

TRIPLE R EQUINE WELFARE

Presidents Report

Hello and welcome to TREW members and supporters,

A very special welcome to our newest members who have recently joined the TREW family.

TREW has been very busy over the last couple of months with many new equines requiring care, new projects and new cases being presented. More details and information on all of these can be found within this edition of the TREW Newsletter.

As equally as important as our welfare work within our communities, memberships, supporters and the growth of TREW continues to be of major focus, as it is only with numbers and supporters that we can truly start to make a difference. We are committed to continue our work well into the future and with your support we will endeavour to improve, not only the quality of life for the equines who for whatever reason have become recipients of TREW's support, but to inform and educate the communities in which we live.

On behalf of TREW, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Leigh Wren.
President.
Triple R Equine Welfare Inc.



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From the Committee

Committee Notes

It has been a busy couple of months for TREW. Receiving and following up on several case reports in various parts of Victoria.

One of the biggest challenges we are currently facing is the abundance of grass everywhere. Obesity in horses, especially ponies is an issue many owners are facing. Four of our residents have been put onto weight loss programs since coming into our care. Especially Jack, who you will meet in this edition, is around 200-250 kilos overweight.

Sponsorship Drive

Currently we have 8 horses in care.

With so many horses being surrendered to TREW lately, costs are inevitably high. Each of our current residents are looking for sponsors. Every amount donated, large or small, goes directly towards the ongoing costs and rehabilitation these horses.

Sponsors will receive a Sponsorship Certificate, regular updates and all donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

All of our horses in care feature within this newsletter and regular updates are posted on our website.

Upcoming Events

After the success of both World Animal Day and the Whittlesea Show, the volunteers of TREW have decided to attend more shows in the New Year. Shows have been good ways of letting the wider community (not just the equestrian community) know that there is help available.

Dates of events we will be attending will be announced as they get closer.

*Wishing everyone a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year.*

*Thank you for supporting
Triple R Equine Welfare.*



Help TREW Rehab These Beauties—Sponsor an Equine



Introducing — TREW Trinket and Luigi



Trinket and Luigi were collected by TREW the day before this newsletter went to print.

These two Shetland ponies have been suffering for a long time before being brought to both TREW's and the RSCPA's attention. After discussions, TREW agreed to take these little ponies on. Their hooves were dreadful and with both ponies terribly sore a vet was called out to give them both some pain relief to enable them to travel.

Trinket had the longest parts of her toes cut off with a hacksaw and a trim to tidy them up slightly before being loaded into the float.

Luigi is estimated to be in his late 20's and Trinket in her late teens. They are both suffering from chronic laminitis. Old Luigi also has insulin resistance and a broken crest. They have both had their hooves trimmed today and are being given a couple of days to settle in.



Introducing — TREW Rolls



Rolls is a 21 year old brown Standardbred gelding. He is around 14.2 hh. Rolls came into care with his paddock mate Jack.

In his youth, Rolls was a successful harness racer before being trained as a riding horse once he retired from racing.

Rolls is a lovely older gentleman, with a beautiful temperament. He stands to have his feet done in the paddock without restraints. Always interested in what is going on.

Rolls has a very been there done that look about him.



Introducing TREW Jack

Jack is an 11 year old Standardbred. Bright bay in colour he stands approx. 15.1 hh. Jack came into TREW's care with his paddock mate Rolls.

This beautiful gelding is an estimated 200-250kg overweight.

Jack has a lovely, willing nature, loves attention and is very eager to please you. We have been told that like his paddock mate, Rolls, Jack is also a trained riding horse who has attended shows in the past.

Always the first to call out as soon as he sees people coming his way, Jack is responding well to his new diet and has already shed several kilos. The fat deposits on his hind quarters and the cresty neck are the most obvious signs of the extra weight this lovely boy still has to lose over the coming months.

Obesity in horses is a common problem faced by owners agisting and not having the facilities needed to remove horses from the grass which is growing in abundance this year. Generally when you think of a welfare case a skinny horse pops into mind, but obesity in horses is as bad a problem, if not worse, than putting weight on. This is because shifting the fat can be a problem for many owners, especially in older horses who may have arthritis and other ailments.



Introducing — TREW Starlight



TREW Starlight is the older sister of TREW Jewel. She is a 4 year old Shetland/Miniature Pony Mare.

After negotiations with her owner, she was eventually also surrendered to into our care. Unlike her sister, Starlight is not so timid and will greet you at the gate. She loves her scratches and, like Jewel, loves to sniff your face.

Starlight is also suffering from chronic laminitis and is on fortnightly hoof trims. She also has overgrown hooves which are going to take several months to heal. With time she has the potential to become a fantastic little pony as she just loves to be with people and be involved in anything that is going on.

Back In Care — TREW Tommy

Spunky Tommy has been returned from his lease. The spring grass sure caught up with the boy as he is very overweight and has been promptly put onto a diet, much to his disgust.

We are pleased to see that his cheeky personality is unchanged and he will be looking for a new home once he has shed a few more kilos.

Like several of TREW's current residents, Tommy's weight management program is showing a marked improvement in the overall condition and health of this pony.



Since coming back to us, Tommy has had his hooves trimmed and has been diagnosed with mild laminitis. As usual, he was well behaved during the trimming.

Tommy still loves playing with anyone willing to join him. He doesn't seem to know how small he is (a big horse in a small body) and it's quite a sight watching him playing over the fence with resident Jack, a 16hh horse.

Update — TREW Buddy — Sponsor Him Today



Our special lad Buddy has been receiving the very best of care and has undergone light therapy, bowen and acupuncture along with homeopathics and tissue salts. He has begun to put on good weight and had developed a lovely shiny coat and dapples. His movement has improved. He is walking normally and loves to have a run and play with his mates. After several months, it was decided to cease all treatments on him to see how he would cope and whether he would ever be a prospect for rehoming.

I am very happy to say that he remains stable. Like anyone, especially those with arthritis, he has his good days and his bad days, but the good far outweigh any bad he may have.

He has taken to wading in the dam. A hobby he enjoys on both hot and cold days, rugged or unrugged, much to our dismay as a spare 6'9" rug is not something we have lying around!

He has also developed a lovely bond with his paddock companion and they are regularly seen playing, rearing and running around the paddock, though Clancy is not game enough to follow Buddy for a roll in the dam.

Buddy is a truly beautiful boy, very gentle and very people orientated. He will make a wonderful companion horse and is especially good with youngsters. But he will definitely need to go to a knowledgeable home that is sympathetic to his arthritis and will ensure regular hoof-care. We want the best for Buddy but we know that a suitable home will not be easy to find.

Update — TREW Jewel Sponsor Her Today

Jewel is coming along beautifully. She has been receiving 2 weekly trims to correct her hooves and has lost some weight. She now likes to run around bucking and snorting with her sister Star.

She is still a little timid but getting much better and can be trimmed and wormed without any fuss.

She will be an excellent candidate for rehoming, without any further effects from her initial hoof disorder. Jewel is responding well to basic handling and is learning to lead. She has a very sweet personality.



Whittlesea Show 2011

In order to raise awareness of the existence of animal welfare groups, such as TREW, we decided to take our education unit to the 2011 Whittlesea Show.

We took the opportunity of the Show to release our new branded merchandise consisting of silicone wristbands (\$2 each, colours pink, blue or green), stubby holders (\$4 each) and pens (50 cents each).

It proved to be an interesting weekend where we took the opportunity to meet and greet with members of the community and discuss horse welfare. It was interesting to note the number of people who did not realise that animal welfare groups even existed in the community outside the RSPCA. Not only were we asked about horses and ponies, we ended up fielding questions about dogs, cats and even rabbits as well (each animal was referred to a welfare group of its type).

Our display boards containing the before and after images of our cases proved to be very popular. Not only did it show the public what TREW is about, it was also used as a tool for people to compare horses they have seen in paddock throughout the countryside.

We look forward to attending more events with our education unit in the New Year.



Edgars Mission World Animal Day

After several days of heavy rain leading up to World Animal Day, we were all relieved to be greeted by a mostly clear sky, albeit a slightly chilly breeze. This was TREW's second year attending World Animal Day at Edgar's Mission, a sanctuary to over 200 farm animals, which advocates for kindness and compassion towards all species. Other organisations in attendance included Animals Australia, Oscar's Law, Project Hope, Vegetarian Victoria, Animals Asia and Soi Dog.



We set up TREW's education unit to provide information on various aspects of equine welfare to those in attendance. We also had our merchandise for sale, including our new range of very popular "Lafing Teez" magnets, bumper stickers and greeting cards. In an extra effort to raise some much needed funds, we also had a range of vegan treats for sale including cupcakes, muffins, cookies and choc balls.

The day was well patronised, which helped us to a very productive and successful day, raising over \$400 for TREW, and collecting a large number of email contacts from people interested in supporting our work.

Thank You

Thank you to all of our members, corporate sponsors and supporters. Without your assistance and support we would not be able to enrich the lives of neglected horses or help educate owners about caring for their equines.



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Please contact TREW with details of your advertisement: equines@triplerequinewelfare.org.au

The Last Word

Thank You

The members of the Committee would like to thank all of the TREW Members for their ongoing support and interest in equine welfare. The rehabilitation of these horses would not be possible without the ongoing support and sponsorship from you.

TREW's Education Unit

Over the last year TREW has been working on developing an Education Unit that we can take out to events. As part of this project we are creating a series of Fact Sheets to help educate the community about horses and their care.

We are looking for Members who are interested in being involved in the Fact Sheet Project.

If you would like to offer your assistance, please contact equines@triplerequinewelfare.org.au