

# Happy Heart's Haven Equine Program

HHH is a certified 501 c 3 not for profit which provides lifetime homes for special needs animals. The equine program was established in October of 2009. We currently have 1 rescue horse, Nefret, and another to come as soon as we have built more stalls and pasture. Our goal is to provide a home and long term care for 4/5 horses.

Horses are surprisingly disposable animals. People purchase or breed them for sport and competition. The purpose of the animal is to win, for money, prestige or ego. When the horse cannot compete satisfactorily, due to injury or lack of talent. The animal is sent down the line and replaced with what the owner hopes will be a more competitive animal (often it is not and meets the same fate as its predecessor). Even if the horse is successful, it will still retire when it reaches an age where it is not allowed in competition or ravages of "old age" limit its competitive ability.

Happy Heart's Haven will provide homes for horses whose competitive careers are ended due to physical limitations. Care will be provided so that these animals may live out their lives in as much comfort as possible in a safe, secure environment.

## **COST OF ONE HORSE PER YEAR**

Hay – 250 bales annually at \$4.50-5.00 -	\$1000.00-1250.00
Beet pulp & senior feed – 12 bags of each	\$432.00
Bedding-straw 2.00-4.00 bale -150 bales	\$300.00- 600.00
Routine vet care (dental, vaccines, coggins)	\$250.00-500.00
Joint supplements (standard- not extra)	\$400.00
Hoof care is free – I do it myself	
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	\$2,382.00-3,182.00

This does not include, materials for fence, stalls, etc. or extra veterinary or therapeutic expenses.

**Despite the expense, these animals did the jobs we asked them to do and deserve to retire in dignity and comfort.**