



Care for and Treatment of Abused and Neglected Horses at Days End Farm Horse Rescue



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Service Site

I volunteered at Days End Farm Horse Rescue, located in Woodbine, Maryland. This facility is a non-profit, volunteer based humane society that rescues and rehabilitates abused and neglected horses.

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Issue Confronting the Site

Since Days End Farm takes responsibility for the housing, care, and treatment of 50 to 60 horses at any given time, they are always in need of assistance.



In this picture, I am leading Abby, a Thoroughbred mare, back to her pasture after feeding and medicating her.



In this photo, I am about to walk Remi, a Thoroughbred gelding, back to his pasture after feeding him his lunch.

Activities

In order to address this issue, I decided to spend as much time as I could volunteering at the farm in order to provide general care for, as well as treatment of, the horses. To do so, I performed the following tasks:

- Attending to the cleanliness of the horses' stalls, as well as supplying the horses with water and hay when they needed it.
- Grooming any of the horses that had not received an excess of individual attention in the recent past.
- Assembling the various daily feed mixtures that each horse required, depending on that horse's condition.
- Measuring out and adding any necessary medications to each horse's feed, such as daily de-wormers.
- Retrieving the horses from their stalls or pastures in order to feed them individually so that they could have their own space in which to eat their grain undisturbed.
- Assisting the staff members in the wound-cleansing and leg-wrapping of an injured horse.
- Administering daily oral medications to the horse pictured on the left.



This photo was taken while I was preparing each horse's daily feed and medicine mixtures.

Future Work

I really enjoyed the time that I spent working at Days End Farm Horse Rescue, and I hope to intern there next winter, or at the very least, volunteer again. I hope to learn even more about the treatment of abused and neglected horses through interaction and practice by continuing my work there.



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