



# IHWT *News*

IRISH HORSE WELFARE TRUST

*Spring 2017*



## NEWS FROM OUR WICKLOW FARM

The past year has been busy at the IHWT. While we have seen a reduction in welfare calls and complaints to our office relating to equines we are still unable to meet the demand for care of stray and abandoned animals. This is such a sad reality. Even with the introduction of the new Animal Health & Welfare Act 2013 and Equine ID legislation, the message still does not seem to be getting through to many horse owners. There are still a lot of unwanted horses in the country, many of whom are welfare compromised. Indiscriminate breeding, especially in urban areas continues to be a problem and we have tried to target some of those equine black spots through our education courses and micro chipping clinics.

To date in 2017 we have taken in 10 equines. These horses were either stray,

abandoned or their welfare was at risk. So far this year through our fostering, re-homing and training programme we have helped 35 horses and ponies that were in our care. Due to the overwhelming amount of horses in the country we have decided to start re-homing to Germany. More about this in the re-homing section below.

We currently have over 60 equines in our care of all types and ages.

We continue to look at more efficient ways of running the Charity. With the increase in printing and postage costs we are now moving to E-Newsletters for all future newsletters. If you would like to sign up to E-Newsletters please contact our office. Phone 0402 30773 or email [info@ihwt](mailto:info@ihwt). For those who would like to continue receiving a printed version please let our office now and we will update our database.

# EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

## EQUINE HOOF CARE COURSES

We ran another Equine Hoof Care Course with horse owners in Athy, Co Kildare. The course was delivered by Master Farrier Joe Tobin. This course has proven to be very successful. It enables us to build a good working relationship with horse owners while also teaching them an important skill. We found that the horse owners who attended this course had a very

good knowledge of hoof care and were keen to learn additional skills. Thanks to Kildare Traveller Action Ltd who were instrumental in the success of this course.



## CASTRATION CLINICS

We ran a Castration Clinic for equines in the Fingals area in April and 9 stallions were castrated. We are currently working on running further castration clinics. Our aim is to try and find a solution to the level of indiscriminate breeding especially in the greater Dublin area. We are working with horse owners in various parts of Dublin and depending on the level of interests Castration Clinics will be run in several areas on a case by case basis.

## DUNSINK HORSE CLUB

We ran a Six Week Horse Care Programme for the younger club members which commenced in August 2016. There was great attendance at this course and the younger club members learned all about basic horse care and management. Presentation day will take place in May or June 2017.



# RECENT RESCUE STORIES

July 2016 - IHWT Lucy2 was surrendered over to the IHWT by her owner. She was in very poor body condition and suffering from a worm infestation. Her owner didn't have the means to care for her properly and agreed that she needed help. Lucy2 has now returned to good health and is doing well.



# MORE RECENT RESCUE STORIES

**August 2016** - IHWT Reanie came into the IHWT on welfare grounds after a member of the public reported a mare in distress to our office. She was suffering with third degree burns to her face caused by photo sensitivity. This was due to a reaction from the sun and a plant that she had eaten. She came into our equine centre with Linkin & Wilma. Sadly Linken was put to sleep as he was suffering from a neck injury and was in pain. Reanie and Wilma are both doing well. We would like to thank the Department Vet who authorised their seizure.



**November 2016** - 2 yearling colts were surrendered to the IHWT by their owner as he could not afford to care for them during the winter months. Both were in good health although in need of worming programme. Both were well handled and have good temperaments. We have called them IHWT Startksy & Hutch.



**December 2016** - Our office received a call about a young horse straying on the road in a housing estate in the Arklow area. He was at risk of causing a road accident and no owner could be found. We liaised with local Gardai, and organised transport for him to be taken into our centre. The local residents had called him Paddy and he is a smashing horse and is doing very well, pictured right. We would like to thank the local Gardai for all their help in this case.



**January 2017** - IHWT Hugie was found straying on the road in the Sallygap area. This is a very remote part of Wicklow and grazing at that time of the year was minimal. We think that Hughie was

dumped there, as there is no other reason why he would be in this area. With the help of Wicklow National Parks & Wildlife Service, Hughie was transported to our centre. Hughie was in poor body condition and was also suffering from a heavy worm & lice infestation. He also had a minor leg injury but has now made a full recovery. We would like to thank WNPWS for all their help in this rescue.

**March 2017** - This was a joint operation with ISPCA. We received a complaint about an abandoned pony with hooves in terrible condition. He was left to graze on a site at the back of a small housing estate. This poor pony was in a lot of distress and was having difficulty standing. A donkey was also found at the site, and his hooves were also very overgrown. We had a vet attend the scene and pain relief was administered to the pony. Both were then transported to the IHWT where they received vet and farrier care. They are doing well and seem relieved to be in a safe place. We have called them Leon & Finn the donkey and both have travelled to the care of the ISPCA.



## REHOMING

Due to the large volume of horses in Ireland we are now looking at re-homing outside of Ireland. We made a trip to Germany last summer to consider the possibility of re-homing there. We met with a volunteer group who have excellent equine knowledge that are trying to find suitable homes for Ireland's rescued horses and ponies. There is a big demand for Irish horses in Germany especially for coloured Cobs. These horses are very suitable for people looking for a good all rounder and also for families that are looking for a riding horse.

We spent a couple of days in Germany visiting homes where other rescues from Ireland had been successfully re-homed. All the homes that we visited had good facilities and the horses were much loved and had become a part of the family. We are now running a programme to re-home to Germany working with the volunteer group.

We plan to visit Germany in 2018 to visit some of the horses that we re-home there.



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# READY FOR RE-HOMING

IHWT Janie Mac is a 2010 13.2hh piebald Cob type mare. She was rescued in 2012 after been dumped in forestry land. When she came into our equine centre she was in poor body condition but thankfully she has made a full recovery. She is a beautiful Cob with a lot of potential. She is in work and has competed at local dressage shows. Janie Mac is a sensitive mare and would suit a lady rider who is interested in hacking, schooling and light dressage. This little Cob has a lot to offer.



IHWT Amber is a 2010 12.3hh liver chestnut pony mare. She came into the IHWT in 2014 after being dumped along with another pony. She is well handled and has a good temperament, but she can be a little nervous. Amber is unbroken to date but should go on to make a nice riding pony. She is a young pony and would need an experienced home.



IHWT Foley is a 2013 13hh chestnut gelding. He originally came into the IHWT as a welfare case as a yearling. He is unbroken and would need an experienced home. He has a lovely temperament and should make a lovely riding pony.



IHWT Ruby is a 2002 15.3hh dark bay Thoroughbred type mare. She came into the IHWT in 2012 as a welfare case with foal at foot. She is well handled but due to an injury would only be suitable as a companion horse and cannot be ridden. She has a lovely temperament and will make a lovely companion horse.



IHWT Jet is a 2012 black miniature pony with a wonderful temperament and is an ideal companion pony.



# IHWT THOROUGHBRED CLUB



The Thoroughbred Club is an initiative of the IHWT to support owners and loaners of ex-racehorses and to promote ex-racehorses for equestrianism.

The IHWT Thoroughbred Club is pleased to announce dates of qualifiers for the Retired Racehorse Show Series 2017 kindly sponsored by Tattersalls Ireland and kindly supported by Godolphin and TRI.

## RETIRED RACEHORSE SHOW SERIES QUALIFIERS 2017

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| Mullingar Equestrian Centre               | 3rd June            |
| Westport Horse & Pony Show                | 4th/5th June        |
| Flavours of Fingal County Show            | 24th June           |
| Charleville Agricultural Show Society     | 24th/25th June      |
| Adamstown, Co. Wexford                    | 1st July            |
| Wexford Equestrian                        | 9th July            |
| Bannow Rathangan Show                     | 13th July           |
| Castlewellan & District Agricultural Show | 15th July           |
| Newcastle West Show                       | 16th July           |
| Final: Tattersalls Ireland July Show      | 22nd/23rd July 2017 |

## Details of The IHWT Thoroughbred Club Retired Racehorse Show Series

- Thoroughbred mare or gelding, 4 years old or over, any height.
- Riders must be 16 years or over by Jan 1st in current year.
- Horses should be ridden in a snaffle, pelham or simple double bridle.
- Horses should be plaited.
- Winner and Reserve go forward to the Final /championship.
- All entries MUST have registered with The IHWT Thoroughbred Club (registration is free at [www.ihwt.ie](http://www.ihwt.ie)) and include their registration number on entry form.
- Horses must be retired and have RACED in a point to point or on the racetrack.
- All those entering horses and/or participating in the show agree to be bound by the show Rules and Regulations from time to time in force'
- Competitors must wear a safety/kite mark hard hat with a chinstrap.
- Enquiries re class eligibility and TB Club email: [events@ihwt.ie](mailto:events@ihwt.ie)
- **Prizes:** Rosettes & TRI Vouchers 1st to 4th place.  
(Vouchers kindly supported by TRI Equestrian) Voucher values €75, €50, €30, €20
- Veteran Horse prize: voucher €25
- Champion and Reserve at the Final qualify for National Championships UK
- The Champion and Reserve from the Final /championship will also qualify for the Retraining of Racehorses (RoR) National Championship Show at Aintree, UK in August - to compete in either the RoR Eilte Showing Series Final\* or in The RoR Amateur Ridden Show Series Final\*\*.

*\*To compete in the RoR Elite Showing Series Final, the horse must have raced in Great Britain. \*\*If the horse has not run in GB, provided an amateur showing person rides him, he is eligible to go in the RoR Amateur Ridden Show series Final.*

Costs of travel to Aintree and accommodation for horse, rider and groom is sponsored through the IHWT Thoroughbred Club.



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## LEGACY DONATION FORM

Charity Number: CHY 14634

# THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME



Please consider helping Irish Horse Welfare Trust in their work with Ireland's most vulnerable horses and ponies.

If and when the time is right for you, perhaps you would kindly remember IHWT in your will.

To help make your life saving gift – the following is suggested;

'I give to Irish Horse Welfare Trust, all (or a fraction) of the residue of my estate whatsoever and wheresoever, and I direct that the receipt of the treasurer or other officer for the time

being of the said Organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge of the same'

OR

'I give the sum of €/£\_\_\_\_\_ to Irish Horse Welfare Trust and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other officer for the time being of the said Organisation shall be proper and sufficient discharge for the same'

Please return completed form to:

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# PLEASE SUPPORT THE IHWT

It is now easy to support the IHWT through our website [www.ihwt.ie/supportus](http://www.ihwt.ie/supportus)

- **Become a subscriber** - for just €50 euro per year and receive our regular newsletter and updates
- **Make a One-Off Donation** (Via Paypal)
- **Set up a Regular Standing Order**
- **Organise a Fundraiser for IHWT** - Fundraising Packs are available to help you
- **Support our Fundraising Events**  
Golf Classic - date to be confirmed in September

## VHI WOMEN'S MINI MARATHON

The VHI Women's Mini Marathon is on Bank Holiday Monday 5th June. This year we are looking for even more people to support the IHWT and the horses & ponies that we rescue. Its a great fun day out and an amazing way to raise money for us.

To join Team IHWT all you have to do is

Register for the VHI Women's Mini Marathon at <https://www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie/>

Contact our office for your marathon pack  
Set up your fundraising page on iDonate go to <https://www.idonate.ie/ihwt>

## 'IRISH EQUUS - A LIVING HISTORY'

A very special fundraising event that is being organised by Wolftek Equestrian Ltd in Blessington, Co Wicklow on Sunday 9th July. Tickets €20 Adults and €10 children.

Take a special journey to experience the history and culture of the Irish Horse through the ages. Using horses, riders, props and costume demonstrations this promises to be an unmissable event. More details on Facebook and our website.

## JOHNNY HARRINGTON MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

This is our main annual fundraising event and we are very grateful to all those teams and individuals who have supported us over the years. Details and date to be confirmed but this always proves to be a very successful day with serious competition on the golf course.

## NEW WEBSITE

A brand new IHWT website has been developed by our new Digital Partner - Halcyon Days PR / Horseplay.ie further information at [www.horseplay.ie](http://www.horseplay.ie) and [www.halcyondays.ie](http://www.halcyondays.ie). The new website boasts a complete new re-homing section, on-line renewal of annual supporter subscription and news sections along with many new features. We are very grateful to Jenny Doran of Halcyon Days / Horseplay.ie for all the time and effort she has put in to develop our great new site which will be a valuable resource for everyone. The website address remains the same so check it out now at [www.ihwt.ie](http://www.ihwt.ie)

## IHWT VOLUNTEER TRAINING DAY

**WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS WITH EQUINE KNOWLEDGE TO ASSIST WITH HOME CHECKS IN THE EAST COAST AREA**

Following on the success of our training days over the past two years the IHWT will be running a Welfare Training Day in June or July 2017 (date to be confirmed) at our equine centre in Woodenbridge near Arklow in Co Wicklow.

The aim of the training day is to sign up experienced horse people as volunteers to help with home checks for our Re-homing Program and also to assist with welfare. If you are interested in taking part in the training day then please contact our office. Phone 0402 30773 or email [info@ihwt.ie](mailto:info@ihwt.ie)