



Mare and Foal
Sanctuary



Impact Report

November 2020 - October 2021

The difference we're making to the lives of horses,
ponies and foals together with our donors

Why we do what we do

We love and value horses and ponies. As sentient beings, they deserve our kindness and care. Unfortunately, there is still a need to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome horses and ponies – and to educate people about how to care for them.

We have lived experience of how horses make a difference to our lives. Caring for horses and ponies – and being with them outside in nature – is good for our health, happiness and wellbeing too.

Our values

- Kindness
- Care
- Knowledge

631
rescued
horses and
ponies in our
care today

We know how to
make a difference to
other people's lives
through horses.

Transformation

Myrddin was just a few months old when he was rescued alongside 14 other colts.

Our Sanctuary Care team work hard to create a better future for them all.



Our sanctuary for rescued horses

Our Sanctuary at Home scheme enables hundreds of horses to be rehomed on a loan basis, creating vital space for our next rescues.

Intervention

Pregnant moorland mare Sandy was rescued as part of an emergency welfare intervention after her owner lost grazing at short notice.

Solar was born safely at the sanctuary.



Help in crisis

April and Lola's owner died and they were being cared for by the owner's daughter who had recently had a baby. She was struggling with looking after the pair, so she called for support.

We were able to provide a place for them and the pair are now thriving.



236

episodes of advice, resulting in positive welfare outcomes

A safe sanctuary for horse owners

We give non-judgemental advice and no-shame support to any horse or pony carer through our Welfare Outreach and Advice team, but we are also able to step in and make a formal welfare intervention when needed. Our aim is always to keep the horse or pony with their owner when it is safe or practical to do so.

129%

increase in traffic to our website's advice pages



A non-judgemental helpline launched

161

owners received support from us that resulted in their horse or pony being able to stay with them

1,038

horses and ponies have been helped since 1988

77 rehomed in the last 12 months

169

live at our five peaceful sanctuaries in Devon today

462 equines live with carers today

21 equines rescued in the last year – that's nearly two admissions a month

new

Ethical Handling and Training of Equines Policy introduced

A safe sanctuary for people

We provide human-equine interaction through equine assisted learning and equine assisted activities with our rescued horses and ponies to children, young people and adults in our community.

111 people spent time with our rescued horses and ponies

20 wellbeing sessions provided to frontline workers as part of the #HopeForCovidHeroes pilot

881 hours of human-equine interaction enjoyed by people in our community

hosts of the UK Horses in Education and Therapy International (HETI) Forum 2021 and first South West Regional Equine Assisted Practitioners meeting

Connection

Young people who were not in education, employment or training were given the opportunity to develop horse care skills and improve their employability.



Devotion

Lucy is a member of the Sanctuary Care team based at our moorland rescue facility in Yelverton.

She helps rehabilitate and train some of our most challenging moorland ponies. Her work with several of the ponies has been transformational.



Our devoted staff and volunteers

7,895 hours gifted by our incredible volunteers in shops and yards. This helps us to go the extra mile when raising money and caring for our equines

144 employees dedicated to the cause and bringing skills and experience to their roles



We're the place for people who want to make a difference to the lives of horses, ponies and foals

We rely entirely on donations and legacy gifts to carry out our work and we're indebted to the individuals, organisations and companies for helping to sustain our ability to offer sanctuary for horses and ponies.

£6.1
million
raised

73p of every
£1 is spent
on our
charitable
activities

£4.9
million
spent

Dedicated

“They are the reason I get out of bed in the morning” says Sanctuary at Home carer and GB para dressage rider, Anna-Mae Cole, with Wilma

