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come true*

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'the one' after  
eight years

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to foster care*

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truly remarkable  
journey

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and multi-  
talented*

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our new team  
working on the  
front line of  
animal welfare



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Wish has been rehomed after eight years at the charity. Read her story on P.10.

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## Welcome to another issue of Bransby Life!

We can't ignore what is happening in the world right now and the great hardship that some people are currently suffering at home and abroad. What is happening in the Ukraine is very distressing and deeply worrying, and our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine. The high energy prices and cost of living increases will undoubtedly effect our income, and we are preparing for some hard times ahead. With this in mind, we appeal to each and every one of you to continue to support us if you can.

In this issue, as always, we focus on stories and updates that matter to you, like introducing you to our new Rescue Support Team, created in response to the rise in demand for our rescue and welfare services. Whilst the world faces unprecedented economic and troubling times, our rescue work is busier than ever. Horses continue to be abandoned every day and it's only through our work that you can read about one of the lucky

ones, in Phantom's Story on page 6.

In some lighter news, I'm delighted to share that in 2021 you pulled out all the stops and sold thousands of lottery tickets helping to raise funds for onsite care. Once again you'll find 24 tickets enclosed for our Spring lottery to sell to friends and family. Our horses, ponies, donkeys and mules couldn't thank you enough. There's also our fabulous Gift Guide where every penny of profit we raise supports our 900-plus horses, ponies, donkeys and mules. Don't forget to look at our online shop too, as there are many more items available.

Read updates on our resident Sponsorship Stars who continue to amuse us. Through this scheme, you have raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for the charity since its launch.

Many thanks for your continued support of Bransby Horses – please do let us know your feedback by emailing mail@bransbyhorses.co.uk

**Jo Snell, CEO**

**Play our lottery for just £1 per ticket**



## News

# Straight from the horse's mouth

2021 proved to be a record-breaking year for us – we rescued more equines, received more visitors and raised more money via lottery ticket sales in a single 12 month period than ever before. At the end of the year, lottery income contributed towards the £188,000 we spent on various aspects of our equines' ongoing care in 2021 – from regular dentist and farrier visits, hay, feed, bedding, rugs and tack, to essential biosecurity.

Following the third government lockdown at the start of 2021, we were overwhelmed with rehoming enquiries. To meet this demand, we started training 'lead rein' and 'companion with potential' equines - this proved a great success and contributed to a record-breaking year for our rehoming numbers. By the end of the year we had successfully rehomed 119 equines,

providing much needed space for new rescues.

Retired police horse Steele has settled in really well and the team are enjoying getting to know him. In terms of health, Steele had us concerned on a number of occasions due to colic and sinusitis; however, we're pleased to report that swift action and appropriate treatment has returned Steele to good health.

Nationwide fundraising relay, Horses for Health UK, raised a whopping £17,000 for seven different equine charities in 2021. We are humbled by the 737 people who covered 2,696 miles to raise vital funds for us and others by riding, driving, walking and long-reining horses.

It's been a busy start to the year for concluding RSPCA investigations involving some of our residents, following a backlog due to the pandemic. We are pleased to be able to share news of a successful prosecution that took over one year to conclude; an equine owner in Brigg has been banned from keeping equines for 10 years after admitting to the neglect of five ponies and donkeys now residing safely with us. All five were found knee-deep in mud, constantly itching and required intervention from both the RSPCA and The Donkey Sanctuary to secure their safety. All five have recovered well following their rescue in early 2021 – read their full story and more on our website.

**We also welcomed new trustee, Rosemary Gillespie**



**Thank You!**

**Fountain Hill Equestrian raised £80 in October to help us continue with our rescue and welfare work.**



Steele

Not only could you be a winner by **entering our lottery**, but all of the equines on site would like to say a big thank you for helping towards their daily upkeep!



# TEAMWORK gets the job done



The Rescue Support Team

Here at Bransby Horses, we're always looking to improve our ways of working to help more equines in need. Most recently, we have done just that by advancing our response to emergencies with a newly formed support team, ready to jump into action when called.

With an increase in reports of horses and emergency welfare concerns in general over the past two years, additional support for our Welfare Team means we can increase our own capacity and provide extra help, skills or equipment to other equine welfare organisations. The new Rescue Support Team consists of current employees working across different areas of the charity.

Rachel Jenkinson, who oversees the team, said: "We've provided equipment, such as

**This additional capacity means we can provide extra support to large-scale rescues across the country.**

round pens to herd animals safely, and skilled staff to support other rescue and welfare organisations. We've been able to deal with large numbers of horses that need to be health checked and transported to safety at various rescue centres and sanctuaries around the country. They've already proven invaluable having provided emergency support to the RSPCA. It means we're now more agile in our response and able to act quickly."

The majority of work is pre-planned but some is also short notice, resulting in long days with unknown finish times in support of our colleagues in the equine welfare sector. The team are 'on call' to respond to situations, such as transportation or collection (for example of fly-grazed or abandoned animals),

emergency removal of RSPCA cases involving one or multiple equines, and supporting the Welfare Team at healthcare clinics and equine events.

Rachel continued: "As one of the UK's largest equine charities, the Bransby Horses Rescue Support Team really demonstrates our ongoing commitment to preventing and relieving the suffering of equines through rescue, providing life-long care and working with communities to improve welfare awareness across England and Wales."

Rescue & Welfare Officer, Nadine Hall, said: "It's great that we've been able to utilise the vast skill set amongst our existing teams that don't necessarily work directly in welfare roles, so we have people with different strengths across different areas of the charity, all trained



The team assist at Appleby Horse Fair 2021

and ready to act if required."

The team have already provided instrumental support at Appleby Horse Fair, British Horse Society Healthcare and Education Clinics, assisted with equine collections for our charity and others, and RSPCA and Bransby Horses' group and individual ownership transfers.

**This expansion in our offering within the equine**

**welfare sector was only made possible through your support. In addition to our ongoing daily care costs for our rescued residents onsite, our rescue and welfare work provides a lifeline for more equines who are suffering. Through combined efforts with other organisations, we can reach and help more animals in need.**



Team training

To report a welfare concern or for non-judgemental advice and support, please call our Welfare Hotline on 01427 787369 or visit [BransbyHorses.co.uk/welfare](https://BransbyHorses.co.uk/welfare)



# Phantom's story

Fearful of humans, hungry and in urgent need of veterinary care, the chances of survival were bleak for Phantom, a young pony rescued from Bodmin Moor in 2017.

Phantom arrived at Bransby Horses with six others as a foal

after a hugely challenging joint rescue operation to save some 160 ponies in Cornwall.

None of the ponies had been handled or touched by human hands and were understandably terrified – and Phantom's poor, emaciated condition meant he might not survive.

Farm Manager, Lou Ewens, who was involved in Phantom's rescue said: "There was a herd of young colts who were all emaciated and in a really poor state. Phantom was one of them.

"On arrival, we had to

**carefully monitor his food intake to increase his weight safely and he needed treatment for worms, a lice infestation and overgrown hooves.**

"He was inquisitive but very timid and fearful of all human contact. After weeks of nurturing, when he was ready, he began a specialist handling programme to help him learn to trust people so essential health checks could be carried out safely, for both him and the teams."

As Phantom's handling and health progressed, his future

started to look brighter. However, it wasn't all plain sailing; Phantom's training was delayed multiple times by serious health issues causing setbacks on his road to recovery. He suffered mainly from ulcers and reoccurring colic, which is a form of stomach-ache that can be fatal in equines.

One of the complications with treating Phantom was that he was still fearful of people, and whilst the medical treatment made human interaction necessary, it was extremely challenging for us to handle him.

After years of extensive, specialised treatment he eventually turned a corner, as Phantom's rehabilitation handler, Hayley Hill explained: "One of my proudest moments with Phantom was his breakthrough when he accepted human touch for the first time without fear. Following that, we shared many more great moments together.

"I remember getting him ready for an open day a year after he joined our rehabilitation yard. I bathed and plaited him - he looked amazing and behaved impeccably in the arena with the loudspeaker and crowds of public around. He had come such a long way to reach this point and overcome so much. He was such a good boy".

To look at Phantom five years on, you would never know the long road to rehabilitation this beautiful pony has taken since his rescue. For a pony whose chances of survival were more than slim on arrival, it is an amazing achievement for both Phantom and our teams who worked so hard to provide him with a future where he is now forever safe.

Thanks to continued monthly donations, Phantom's rescue and years of rehabilitation following each setback were made possible. We are delighted to say he has recently found a loving new foster home with his Perfect Partner and is thriving as a ridden pony.

Phantom's story is just one of many examples of the cases Bransby Horses are seeing more frequently across the country, involving dozens if not hundreds of animals in need of rescue.

It took Phantom a long time to be comfortable this close to a human.



Phantom's training was delayed multiple times by serious health issues causing setbacks on his road to recovery.

Phantom's ribs were visible on arrival.



Five years on, you would never know the long road to rehabilitation this beautiful pony has taken since his rescue.



Follow Phantom's journey as a valued regular supporter by calling **01427 788464** or visit **BransbyHorses.co.uk/Phantom**

  
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You help us to  
help them stay safe,  
*forever*



# Two Very Special Birthday Girls

## A Mule in a Million

Ebony the mule turned 30 in January, making her one of our oldest residents. This plucky little lady was found wandering the streets of Gainsborough when we rescued her back in 1992. A lot has happened at the charity in her 30 year residency – she's made hundreds of friends (two-legged and four!) and spent many years as a beloved Sponsorship Star.

Her character and cute looks have earned her legendary status at Bransby Horses and she is a firm favourite with everyone who meets her. We all love Ebony – she's such a cheeky little lady who doesn't act her age whatsoever. She has a distinctive voice when she brays - you can tell it's her just from the noise she makes!

To celebrate her milestone birthday, Ebony shared a cake made from grass pellets, chopped carrot and molasses with her golden girl companions – Cinderella, a 26-year-old Shetland pony and Penelope, a 21-year-old mule.

*Did you know?*

A mule is the offspring of a female horse or pony (mare) and a male donkey (jack). Bransby Horses only has two – Ebony and Penelope.

## Lyanna's Celebrations

Born at Bransby Horses in 2021 after her mother Sansa came into our care heavily pregnant, lovely Lyanna turned one on 18th March. Her birth was a very rare privilege our team were lucky enough to witness.

This sassy little filly who, unlike her mother, has only ever known life with us, has had lots to learn since she

came into the world.

During her first year, Lyanna has learnt to load and travel in a trailer, have her feet trimmed by a farrier, walk on a lead-rein and live independent of her mother.

Lyanna celebrated in a similar fashion to Ebony, with a specially designed cake and didn't disappoint her handlers with her trademark

'zoomies' as she raced around her paddock. Scan the QR code to watch baby Lyanna in action.

You can follow Lyanna's journey from birth to yearling and beyond, exclusively through our Friends of Bransby Horses membership scheme. Find out more at [BransbyHorses.co.uk/become-a-friend](https://BransbyHorses.co.uk/become-a-friend)







# A 'Wish' come true

From the rolling Welsh Hills of Manmoel Common in South Wales to the flat landscape of Lincolnshire, Wish's journey began in 2013.

The alarm was raised when several ponies believed to be abandoned in the Valleys, were found in a poor state of health and at risk of dying of starvation.

Wish's welfare was of particular concern as she was heavily pregnant and in need of urgent medical attention. Bransby Horses agreed to take her and four others as part of the multi-agency rescue.

The necessary medical checks were carried out at our Animal Reception Centre, after which our team started to work on befriending Wish. After a lot of patience, she started to take food from their hands.

"This is always an amazing moment, when they first accept you are a friend and there to help them," said Nadine Hall, Rescue & Welfare Officer.

Two weeks later, Wish gave birth to a colt called Whisper, but things weren't easy for Wish - as she cared for her foal she struggled to put on

weight. But once her foal was strong enough, she was able to focus on her own recovery.

Wish arrived with an abscess on her face which our vet team tracked to an infected tooth root, requiring extraction of diseased tissue and tooth fragments. Following her treatment she was closely monitored and recovered well, and started to settle into life at Bransby Horses.

**After eight years with us, Wish, who is now 22 years old, found her forever home in time for Christmas 2021.**

Finding the right home for our rescued equines is a process our Rehoming Team takes great care with. This took time for Wish but it was love at first sight for her Perfect Partner, Cat, who needed a companion pony for her mare, Pearl:

"We contacted Bransby Horses as we had just lost a companion for my old mare Pearl, not really expecting them to find anything for us. The very second we saw Wish's cheeky face we all fell in love instantly.

"We were so pleased to see that despite some initial face pulling, within a few days of her arrival she became best friends with Pearl and although nervous at the start, she could be persuaded to do anything for a treat.

"Wish has been with us now for just a little over a month and has turned into a cheeky little monkey. She canters around the field with Pearl and pulls out electric fencing to have her own personal mud bath – we know it's her from the trail of tiny little footprints and her muddy bottom.

"She has come on leaps and bounds since we've been handling her every day. She is the sweetest, cheekiest pony we could have ever wished for and I so hope she will be with us for many years to come."

Shell Craven, Team Leader at the Visitor Centre where Wish spent the majority of her eight years with us, said: "Wish was a very sweet pony who was lovely to care for. She would get nervous in some unknown situations but always trusted us to support her. It felt like forever but we are so happy she's found the perfect home – it was worth the wait. Wish's wish really did come true in the end!"

**Without your support, we can't continue to make wishes come true and promise to help more horses and their owners at this worrying time. There are many ways you can support us - please take a look at page 27 for ideas and inspiration.**

**By giving what you can, you help to make a difference.**

**Animal welfare charities anticipate a huge rise in abandoned horses, like Wish, over the coming months.**



Wish found her forever home after eight years with the charity.



Wish, loving life in her new foster home.

If you'd like to speak to a member of our team about granting a wish and a promise, call us on 01427 788 464 or visit [BransbyHorses.co.uk/How-To-Help](https://www.bransbyhorses.co.uk/How-To-Help)



# Sponsorship stars

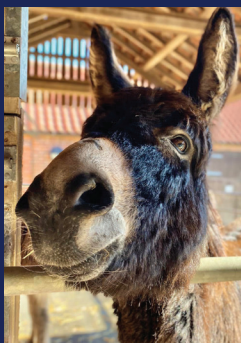
Nobody enjoys a trip to the dentist and **Woody** has been very brave recently as he had a tooth extracted. He worked really hard with his handler, Abbie, and the vet to prepare him for the big day. With his buddy Rascal by his side, he was the perfect patient! His recovery went swimmingly so he's now back out with the herd where he is loving the attention he gets from two-legged friends passing by.



With the donkeys moved into the barn over the colder months, **Domino** was a little bit of a Grinch over the Christmas period, so went on regular walks with his brother Nero, to help lift his spirits. He's been enjoying a lot of enrichment, including sticks, bananas, hay balls and field time with the other donkey boys. Enrichment items are purchased by supporters from our Amazon Wish List and provide our residents with hours of fun.



**Nipper** has been his usual cheeky self and has also enjoyed playing with all his toys from supporters. However, sometimes the simplest things keep him amused and recently, this has been an old welly that he likes to play tug of war with the other boys. He still loves looking at himself in the mirror but his narcissism is forgiven, since we all agree he is very handsome.



The girls have had some new brush heads put on the barn walls for enrichment. **Matilda** has made use of them to scratch her bottom with, saving our teams a job! She's loved playing with the straw/hay balls and has worked out how to move them about with her front legs. We think she's rather clever, but you won't catch us telling her this — she already has the biggest ego in the herd!



Our Sponsorship Stars have continued to keep our visitors and teams entertained throughout the spring. The donkeys have enjoyed playing with the items donated by our generous supporters from our Amazon Wish List. In addition, they've all had their wormers and behaved well, despite it not being their favourite thing to have done! Our horses and ponies have welcomed new friends, enjoyed regular walks around site and also received some medical attention, all of which you can read about below. You can sponsor any of our fabulous Sponsorship Stars from just £3 per month - please call us or visit [BransbyHorses.co.uk/sponsor](http://BransbyHorses.co.uk/sponsor)



Scan this QR code to find out more about our Sponsorship Stars' Wish List.



Little **Pecan** has been busy training our teams on correct trailer use for loading and unloading. When he's not showing us how to do things properly, he's munching on hay every chance he gets - morning, noon and night!

**Honour** has welcomed friends Squirrel and Misty to her group, although Honour is very much still in charge! She's been enjoying the winter sun at the bottom of the field but always has a keen eye when she sees any two-legged handler approaching, making a beeline for her handful of fibre with her hoof supplement in.



**Womble** is enjoying his regular walks with best friend Rodney and revelling in his new found fame as a Sponsorship Star. He's been doing well with his weight management and didn't gain too many kilograms on his winter grazing.



**Saratoga** is living his best life in a 27 acre paddock with the rest of the old cob boys. He's rocking a lovely haircut that was done with cordless clippers that were very kindly gifted to us. He certainly has a spring in his step and isn't shy about getting involved in the rough and tumble with the other boys. He's always first at the gate to greet the team and doesn't miss a trick if you've got a good snack in your pocket!



To arrange your sponsorship, simply **add your chosen Sponsorship Star to your order form** or give our friendly team a call on 01427 788 464.



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**.





## An advocate for animals

**Long-term supporter of Bransby Horses, Christine Mason, sadly passed away in January 2021, yet her legacy lives on thanks to the £5,000 gift she left us in her Will.**

A true advocate for animal welfare all her life, Christine's generous legacy provided vital funding when our fundraising income was at an all-time low due to site closures and lack of community events as a result of the pandemic. Christine's gift enabled us to continue with our rescue and welfare work during a time of instability for the charity – a lifeline in a time of need.

Christine was born in Birmingham in 1935, and showed a passion for animals early on, owning several pets from childhood. She rescued a series of lurchers and greyhounds from appalling conditions throughout her life, and provided them with a secure and loving home to spend the rest of their lives.

Despite having a busy career working for Cadbury's Bournville Factory and later working as a lecturer with Birmingham City Council, Christine's passion for animals only grew with

time. She also joined several established animal welfare organisations and proved to be an outstandingly effective fundraiser, helping to raise thousands for various charities over the years.

Christine even set up her own charity, Canine Friends, and carried out car boot sales, raffles and open garden days at her house with help from friends and family. The funds Christine raised were distributed between various animal charities near and far, including Bransby Horses and a charity which aims to stop the use of bile bears in Asia.

Sadly, Christine's final years were marred by vascular dementia, but her love of animals never wavered and even after her passing, she left instructions for her estate to be divided between several animal charities, including ours.

The gift Christine left to Bransby Horses means her legacy will always live on as she helps us to provide a second chance to so many equines in need. You too can Create Your Legacy and help shape the charity's future for generations to come, just like Christine.

**Three out of every four equines at Bransby Horses are cared for by legacy funding.** To request more info, call us on 01427 788 464 or visit [BransbyHorses.co.uk/legacy](https://BransbyHorses.co.uk/legacy)

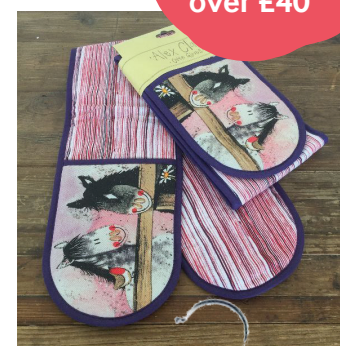
# Spring/Summer GIFT GUIDE

Welcome to your spring/summer Bransby Horses' Gift Guide which contains products that we've hand-picked especially for you! Our shop exists to support the enormously vital work that helps horses like Phantom and Wish - they are just two examples of the many cases that we're called to help with in the community and across the country every single day.

By purchasing from us, as well as donating, you are playing an important role in our ongoing mission and we're always so humbled at your generosity. So please, as you browse through these pages, remember that you are not only treating yourself or a loved one to a beautiful gift, you are helping to pay for the care these gentle and beautiful creatures so rightfully deserve.

You may notice that the order form has been removed from the back pages of this magazine; however, this can be found attached to your free address labels, included separately. You can also order online at [BransbyHorses.co.uk/shop](https://BransbyHorses.co.uk/shop).

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**Online orders will be entered into a prize draw to win a hamper worth £50 RRP!**

Promotions apply to orders of products placed before 30th June 2022 and whilst stocks last. Minimum spend value does not include lottery ticket sales. Hamper prize draw entry applies to orders placed through [BransbyHorses.co.uk/shop](https://BransbyHorses.co.uk/shop) only. Draw to take place 10th July 2022. Winner will be notified by telephone. Statutory rights not affected.



# For the home

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10 x 7 x 10cm. Gift boxed. Wide rimmed and perfect for dunkin a biscuit or two! **£6.95** - Code: GTMG0053

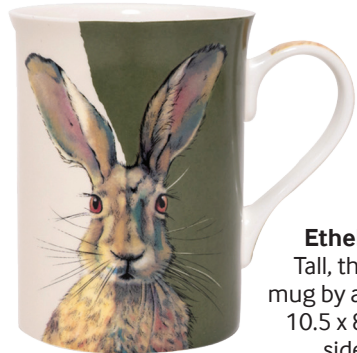


## Poppy Fields Drinks Bottle

500ml stainless steel reusable drinks bottle in a cheerful summer poppy design.

**£8.50**

Code: HWTW0096



## Ethel Hare Gift Mug

Tall, thin-rimmed china mug by artist Anna Danielle. 10.5 x 8cm. Printed both sides and handle.

**£9.95** - Code: GTMG0076

## Four Hooves Tea Towel

Heart-warming and meaningful design - an absolute must for horse lovers. 50% cotton, 50% recycled materials. 50cm x 70cm.

**£6.95** - Code: HWTW0093



Doggies and moggies!



## Tea Towel

45 X 65 cm.

100%

cotton with

hanging tag.

**£7.50**

Doggies

Code: HWTW0106

Moggies

Code: HWTW0107



## Bee Keeper Apron

Cheerful sunshine yellow colour with a pop of teal and fuschia on a natural oat background. 100% cotton apron with adjustable straps. **£16.95** - Code: HWAP0027

## Bee Keeper Oven Gloves

100% cotton outer, 100% polyester wadding, CE marked double oven glove. **£12.95** - Code: HWOG0025

## Bee Keeper Tea Towel

48 x 74cm 100% cotton **£7.50** - Code: HWTW0101



Multi-use



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Thank you

Your unwanted items, rugs, tack and gifts can be sold to raise money to help us help more animals in need. Send them with the correct postage to us at **Donated Goods, Bransby Horses, Bransby, Lincoln, LN1 2PH.**





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Vegan leather

### Wrendale

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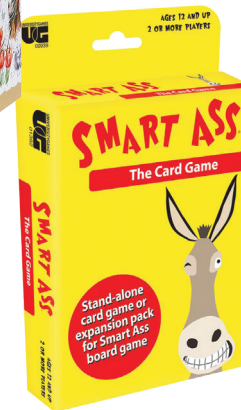
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Create an important ecosystem in your garden with this wooden butterfly and bee hotel. *Cunninghamia lanceolata* and bamboo. With hanging loop. 11 x 19 x 26cm  
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**amazon wishlist**

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## Luxury Food

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**Clotted Cream Shortbread with Strawberry Drum**  
200g drum of delicious shortbread with strawberry pieces.  
£5.95 - Code: GTFD0167



**Mini Chocolate Chip Cookies Tin**  
Metal tin filled with delightful mini chocolate chip cookies. 150g.  
£6.95 - Code: GTFD0165



**Fudge/Toffee Assortment Box**  
Clotted cream fudge and toffee box. 300g.  
£5.95 - Code: GTFD0166



**Mint Humbug Candy Box**  
125g box of family favourite mint humbug sweets.  
£3.50 - Code: GTFD0168



**Taste of Summer Hamper**  
A beautiful hamper with 114g blossom honey, 114g plum preserve and a 200g drum of clotted cream shortbread. £14.95 - Code: GTFD0169

Vegetarian

## Stationery

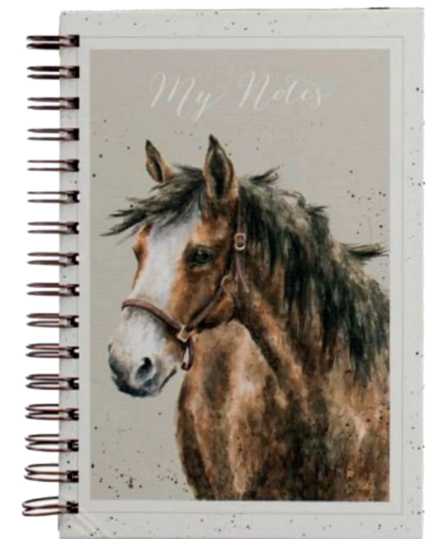


**Notebook**  
21cm x 15cm x 1cm.  
196 lined pages.  
Soft backed with elasticated cord.  
£7.50

**Coco the Cat**  
Code: STPD0148  
**Dunes Dog**  
Code: STPD0149



**Bracken and Mae Slant Pad**  
Handy A6 slant pad featuring our very own Bracken and Mae. 150 leaves. 10.5 x 15cm.  
£3.95 - Code: STPD0110



**Spirit Spiral Notebook**  
A5 spiral-bound hard back notebook. 180 lined and illustrated pages with elastic close.  
£7.50 - Code: STPD0084



**Horses Note Cube**  
Colourful design on all 4 sides. Over 800 sheets of sustainably sourced white 80gsm paper in each cube. With an integrated pencil/pen hole. Size 9x9x9cm.  
£7.95 - Code: STPD0150



## Stationery



### Greeting Card Set

This set includes 10 beautifully illustrated cards in two designs per pack. Each card is blank for your own message. 15 x 15 cm.

**£3.95**

Code: CRGC0034

### Lyanna Magnetic Shopping Pad

Magnetic shopping list pad features our beautiful 'Lyanna' born in 2021. 9.5 x 21cm. 50 leaves.

**£3.95**

Code: STPD0111



### Weekly Planner Pad

Handy weekly planner in our own design to keep you organised. 60 leaves. 21cm x 30cm.

**£6.50**

Code: STPD0151



### Stationery Set

This six-piece stationery set includes a jute and cotton branded pouch, bamboo ruler, wooden sharpener, eraser, pencil and ball pen with blue ink.

**£6.95** - Code: STGN0022



### 2022 Calendar

A beautiful tear-off postcard calendar featuring some of our rescued residents. 32 x 17.3cm.

**£2.95** - Code: GTCL0018

## We've received more private rescue requests in the first three months of the year than the whole of 2021

So far this year we've seen a huge rise in calls from horse owners struggling to afford the upkeep of their animals.

In 2021 our Welfare Team, who work on the front line of equine welfare for Bransby Horses, explained they'd taken 108 calls from members of the public wanting advice on

what to do as they could no longer keep their horse; 22 of these were direct requests to take over the

ownership of their horses.

Welfare Manager, Rachel Jenkinson, explained: "We're concerned that the rise in living costs is having an

impact on many horse owners. By March this year,

we'd already been contacted by more than 25 people asking us to take their horses in."

This figure has already exceeded the same number of requests received by the team in the entire 12 months of 2021. Half of those wanting the charity to take ownership of their horse said they needed to give them up due to financial reasons.

"During the pandemic there was an increased demand for

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*Thank you*

Without you, we simply wouldn't be here. Your generosity, kind words and thoughtful encouragement is always received with heartfelt gratitude.



horses and ponies, so we're aware there are more privately owned horses in homes. Now we suspect the value of a horse may decline as the costs to keep them increase," Rachel continued.

"We urge any owner who is concerned about their horse or struggling financially, to get in touch with us to help before it becomes a problem. We may not be able to assist with taking over ownership due to our vital and primary role in urgent cases and the ongoing care of horses we rescue, but we can offer advice and support to ensure the best result for the horse."

Our role is to engage with owners to resolve issues through advice, support and education, **we do not judge people's circumstances**; we're here to help and to improve the welfare of equines and to ensure the best outcome for everyone.

Sadly however, we cannot always prevent abandonment and we, like many other animal welfare organisations, anticipate numbers to increase dramatically due to the cost of living crisis over the coming months. If you need our support, please get in touch today.

We **wish** our services weren't needed but we **promise** to be there when they are. With your support, we can continue to rescue more abandoned horses, make journey's like **Wish's** come true (p.10) and **promise** to support horses and their owners in their time of need.

**"There are more than 7,000 horses on charities' radar as being at risk of neglect or abandonment." - Britain's Horse Problem Report, 2020.**

**This number is set to rise in 2022.**

**Now more than ever before, the need for our charity's existence is growing. Without your help, we can't be there for horses and their owners who need our support and advice.**

**We understand that the current economic climate is impacting us all, so here are a few different ways you can help us.**



These neglected horses were removed from their owner who received a temporary ban from keeping horses.

*Support*

You can drop off donated goods or post items we can sell to raise money. Quality **donated items** are sold in our on site charity shop or in our eBay store at [ebay.co.uk/str/bransbyhorses](https://ebay.co.uk/str/bransbyhorses)

# Want to *help?*

## Make a *Wish* and a *Promise*

Could you spare less than the price of a coffee per month? A regular £2 donation would mean we can promise to be there for abandoned equines in the future. Please use the direct debit form on the back of your letter or call us on 01427 788 464.



## Can you give £5 towards our Polytunnel Appeal?

We have identified a need for 21 polytunnels across our two sites costing £35,700. We use polytunnels in our fields to provide shelter in all weather and encourage natural behaviour amongst our herd animals. Polytunnels are easier to maintain than fixed, wooden shelters and can be moved around more easily if required e.g. due to changing wind direction. During 2021 we became aware of areas that needed more shelter in some fields, offering a natural area for horses to live in their herds. **If you would like to give what you can towards this project, please add your donation to the Polytunnel Appeal box on your order form.**

## Donated Goods

Are you having a spring clean at home or perhaps your livery yard? If you live within a 2 hour radius of Lincoln, we can support in collecting higher value items or larger donations of pre-loved goods. You can also drop them off during opening hours or post them to us.

We are looking for:

- Baskets – wicker, hampers etc.
- Outer clothing and boots – coats, gilets, hoodies, branded wellies, walking boots, riding boots, etc.
- Bric-a-brac • Books • Rug & tack

Unfortunately we cannot accept riding hats or body protectors. **By giving a donation of goods, you're helping us to raise funds through our onsite charity shop and online eBay store.**



*Thank you*

There are so many additional ways you can help us. For inspiration, please visit [BransbyHorses.co.uk/How-To-Help](https://BransbyHorses.co.uk/How-To-Help) Thank you.



**When lockdown forced us to close in 2021, Christine helped with our essential and routine equine care, paying for 111 animals to have their routine dental exams.**



Animal lover Christine passed away in January 2021.

Christine kindly remembered Bransby Horses in her Will. Gifts in Wills help us rescue and care for hundreds of equines every single year.

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