will remain under our ownership and care for the rest of their lives, be that on-site or in a carefully selected loan home.



Eider



Beverley



A visit from Hits Radio

**We were able to rescue these horses and their unborn foals when they had nowhere else to turn thanks entirely to you, our loyal supporters and for that we are extremely grateful.**



# A Pony Found Collapsed And Close To Death Continues To Defy The Odds Thanks To Your Support

Gerald's case highlights the specialist equine care we provide as a charity

Three years ago, when we took in a young colt called Gerald, his future looked so uncertain.

Rescued by the RSPCA having been found collapsed in a ditch being eaten by maggots, we were not sure if he would make it.

But we had to try.

He had multiple health problems including a swollen jaw and infected, painful teeth, which prevented him from eating, along with overgrown feet, an itchy skin condition and a failing liver.

Welfare Manager, Rachel Jenkinson, said: "Despite his issues Gerald showed a real determination to get better. His conditions were difficult to treat as he had multiple issues but despite being close to death, he pulled through on more than one occasion."

Gerald faced his intensive treatment and was a good patient. Despite many reservations, his health improved enough to mean we could keep him comfortable while he got on with enjoying his life at Bransby Horses.

He now lives in a herd in sanctuary care and continues to receive

treatment when he needs it.

We have come to accept that his future is unfortunately limited due to the very poor start in life he had leading him to require lifelong specialist care, but as long as he is comfortable and has a good quality of life, we will continue to support him.

Gerald's case highlights the specialist equine care we provide as a charity and

how we are able to work with other organisations to give every equine a life worth living.

While the RSPCA were able to rescue Gerald and potentially find the person responsible for the neglect he experienced, we have been able to provide the long-term care and love he always deserved.

This is only possible because of the support we

receive from donations and legacies left to us in Wills.

Anyone who creates a legacy for us, also known as gifts in Wills, does so in the knowledge they are securing a future for equines like Gerald.

Gifts in Wills provide this lifelong sanctuary care, which isn't always visible outside of the charity but makes all the difference to horses like Gerald.



Gerald was rescued by the RSPCA having been found collapsed in a ditch being eaten by maggots © RSPCA



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If you would like to include a gift in your Will for Bransby Horses, it is really simple; just get in touch by email, phone or visit [BransbyHorses.co.uk/legacies](https://BransbyHorses.co.uk/legacies) where you can also request a free Legacy Pack.

# Magnificent Mules

Maybe a little misunderstood, the mule is a type of equine which comes from breeding a female horse with a male donkey.

Here at Bransby Horses we currently have five amazing mules and over the years we've featured several on our Sponsorship Star scheme.

Ebony, who we sadly lost in 2022, was a well-known favourite with visitors



Ebony was a well-known favourite with visitors



Alfred retired with us from his life in the army

Despite the myth, mules are not stubborn; they are clever and very trainable

and a very popular Sponsorship Star for many years, loved by everyone for her unique personality. She lived with us for most of her life and made it to the grand old age of 30.

Our other 'famous' mule was Alfred, who retired with us from his life in the army where he had been used to train soldiers on working with pack animals.

Alfred was also a Sponsorship Star and a very popular character for many years, sadly passing away in 2013. One of our on-site walkways is named after him.

But what makes a mule different, we hear you shout?

Well, when it comes to being an equine, mules can definitely 'kick ass'. Although some crossbreeds can be genetically weaker, the mule is strong, adaptable, and more versatile and agile than a donkey.

Mules are amazing in the right home, and make great companions for other equines; however, if they are unhandled or not correctly trained, they can be difficult to manage because of their strength.

According to our friends at The Donkey Sanctuary, mules are quick to learn and will pick up good and bad habits with equal speed.

They can jump like horses and can now compete against horses and ponies in affiliated dressage competitions in the UK.

Today, we are the proud guardians of five mules, which is a record high for the charity, as these days mules are few and far between.



Sparkle  
Twelve-year-old,  
13hh  
bay mare



Berry  
Seven-year-old,  
13hh  
bay mare

Snowflake  
Five-year-old,  
12.2hh  
grey mare

Jack  
Four-year-old,  
12.2hh bay  
gelding



Toby  
Eight-year-old,  
15hh bay  
gelding



# Managing Obesity in Ridden and Companion Equines

Overweight horses may not always be associated with poor welfare, but it can be seriously damaging to an equine's health and even life-threatening.

As part of our preventative work, we are often called upon to provide advice and guidance to owners who

may not be aware of the health risks associated with an overweight horse or need help and advice to manage this tricky problem.

An overweight equine risks health issues such as laminitis, equine metabolic syndrome (EMS) and joint problems

including arthritis, which can be serious and even fatal if not managed appropriately.

Recognising the problem is key to maintaining a healthy horse, as is understanding why an equine is overweight and knowing what action to take to address it.

Trickle feeding using a hay net



## Nutrition

Their digestive system has evolved for horses to eat fibre, trickle feed and naturally graze for around 18 hours a day, which can pose a problem when attempting to cut calories.

If a horse is not in full work or is kept as a companion and is able to keep warm, the food they eat will be used to gain fat, because they do not need it for energy.

A weigh tape or weigh bridge can be used to work out an animal's weight and from this, it is possible to calculate the amount of feed/forage you need to provide.

Using a weigh tape



Enjoying a trot around their track system



## Exercise

Exercise is a vital part of weight management, whether they are ridden or not.

Even a companion equine can be taken for in-hand walks a few times a week.

Restrict grazing – a simple system which is more effective than making the field smaller can be achieved by creating a track around the perimeter of a field.

This encourages equines to move around more and by placing their forage, water and shelter in different places around the track, it will further encourage movement.



Some of our companions enjoying a walk

## Expert Help

For further information or to discuss your horse's weight management plan, you can call the charity's Welfare Line on 01427 787 369, Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 4.30pm, email [welfare@bransbyhorses.co.uk](mailto:welfare@bransbyhorses.co.uk) or visit our website's advice pages at [BransbyHorses.co.uk/equine-advice](http://BransbyHorses.co.uk/equine-advice)



# COULD YOU HELP *Rescued Duchess?*



**Duchess is a lovely mare who needs an understanding person to give her the love and attention she really deserves**

Duchess is a 15 hands high black mare who has been with us for around two years after the family who owned her suffered a sudden bereavement.

Having spent many years alone in her field in her previous home, she has now developed a strong desire to be with her Bransby herd and can't cope with other equines in her field being taken away; or with leaving them. She's very protective of her new friends and very much enjoys company.

Rehoming Manager, Rosanna Elliott Hart, said: "She is such a sweet mare but if she is in the same field with other horses, she feels compelled to guard them and this needs careful management.

"She's fine if there are other horses in the fields next to her, and this would be a requirement of her being rehomed.

"We would really love to find Duchess a home with a person who understands her.

"She can't be ridden but she can be led nicely out for walks and is calm and sweet to handle. She's a lovely mare who needs an understanding person to give her the love



View our available horses and apply to become their Perfect Partner online at [BransbyHorses.co.uk/rehoming](https://BransbyHorses.co.uk/rehoming)



and attention she really deserves."

Our Perfect Partner Rehoming Scheme provides rescued equines such as Duchess the chance to enjoy life in a carefully selected loan home, freeing up time and space for the rescue

and rehabilitation of others.

If you think you could offer Duchess a special home, please complete an online application form and/or speak to our Rehoming Team via [rehoming@bransbyhorses.co.uk](mailto:rehoming@bransbyhorses.co.uk)

# News from across the charity and the world of animal welfare

Each year we use our voice to speak up for equines across all walks of life, whether this be working equines, contributing to much-needed veterinary research or helping to shape legislation.

We were extremely disappointed when the Government dropped the Kept Animals Bill last year, but new single-issue bills have progressed separately that together will deliver most of the welfare regulations within the original Bill.

Since stopping the abhorrent horse slaughter trade was something our founder, Peter Hunt was particularly passionate about, we were delighted when the effort of so many organisations finally paid off at the end of 2023 after decades of campaigning, when the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill was passed into law making it illegal to send live animals abroad for slaughter.

Thanks to your support, we will use our voice on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves to support legislation to pass into law, with the fervent hope that we see permanent positive changes for equine welfare in the UK.

The National Equine Welfare Council's Cost of Living Survey was repeated this year to gauge the reaction of horse owners to ongoing price rises and

climate change. With over 8,000 respondents, almost 20% said they are having to consider difficult decisions such as selling/sharing their horse or, very sadly, having to euthanase

their horse because of rising costs. This worrying picture reflects the need to expand our welfare services in the community, working with owners, providing advice and guidance in crucial moments, and to prevent welfare concerns before they happen.

Earlier in the year we were delighted to join the Association for Firework Legislation Reform (AFLR) - a new UK based organisation on a mission to gather support from those negatively affected by the extreme overuse of fireworks. AFLR hope to improve the welfare of vulnerable members of society, as well as domestic, agricultural and wild animals, whilst balancing people's right to enjoy fireworks.

**20% of over 8,000 horse owners say they are having to consider difficult decisions because of rising costs**



# Autumn/Winter GIFT GUIDE



All profits from your purchases help us provide rescue, rehabilitation, and lifelong homes for those in desperate need, so you can be confident that you are helping to make a difference to so many lives

## Jute Bag

Laminated jute with short comfortable cotton handles.

Black. 39cm x 35cm x 15cm.

**£7.95**

Code: 20300294



## Clotted Cream Fudge Box

300g box of clotted cream fudge.

**£6.95**

Code: 21100225



## 2025 Calendar

Our popular postcard calendar featuring equines from Bransby Horses. 32cm x 17.5cm.

**£6.50** - Code: 21000240



Standard postage is £4.95 on domestic second class only.  
Free post on orders over £50 received by 30th November 2024  
(UK domestic second class only, does not include lottery entry).

# Christmas Cards



Festive Feet



All Christmas card packs contain 10 cards with envelopes



A Christmas Chinwag

Santa's Helper



Puppy Post

Message inside all cards reads  
"With Best Wishes for  
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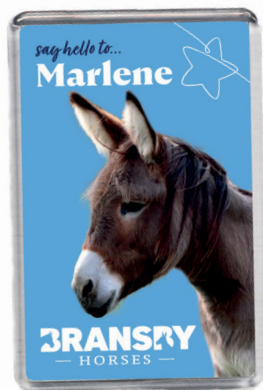
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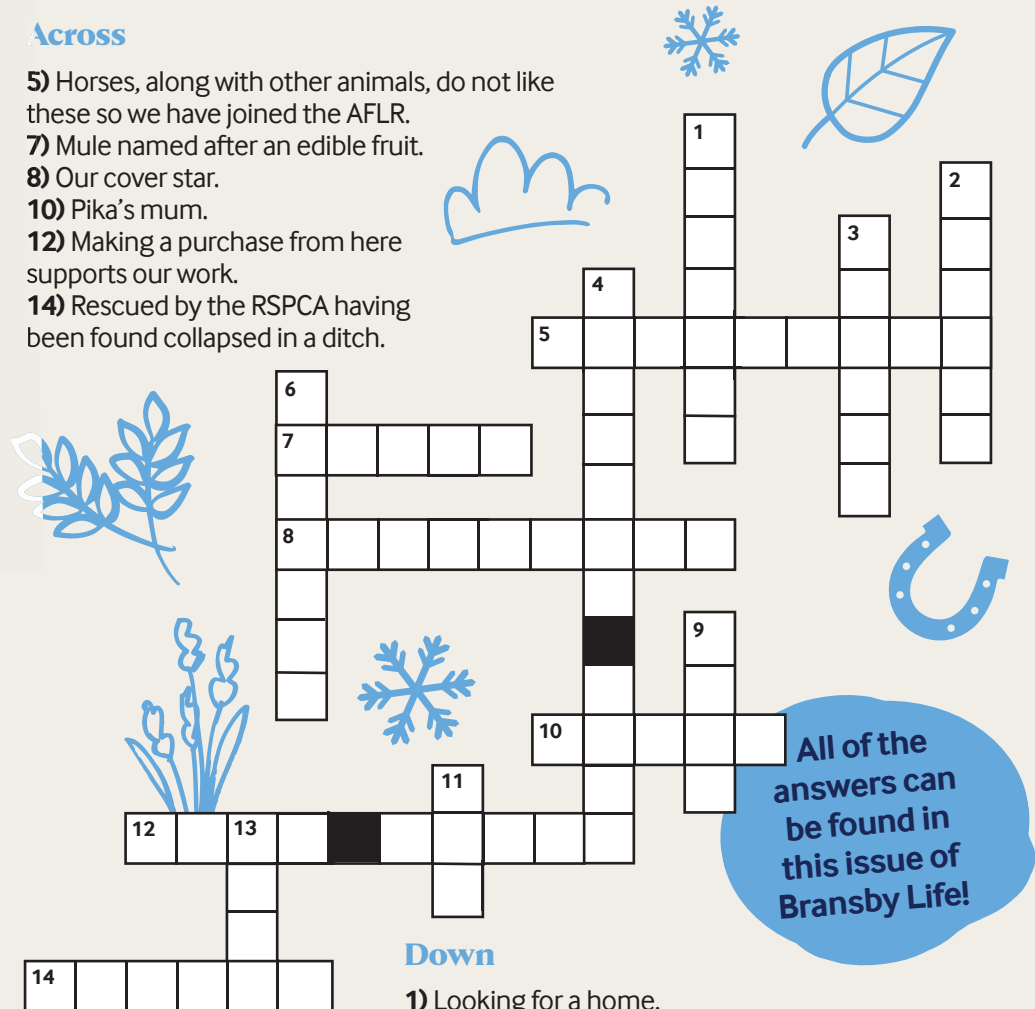
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# Equine Crossword

## Across

- 5) Horses, along with other animals, do not like these so we have joined the AFLR.  
7) Mule named after an edible fruit.  
8) Our cover star.  
10) Pika's mum.  
12) Making a purchase from here supports our work.  
14) Rescued by the RSPCA having been found collapsed in a ditch.



All of the answers can be found in this issue of Bransby Life!

## Down

- 1) Looking for a home.  
2) One of our new Sponsorship Stars!  
3) Some of our horses need extra feed and shelter to provide this during the colder months.  
4) Helen, a Bransby Family Fosterer, is campaigning for better understanding of this when it comes to horses on the road.  
6) Difficult to manage with horses.  
9) A crossbreed resulting from a horse and a donkey.  
11) Provides warmth and protection for horses.  
13) Baby horse.

## Spring/Summer 24 Crossword Solution

**Across:** 2) Maximus, 5) Oliver, 7) Babet, 8) Matilda, 10) Legacies, 11) Horslyx, 12) Pudding

**Down:** 1) Abandoned, 3) Hoof, 4) Simmy, 6) Flamborough, 7) Barlings, 9) Perfect Partner

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