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HORSE WELFARE

NEWS UPDATE

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[Formerly International League for the Protection of Horses (New Zealand) Incorporated]

From the Patron - Dr Ian Shearer

Happy New Year to all, as we start a new decade.

I chose to copy a number of our members and make a donation to Horse Welfare as part of the Christmas presents for my family and friends. It may only have been a drop in the ocean of what is needed to keep our organisation working effectively, but every drop helps. So thanks to the inspiration from the members who have been donating to Horse Welfare in lieu of presents. Maybe they've started a trend.

Sandra's news makes somewhat sobering reading, however, without Horse Welfare intervention the news would be much worse.

Your continued support does help us make a difference - sincere thanks for caring.

From Horse Welfare - Sandra Shearer

Happy New Year to all members.

Recently I have had a very challenging week -

Monday, a phone call regarding a pony lying down most of the day. It turned out to be a Kaimanawa Pony with severe laminitis; compounding the problem the pony had very long hooves that had not been trimmed for over 9 months. A very obese T/bred mare was also in the paddock with neglected hooves. The owner had basic horse knowledge and had been involved with the racing industry; he lacked management skills and the will to sort the problem out. Result, situation has improved but could easily slip back. This could be an ongoing situation.

Tuesday, two standard bred mares left on a farm with severe laminitis, barely able to move due to pain and discomfort. Problem sorted out.

Wednesday, two emaciated horses west of Auckland. Owner has basic horse knowledge but no money, no grazing. Major difficulty paying for feed. Problem sorted out.

Thursday, an injured mare arrives at our home paddock with very infected wounds. Three years old and already a 7 month old foal at foot. Two weeks of medication and a regime of hard feed has seen her improve. Owners signed her over due to lack of money and unable to afford a vet. Mare has now found a wonderful home.

Friday, a call regarding an emaciated T/bred. When I called, the mare had received a serious injury and her weight loss had been dramatic. Owner was too slow to sort out the problem and the horse had to be euthanized.

Saturday, medicating injured mare.

This has been one week; it is never a horse problem, always a people problem. All of the complaints that came into our office resulted from owners who had very little money and skills to make the right decision to alleviate suffering. I am disappointed to say 'Animal Welfare is a growth area'.

Mahatma Gandhi said' You can judge a country by the way it treats its animals' - we don't appear to be showing a very good example to the world at present.

GRATEFUL THANKS to all of you who have paid your Annual Subs - your continued support of Horse Welfare is greatly appreciated.

If you haven't yet paid or you know of others who are interested in being members, Horse Welfare Membership is:

Adult	\$ 18.00	Family	\$ 25.00
Junior /Senior	\$ 10.00	Life	\$150.00

Please send your membership subscription to Horse Welfare - (address overleaf).

Don't forget to look at our Website and Facebook page - <http://www.horsetalk.co.nz/ilph/> and if you have any suggestions for content, don't forget to email your ideas to us.

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LEGACIES

An important source of income for HORSE WELFARE comes in the form of money left to us in supporters' Wills. Different types of legacy may include the leaving of a specific sum of money or perhaps the bequeathing of property. The bequeathing of a legacy allows HORSE WELFARE supporters to have their generosity recognised and recorded for posterity.

You will need to see your solicitor or the Public Trust to arrange for your wishes to be formally documented in your Will. Your solicitor or the Public Trust are best able to advise you on how to word your Will.

You may request a legacy pledge form by email. (Remember to add your postal address please).

Do you need to change your will?

Although we have changed our name, those of you who have already made arrangements for a bequest need not worry as you do not need to rewrite your will. Our charity number has remained the same - 212301 - and where possible it should be quoted in your will. If you have any queries about leaving a legacy, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We thank you for your consideration.

HAVE A CUPPA ON US !

Our 2010, \$10.00 campaign

After the hurly burly of Christmas and the New Year period, we wanted you to have a well-earned cup of tea on us. A tea bag is winging its way to you as a way of showing our gratitude for your on-going support for the SPCA Auckland HORSE WELFARE group. While you enjoy your cup of tea, we also hope to raise some much needed capital. \$10 can go a long way in dealing with equine welfare issues and you get to choose where you would like your \$10 to be spent.

The options, as set out on the flyer being sent to all members, are:

- ☺ **\$10 towards the cost of on-going horse welfare care (may include organising a farrier, re-homing or transportation costs)**
- ☺ **\$10 for the price of 2 bales of hay**
- ☺ **\$10 for hard-feed costs**

**Help us fill our virtual hay barn with virtual hay -
For \$5 a bale you can help us feed hungry horses.**

The SPCA Auckland HORSE WELFARE Auxiliary Inc is a registered equine charity and receives no government funding, relying solely on support from the public. Our Charity number is **212301**.

Our organisation has about 2000 members and would welcome more. Members will receive newsletters three times a year to update them on HORSE WELFARE activities.