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to yearling

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Welcome to your Spring/Summer issue!

Your continued support has had a huge impact on our work over the last 12 months. As rising costs are affecting us all, your support has helped us to navigate new challenges and continue to transform the lives of equines together. Some of those horses we have helped together feature in this issue and we hope that by sharing their stories, you understand just how much of a difference we all make.

The past year has presented us with many challenges; not only have we seen a rise in demand for our rescue and welfare services, like many of us we are also managing the rising costs of everyday items we need to continue our work.

Over the past few years we have developed a Rescue Support Team who have been invaluable to us throughout this period, enabling us to increase the number of rescues we attended, along with providing additional help, skills or equipment in a variety of emergency situations.

This issue covers our latest news and information on the current equine welfare situation in the UK, as well as fascinating insights, updates and of course, heart-warming stories from across all areas of the charity.

We feature some lovely new products in our latest Gift Guide and online shop; profits from the sale of these items of course go towards the costs of the everyday items needed to care for our four-legged friends. You can also support us by playing the Bransby Horses lottery – find out more on page 12.

You have shown us that even during the most challenging times, together we can be there for equines and their carers when they need us most; whether we're providing life-saving medical care, essential rehabilitation or finding their Perfect Partner.

Thank you so much for your generous and continuing support. I hope you enjoy this issue and look forward to updating you again in a few months' time.

Jo Snell, CEO



A Winter Review

Winter is always a busy time for equine charities – as we experience colder weather, there's additional work to do to keep our equines healthy and happy, both onsite and in the community. The winter presents its own set of challenges, but this didn't deter our efforts.

By the end of 2022, we'd rescued 150 equines, rehomed 115, had 283 onsite here in Lincolnshire and exceeded 600 equines in foster homes around the UK. The number of welfare visits increased and we saw a total of 1,361 equines last year – a rise of 88% from 2021. This plus the additional 31 rescue missions that our Rescue Support Team were able to attend further increased our figures and ability to help more equines who needed our intervention.

We rely on the UK postal service to support our day-to-day activity and the impact of the strikes at the end of 2022 proved challenging. Some lab samples that are sent externally are an essential part of our admission procedure and the clinical care we provide. As a result, we increased the use of our onsite lab for testing, proving its vital use for our veterinary teams as also mentioned (see page 8), as well as

setting up our very own temporary courier service out of necessity!

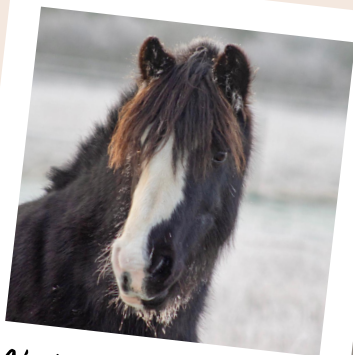
We were delighted to join a new group set up by the National Equine Welfare Council to collaborate with other like-minded organisations to have a greater impact on equine welfare through increased joint communications. Our work with the RSPCA continued in earnest, with ongoing cases we plan to share with you in time.

Our increasing collaborations with other animal welfare charities are an extremely important part of our mission, as Executive Director of Equine Welfare, Emma Carter, explains: "Bransby Horses will always support other charities across the UK. Whether we are able to share our expertise,

specialist equipment or take in equines from a rescue situation, we will always work to achieve the best outcome."



Our onsite lab



Winter is a busy time for us

2022 in numbers

**1,361 equines
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in foster homes**

We'll be attending Seamer and Peterborough Horse Fairs this year to provide **non-judgemental advice and guidance on equine welfare**, as well as on-hand welfare expertise at Appleby to the owners and carers of hundreds of horses and ponies in attendance. Find out more about our work on our website.

Without us, they don't have a voice

In 2022, we rescued 150 equines; many had been abandoned or were suffering from neglect. We saw a huge demand for private admissions last year too – these are owners who want to sign their horse over to us because they can no longer look after them. **We received 168 requests in total compared to 2021 when we received just 22.**

Whilst we urge any owner who is concerned about their horse or struggling financially to get in touch with us so we can help before it becomes a problem, we may not be able to assist with taking over ownership. We always want to ensure the best outcome for the horse and their carer, offering advice and support to help achieve this.


We were contacted by Leicestershire Police about three young cobs left on a farmer's field. The ponies had no microchips and the owner

could not be traced. All of their feet were in desperate need of attention and they all had matted coats and coughs. We named the trio Huey, Dewey and Louie.

Dewey was so young - about eight months old - and required urgent treatment for worms. She was the most timid and was eventually moved to our specialist handling yard where we are still working to help build her confidence with humans. Dewey is improving all of the time, but her journey will be a long one.

A joint rescue with the RSPCA in Lincolnshire concluded last year with a woman being sent to prison for 20 weeks and banned from keeping animals after she was found guilty of neglecting the needs of 13 equines.

At this local rescue, we took in all 13 equines that were discovered onsite, but a few weeks



Without you,
we can't be there
for ponies like Huey,
Dewey, Louie and
Hobbit - thank you
for your ongoing
support

later we were alerted to more horses at the same property.

When we returned to investigate, we discovered three more in a field. As no owner came forward and with the landowner not possessing the skills or knowledge to care for them, they were signed over into our care.

One of the horses, Hobbit, had feet in such poor condition that she was in a lot of pain. Hobbit and her two companions were given immediate treatment for their conditions and are recovering well.

Dewey and Hobbit's stories represent just a tiny snapshot of why our work is so important. **Without us, they don't have a voice and without you, we can't be there for ponies like Dewey and Hobbit.**

We provide advice, assistance, rescue and rehabilitation to horses and their carers - and in order to do this, we must continue to raise vital funds to support our work. Thank you to each and every one of you who continue to support us each year. We simply would not exist without you.



Dewey required urgent treatment for worms



Dewey now



Hobbit now



Hobbit's feet were in such a poor condition, she was in a lot of pain

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.**

FROM FOALS TO (ALMOST) YEARLINGS: Meet our youngest residents



The foals are
Forever Safe after
their mothers were
rescued in a
large-scale rescue
operation involving
multiple charities



New life in the form of three beautiful foals brought a joyful sight to Bransby Horses last spring. When five Welsh ponies came to us as part of a large-scale rescue operation involving a number of leading equine charities, little did we know three bundles of joy would be arriving shortly afterwards.

40 ponies were rescued in total, with some going to World Horse Welfare – who led the collaborative rescue effort – the Blue Cross and HAPPA, following the sudden death of their owner. Bransby Horses took four mares (three of whom were in foal) and a young stallion. Just weeks later, a chestnut colt (male) foal was born to mum Periwinkle in March (2022) – we named him Cobalt.

Animal Reception Centre Team Leader, Lauren, who was initially in charge of the new



Periwinkle
and Cobalt



Tawny and Rusty



Auburn and Coral

arrivals, said: "Periwinkle was an amazing mother – she managed to strike the perfect balance between being protective but was also very happy to let us handle her baby."

Interestingly Cobalt's colour soon changed from a red chestnut to a mottled grey (or roan) – which is quite normal with grey horses who are often born a dark colour and become lighter as they mature.

Around a month later, Rusty (male) arrived and then Coral (female). It was touch and go for Coral who was born prematurely to Auburn and consequently spent the first few months of her life between the veterinary hospital and Bransby Horses.

Lauren said: "Coral became very dependent on us from a young age and would spend a lot of time sleeping on her own while mum wandered off to graze. She had an episode where she was hard to rouse from sleep, which gave us all a scare.

"Because of this, she has now formed a strong bond with humans and always greets us with a nicker (a soft noise horses make to greet each

other). And Auburn has always been very relaxed and trusting of us with Rusty."

Meanwhile Tawny - the eldest of the mares - gave birth to a healthy colt foal named Rusty. Equine Welfare Assistant, Mia, who was Tawny's main handler when she first arrived, said: "From not being able to get anywhere near her and having to herd her into a stable (due to her experience before arriving into the charity's care), we can now catch her safely and lead her around the yard to be weighed and groomed.

"It's been a really long process to gain her trust but we are heading in the right direction."

With Tawny being so nervous, it was important for the team to gain Rusty's trust early on. Lauren said: "We quickly got him into a routine of coming into the stable with Tawny where we would just stand in with them both and allow Rusty to explore us in his own time whilst rewarding Tawny with food for letting us interact with him."

As the foals have grown older and more independent, their needs to have changed too.

Main Yard Team Leader, Hayley, said: "Having moved here to begin their handling, they've all learnt how to wear head collars and be led in and out of the field. They've also been taken for walks around the farm with their mothers and learnt how to stand for the farrier.

"Rusty and Cobalt are very independent and will go off away from their mums in the field to play with each other. They've had two older geldings (older male horses which have been castrated) introduced to them during the day to learn some social skills and herd manners."

As for Coral, she's had another mare introduced to her herd for play time and herd manners, and is very confident (some might even say bossy) so we're planning to find another older mare to introduce to her who won't let Coral boss them around!

The foals are all now on the verge of their first birthday and becoming yearlings, which is comparable to early adolescence in humans. They'll spend the next year of their lives learning more skills and maturing into young ponies.

Without regular donations from you, we wouldn't have been able to guarantee these ponies and their unborn foals a home for life. **Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making this possible.**

Quite possibly the best job in the world

Navigating the emergency and everyday veterinary needs here at Bransby Horses is a big responsibility.

In 2018 we made the bold move to create an in-house veterinary department with a laboratory and pharmacy to improve our care provision.

The lab was one of the first steps, followed by a qualified veterinary nurse, two part-time and one full-time equine vets.

Executive Director of Equine Welfare, Emma Carter, said: "Before this we had vets visit from outside the

organisation, which was great, but having an in-house team means we can respond much more quickly to the needs of equines in our care.

"An onsite lab means we can get results within hours and respond immediately with treatment for what are often very sick horses, giving them a much better chance of survival.

"Having the lab and vet team puts us in a very privileged position as a charity. Many horses we are seeing now need long-term vet care for quite

complex conditions, which we wouldn't have been able to provide if we hadn't made these changes.

"It's great we're now able to maintain a very high standard of care for the equines we see both in the short and long-term."

Our Lead Clinician, Lara Gosling, has been with us now for just over three years. Lara said: "I feel very privileged to be at Bransby Horses. Many of the horses we see have complex issues that I wouldn't have seen before coming to the charity."

Lead Clinician,
Lara Gosling



A vet treating a privately owned equine may only see the animal once or twice a year but at Bransby Horses, our vets get to work with them on a daily basis. This means they can pick up on things that need immediate attention and horses that are difficult to handle or afraid of the vet can be given more time to adjust. Our vets will often spend time with them before any treatment is given, to make the experience less stressful.

Lara said: "We are able to take our time with the horses because there is no rush for them to do anything within a certain timeframe, so we can be selective about when and what we ask the horse to do."

"Of course working here can be emotionally draining with great highs and crashing lows. But we all feel very privileged to be here knowing we are making a positive difference to the lives of the equines in our care."

She added: "What I love most about working here is knowing every time we get a rescue animal in, it will be given the best treatment possible – even if that horse has to be put to sleep, we know we have done the absolute best for it."

"It's very sad when an animal is put to sleep, but it's important not to forget that sometimes the best thing for

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an animal is to end its suffering. I feel very privileged to be able to make those decisions for them, knowing they've had the very best care in their final days and may possibly have been more comfortable in the short time they were with us, than they have ever been."

We are one of just three

equine welfare charities in the UK with our own veterinary team and this was only made possible thanks to donations from supporters like you. Without your generous support, we would not be able to continue providing essential veterinary treatment for the horses in our care.

To support our work with a regular gift, please complete the enclosed direct debit form, call us on 01427 788 464 or visit BransbyHorses.co.uk/donate



THE LEGACY OF *John and Jackie*

Legacies are a lifeline to Bransby Horses, with 69% of our income coming from Wills. This is enough to fund the care of 3 in every 4 horses, ponies, donkeys or mules each year. Whether we have been a memorable place to visit with family or something more, it is always very special to us to be remembered in this way.

John and Jackie made their decision to create a gift in their Will and through their first-hand experience of fostering a companion horse, they understand the value that their lasting legacy makes.

Jackie explained: "We have supported Bransby Horses for more than 30 years. When our horse Ben died at the age of 32, we decided to foster a companion pony from Bransby Horses for Charlie, our remaining horse.

"We had seen first-hand the care and dedication given to every equine that comes to the charity. We have also fostered Bransby Cadfael (aka Timmy) for six years and he has brought us so much pleasure.

"We decided to leave a legacy to Bransby Horses some years before. Having the privilege of sharing part of

our lives with Timmy, it was even more important to us to be able to support other equines like him in the future.

"Every equine is given the very best chance of a secure and happy future, whether it be with a fosterer or at Bransby Horses itself. That is very important to us."

If, like John and Jackie, you have left or are planning to create your legacy for Bransby Horses, we would love to hear from you and thank you in person – please contact us on 0147 788 464 or email legacyofficer@bransbyhorses.co.uk

Create Your Legacy

Take advantage of our new **free Will service** - call our friendly team on 01427 788 464 or visit BransbyHorses.co.uk/legacy for more info!

Heart-breaking loss of a very special resident

We are sad to announce the heart-breaking loss of our retired police horse, Saratoga.

The 16.2hh chestnut warmblood was euthanased under veterinary advice due to a long-standing lameness issue.

A retired Metropolitan Mounted Police Horse, he had been with us for over five years and was one of our much loved Sponsorship Stars.

Our Senior Press Officer, Maria Thompson, said: "We are absolutely heartbroken to have lost the wonderful Saratoga. When he came to us he had been retired due to poor health so it's credit to all those who've looked after him that he had so many happy years with us.

"He arrived after a short career with the police as we were able to provide the specialist care he needed. Saratoga thoroughly enjoyed his retirement with us and we have many

happy memories of him. It's an honour for us as a charity to be able to offer these beautiful working horses a happy retirement."

Saratoga arrived at Bransby Horses in 2017 with complications, including a stifle (the large joint at the top of the hind leg) injury and sensitive skin that needed careful management. He lived with fellow Sponsorship Star, Woody and former police horse, Steele.

Saratoga was acquired by the police in 2015 as a four-year-old to be trained for the mounted branch of the Met's police officers. Sadly, soon into his career he became lame and a ligament tear in his stifle was discovered.

Saratoga's laid back and sweet nature made him a firm favourite with all who met him and he will be greatly missed.

Saratoga's handsome headshot for his Sponsorship supporters



Saratoga enjoys a walk with his handlers



Saratoga made many happy memories at Bransby Horses. We will all miss him so much

IT COULD BE YOU

Our lottery is a great opportunity to donate to your favourite charity and be in with the chance of winning £2,000.

Play for as little as £1 per ticket and you could win anything from £50 to £250, £500 or even £2,000.

With more and more equines needing our help, the extra funds generated by our twice yearly lottery help us to continue to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome as many of them as we can. Such as the 13

horses we discovered on a farm in Lincolnshire in 2022 who were being kept in unsuitable conditions with little or no food and in desperate need of veterinary attention.

Sadly one young colt was in so much pain and discomfort, a vet at the scene

advised he should be put to sleep to prevent him from further suffering. The remaining 12 are now safe in our care for the rest of their lives, including Chamberlain (pictured).

It's only thanks to your donations and the funds raised through our lotteries that we are able to continue to be there for equines in need of our help.

Over the last
two years the
lottery has raised
£340,000

Play Our Lottery Today



All lottery tickets purchased need to be filled in with your name, full address and phone number. Tickets arriving with us after the closing date cannot be entered, so please make sure to post the tickets back to us in good time.

To be in with a chance of winning in our July lottery, tickets should be sent to us at Bransby Horses, Bransby, Lincolnshire, LN1 2PH by 21st June 2023. Contact us if you would like more tickets sent out to you.



Chamberlain before



Chamberlain recovered well and has now found his Perfect Partner on our rehoming scheme

Abandoned Pony *Blossoms Into* Beautiful Best Friend

Last issue we introduced you to Phantom, a pony we rescued along with 160 abandoned horses from Bodmin Moor in 2016 and 2017.

All of the feral ponies were scared, hungry, in a poor state of health, untouched by human hands and in need of urgent medical treatment.

Beautiful Blossom, an 11.3hh bay pony, was amongst 10 mares who arrived from the rescue in 2017. She was barely two years old. Despite being understandably wary, Blossom's kind nature was evident from the start.

After months of medical treatment and specialist training, made possible only by many kind donations, Blossom was ready to learn how to trust and enjoy human company.

Farm Manager, Stef Leversedge, who was involved in Blossom's rehabilitation said: "Although she had very little experience of humans, Blossom's willing, kind nature shone through from the very beginning.

"This helped with her acceptance of veterinary procedures and assessment for rehoming."

When Blossom was ready, she was placed on the Perfect Partner rehoming scheme as a 'Companion with Potential', which meant she was initially a non-ridden companion pony. With the right training, could possibly become a ridden pony - and that's exactly what happened. Fast forward to today and Blossom now shares a paddock with fellow Bransby Horses foster pony, Elvis, and Blossom is now helping to teach her new friend (Tracy's granddaughter) how to ride.

Blossom's Perfect Partner, Tracy said: "I am so delighted to have our Bransby Horses ponies. They have brought us so much joy but best of all, I believe Elvis and Blossom are

happy, as much as a human can tell anyway."

Our successful Perfect Partner rehoming scheme offers some of our equines the chance to enjoy life in a carefully selected foster home, whilst freeing up time and space at the charity for the rescue and rehabilitation of more animals in need of our help.

It's thanks to our amazing fosterer's and your financial support that we can continue helping more ponies like Blossom every single day.

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Reporting a horse in need

As an equine welfare charity, our aim is to relieve the stress and suffering of horses. Through our influence, knowledge and presence in the animal welfare arena, we positively impact the lives of equines.

Many cases we're involved with are brought to our attention by people who suspect there's a problem and call our dedicated welfare phone line.

Will had not reported a case before, but when he became concerned for a horse that lived in a field near his home, he knew Bransby Horses would help.

Will said: "I had known Denzel for a long time as he had lived nearby for about 10 years.

"I visited him regularly and there were a few problems. I left notes for his owners but when things started to get bad I called the welfare line at Bransby Horses. A member of the team came out to Denzel and shortly after, when they had secured permission for a legal removal, he was taken into their care."

Although Will had no experience of looking after equines, he knew Denzel had not been receiving the attention and care he needed.



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Denzel was severely overweight, lived alone, was without water for long periods of time and was not regularly checked.

It came to light that another villager had also noticed and as a result, had been feeding him, causing the horse to gain so much weight that he developed a painful foot condition called laminitis.

Although well-meaning, this act of kindness actually made Denzel dangerously ill and that's when Will decided to give us a call.

He said: "Denzel was taken to Bransby Horses and I was able to visit him there and see him progress."

The experience was to become life-changing for Will, who went on to volunteer with us.

"If it hadn't been for Denzel, I would never have found Bransby Horses or be involved in volunteering for them. Without saying a word Denzel taught me everything about what is important in life."

Denzel lived at Bransby Horses for many years where he was loved, given the attention and correct care that all animals deserve, but has since sadly passed away. **His impact on Will however, will last a lifetime.**

"I feel the plight of horses is overlooked far too easily. I feel like people don't always see their struggles in the same way they do for cats and dogs.

"I hope more people visit or support Bransby Horses and see for themselves what amazing animals they are."

Sadly equine welfare cases are happening everyday across the UK. Whilst we do not have the authority to remove an equine from their owner, we can if needed, work with the relevant authorities to try and do so. Through knowledge, learning and advice we work collaboratively to influence and change attitudes to responsible equine ownership to ensure that all horses have a life worth living.

If you have any welfare concerns, we are available to

speak to in confidence via email, phone or online.

Welfare Manager, Rachel Jenkinson, said: "This is just one example of the work we do every day. Fortunately Denzel was rescued but sadly many others don't receive the support they need.

"We would encourage anyone with a concern about a horse, pony, donkey or mule whether it's their own or belongs to someone else, to call our welfare phone line. A small proportion of the animals we see end up in our care, as we would always prefer to find a solution that works for the owner and the horse. No call is a waste of time." **Call us on 01427 787 369 or visit [BransbyHorses.co.uk/welfare](https://www.BransbyHorses.co.uk/welfare)**



Denzel (pictured on arrival) was severely overweight

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Currently under UK law, owners, carers or keepers of equines have a duty to ensure they are meeting five essential needs with the care of their animals.

Scan the QR code to find out more



Sponsorship *stars*

What a winter our Stars had to go through! With the icy weather ruling the winter months, it was so important to be able to protect them from the very cold temperatures. We could not have provided cosy rugs and enough hay for the donkeys' barn without the help of you, our supporters, so thank you! Some of our Stars needed special medical treatment and extra visits from the dentist too, all of which was made possible thanks to the funds generated through their sponsorship.



Nipper

Matilda's little brother has had a rough few weeks over the winter. **Nipper** had a very swollen eye possibly caused by playing too roughly with the boys. After a trip to the hospital with best friend Fagin for a few days, he's thankfully back to dragging the team on walks, irritating the other donkeys with wellies and ropes to play with, and eyeing up what mischief he can get involved in.



Woody

Womble and best friend Rodney had a dentist appointment, something Womble really dislikes, like most of us probably do! He has a few diastemas (gaps between teeth) which means he may have to see the dentist more often in future. While he was sedated, he received a little clip too. Clipping off some of the winter coat is a way to allow horses to naturally lose some weight, which is something Womble struggles with.



Womble

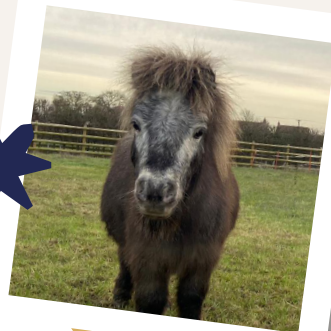
Woody enjoyed spending the winter with his herd. Despite him being a very happy boy, he is still worried and nervous at times. We have accepted that this is unlikely to change at his age and so his handling training is focused on making necessary procedures as stress-free as possible, such as visits from the farrier, vet and dentist. Woody's also getting used to life without his companion, Saratoga.



Matilda

The donkey girls have enjoyed being more snug at the back of the barns during the colder months with regular walks and exercise across the farm. **Matilda** was a great support for her pal Annabelle when she had some X-rays of her feet. Matilda enjoys her walks with the girls, getting a little excited when she knows it's time to go! She continues to keep us on our toes!

Pecan and his Shetland friends have welcomed a few new arrivals to their herd; newly castrated Pom Bear caused a bit of disruption at the start but has settled in well along with Tixy. Pecan and his Shetland pals proved just how strong their bond is by standing their ground and accepting the new arrivals over time.



Pecan



Saratoga

As you may have already read on page 11, **Saratoga** sadly passed away in early 2023. This heart-breaking decision was made after the pain he was suffering from became unmanageable. We can only be comforted by the fact he had a very happy life, first as a police horse and then in his retirement with us. We know you will miss him just as much we do.

Honour is getting along excellently with her fosterer Jennifer and her field companion, Minnie. She loves to be out in the field first thing to enjoy the morning breeze and a good old roll in the mud. Honour has also started a bit of show-ready practising, trotting up and down having a great time in her field.



Honour

Now it's time for the Sponsorship Stars to enjoy the spring and summer seasons! If you wish to get them an enrichment toy to play with this summer...

Scan the QR code to find out more



Stig No Longer in the Dumps

From the uncertain beginnings of surviving on a landfill site to becoming a much-loved and cared for pony – it's fair to say Bransby Horses' Stig has had an adventurous year.

The friendly black and white pony made headlines when he was rescued in Gainsborough in January last year.

The little colt (male) had been spotted wandering around for a few days so concerned staff contacted us to see what could be done.

An abandonment noticed was served and when no one claimed him, we were able to take him in and start him on a rehabilitation programme.

Nine months later and he's set off on a new life in a loving foster home where he is providing companionship to an older horse with one of our fosterers.

Stig's handler at Bransby Horses, Natalia De Benedictis, said: "From the day we started handling and training Stig, he was amazing. He never said no

or proved difficult, he's such a lovely pony that deserves to be loved and cared for."

Stig's fosterer Victoria says he has settled in well with her older horse, Cyril: "I applied to foster a horse from Bransby Horses after my old mare had to be put to sleep. When they rang me and said they had the perfect pony for us I couldn't believe it.

"We had three dates with Stig so we could get to know him and be sure he was right for us and we were right for him. It was love at first sight really. I just thought 'what a cute little pony!'

"He will have a home for life with us and I feel so lucky to be able to give him a new start where he will be pampered and loved forever."

Stig and Cyril live on land behind Victoria's house so she is able to see them from her kitchen window.

To apply to rehome one of our equines, take a look on our website: BransbyHorses.co.uk/available-horses

What the law says about horse ownership

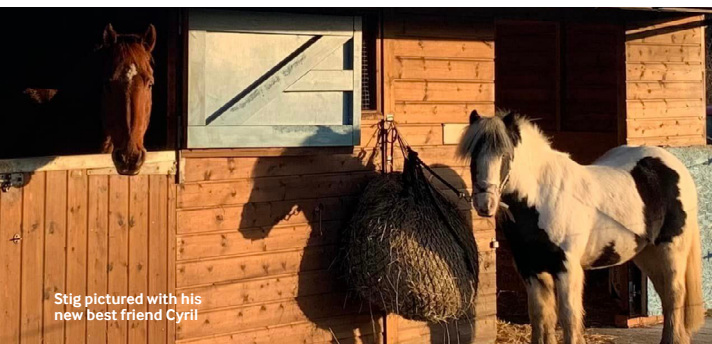
Since 2020 it has been a legal requirement for all equine owners to make sure their horses are microchipped and the details of ownership are up-to-date.

Microchips are important as they allow owners to be traced through the Central Equine Database: EquineRegister.co.uk

We urge all horse owners to make sure their details are up-to-date with the Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO) and the microchip is properly registered to help in the event that the horse is lost or stolen.

An Abandonment Notice runs for four working days and unfortunately, Stig's expired without anyone coming forward. At the end of the notice, the ownership of the animal is legally transferred to the landowner who can then decide what to do with the equine, which can include selling or rehoming them.

If a horse is suspected of being abandoned, the landowner is responsible for providing that animal with adequate food, water, shelter and veterinary care while the owner is found.



Stig pictured with his new best friend Cyril

Spring/Summer GIFT GUIDE



Welcome to your Spring/Summer Bransby Horses Gift Guide. We hope you love the products we have hand picked especially for you. You will have read about Hobbit and Dewey; they're just a small example of the type of welfare issues we see in the community every single day. Our Gift Guide exists to support this enormously vital work that helps to make our world a kind place to be. By purchasing from us, as well as donating, you are playing an important role in our ongoing mission and we are 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 give an equine the care these gentle and beautiful creatures so rightfully deserve.

Thank You

**Spend £50
for free 2nd
class domestic
postage before
30th June 2023**

**Does not
include lottery**



Churchill

Promotions apply to orders of products placed before 30th June 2023 and whilst stocks last. Minimum spend value promotion does not include lottery ticket sales. Statutory rights not affected. Please note we regret we are unable to post food items to overseas addresses outside of the United Kingdom.



Matching
items



Horse & Cow Parsley Mug
Bone China,
printed both
sides and handle.
9cm x 8cm,
400ml capacity.
Dishwasher and
microwave safe.
£9.95
Code: 20500257



Horse & Cow Parsley Notebook
14cm x 10.5cm x 1.7cm,
160 lined pages, elasticated
close, soft-backed.
£7.50 - Code: 21000168

Horse & Cow Parsley Coaster
10cm x 10cm cork backed
with laminated top.
£2.95 - Code: 20500256

Reflections Donkey & Foal Model
18cm x 16cm x 10cm stunning bronzed
model by the Leonardo Collection.
£19.95 - Code: 20500186



Horses Insulated Bottle
Reusable stainless steel
hot & cold double-walled
thermal insulated
drinks bottle. Keeps
cold drinks cold for 24
hours and warm for
12 hours. 530ml.
23cm x 7cm x 7cm
£14.95
Code: 20500227



Horses Coin Purse
PVC & polyester with metal
zip. 9cm x 11cm x 2cm.
£5.95 - Code: 20300157

Free handbag
hand sanitiser
when purchasing
both bottle
and purse

Flower Pot Kneeling Pad

43cm x 23cm x 5cm waterproof garden kneeler, printed both sides.

£23.95 - Code: 20400049

Blue Tit Birdhouse

Blue tit and bluebell design, illustrated on three sides with hanger. Solid wood with weather-proof ink. 25mm hole for blue tit, coal tit and marsh tit. 26.5cm x 19cm x 19cm.

£22.95 - Code: 20400029



Wrendale
favourites

Was £24.95



Woodland Gardening Belt

39cm x 49cm
Strap: 22cm
Polyester & canvas featuring a handy pocket. Plastic free!

£21.95

Code: 20400048



Grown Your Own Urban Garden

3 x packets of seeds, 4 x coconut husk plant pots, 4 x coconut husk compost disks, 4 x wooden plant markers included.

£7.50 - Code: 20400041

Was £9.95



Woodland Gardening Gloves

Finished with an antique brass wren stud, one size. Polyester & canvas.

£14.95

Code: 20400050



Shoponline

By placing your order online or by phone, you'll save the charity vital administration time and money: BransbyHorses.co.uk/shop



Bee Keeper Apron

Cheerful sunshine yellow colour with a pop of fuscia and teal on a natural oat background. 100% cotton with adjustable straps.

£14.95 - Code: 20500004

Was £16.95

Buy all 3
matching
items for
under £35



Was £7.50

Tea Towel

100% cotton with hanging tag by Alex Clark
Art. 45cm x 65cm.

£7.50

Doggies

Code: 20500023

Moggies

Code: 20500024



Bee Keeper Oven Gloves

100% cotton
outer, 100%
polyester wadding.
CE Marked.

£12.95 - Code:
20500030

Bee Keeper Tea Towel

100% cotton
tea towel.
48cm x 74cm.

£6.50

Code: 20500018

Butterfly Purse

Beautiful butterfly 19.5cm x 9.5cm x
2cm PVC wallet purse with credit card
slots and zipped internal coin pouch.

£6.95 - Code: 20300153



Vegetarian



**Donkey Toffee
& Fudge Biscuits**

160g* of delicious toffee
& fudge biscuits in a
stunningly designed drum.
Contains eggs & soya.

£5.95 - Code: 21100140

Vegetarian



**Hare Oats & Honey
Biscuits**

160g* of delicious oats
& honey biscuits in a
stunningly designed drum.
Contains eggs & soya.

£5.95 - Code: 21100139

Fruit Travel Sweets

200g fruit travel sweets
in a reusable tin.

£3.95 - Code: 21100141

Vegan



**Food items are
produced in a
factory that
handles nuts and
other allergens**

**Biscuit drums 160g, previously 200g*

Glasses Case

Anna Danielle artwork, 16cm x 6.5cm x 4cm. Rigid-body,
cream-flocked interior with dark grey cleaning cloth. **£12.50**

Dog - Code: 20300151 **Tabby Cat** - Code: 20300152



More choice

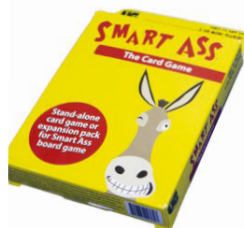
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merchandise, shop online at **BransbyHorses.co.uk/shop**



Paint Your Own Pebbles

Includes all you need for fun crafts on a rainy day 30cm x 20cm x 3cm. Ages 6+.

£6.95 - Code: 20100175



Was **£8.95**

Forest Animals Umbrella

Children's

transparent umbrella

71cm x 71cm x 0.5cm,

£9.95 - Code: 20100174



Smart Ass Family Card Game

This is the game for players who are bursting to scream out the answer, even when it's not their turn!

Ages 12+,
2+ players.

£6.95

Code: 20700026



Viv



Twinkle

Perfect for a
Pudding Fan!
Buy both books
from our website

Pudding's Pals Soft Toy

12.7cm soft toy,
beanie, suitable
for all ages.

£7.95

Twinkle

Code: 20100052

Viv

Code: 20100051

Thank you

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

Hovis' Friday Diary: Laughter, Lameness & Lockdowns
 Paperback, 2020-2021.
 Author: Karen Thompson
£8.95 - Code: 20700019

With a huge Facebook following and a weekly column in Horse and Hound magazine, Hovis' Friday Diaries is a collection of blogs told from the view point of Hovis the hilarious Clydesdale horse, created by Lincolnshire author and friend of Bransby Horses, Karen Thompson. The Hovis' Friday Diary series has been around since 2008 and has generated over £57,000 of revenue for Bransby Horses! All eight books are available to purchase online along with some delightful merchandise bransbyhorses.co.uk/shop



Recommended for age 16+

Hovis' Friday Diary: Parties, Piaffes & Pandemics
 Paperback, 2018-2020,
 Author: Karen Thompson
£8.95 - Code: 20700007



More books & Hovis stationery available on our website



Puddings Picnic Panic Book

Enjoy this latest fictional 36-page story with an important educational message, inspired by real-life events.

£6.95
 Code: 20700020

Please be advised, both of these puzzles have previously featured in our Bransby Life Gift Guide



Buy 2 for £20, saving more than £5

Orchard Farm
 1000 piece happy farm scene jigsaw puzzle.
£12.95 - Code: 20700036

Eggs For Sale
 Countryside scene
 1000 piece puzzle to keep you entertained for hours.
£12.95 - Code: 20700039



Ballpen

Soft-touch navy blue metal ballpen with black ink in presentation box.

£3.95 - Code: 21000136



Wrendale Flower Pot Notecards

4 notecards, 8 correspondence cards, 12 envelopes.

12cm x 12cm

£6.95 - Code: 21000167

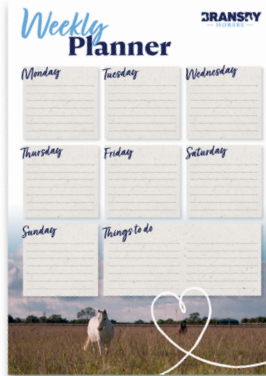


Was £5.95

2023 Calendar

Full-colour postcard calendar featuring equines rescued by Bransby Horses. 32cm x 17.5cm

£3.50 - Code: 21000108



Magnetic Weekly Planner

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

£6.50 - Code: 21000098



Horses Note Cube

800 sheets per cube with pencil hole 9cm x 9cm x 9cm.

£7.95 - Code: 21000097

Wheatstraw Aster Pen

Sustainable wheatstraw pen (no box)

£2.50

Green - Code: 21000169

Blue - Code: 21000171



Lyanna Magnetic Shopping List

Magnetic shopping list pad features our beautiful Lyanna as a foal. 9.5cm x 21cm. 50 leaves.

£3.95 - Code: 21000061



Bransby Horses' very own **Pudding** is back with another thrilling adventure!

A cheerful family on a carefree picnic meet Pudding in a mischievous mood...what could possibly go wrong?

Will Pudding be strong enough to recover from the trickiest of picnics?

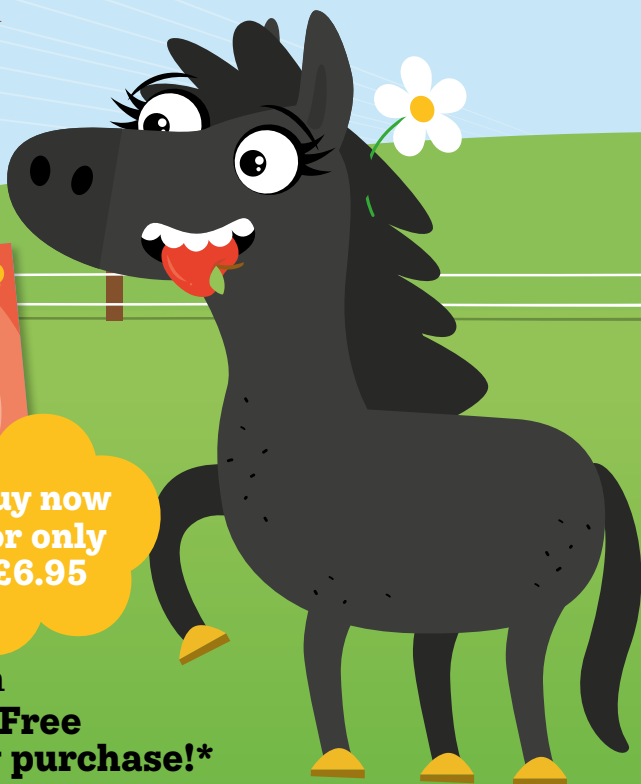
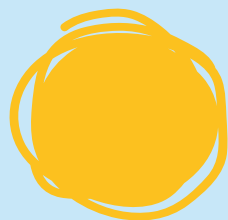


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This uplifting tale has been written to raise smiles
and funds for our rescue and welfare work.

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“Mam loved every minute of the time she spent with your horses. She was so impressed and wanted to make sure that Bransby Horses would benefit after her death.”



Marian (pictured on the left) sadly passed away in January 2021. This photograph was taken on a visit in 2006 where she enjoyed spending time with many of our residents. Marian kindly remembered us in her Will, which means her love for Bransby Horses will live forever.

Will you remember us?

If you would like to request a legacy pack or would like to talk about making a free Will please call, email us or pop to see us for a chat over coffee and cake – we would love to meet you.

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