



Nassau Co. workshop attendees and staff.



NYSHA's *Investigating Animal Cruelty* workshops attract large attendances.



NYSHA gives award to Essex Deputy Robert Rice, after successful equine hoarder case, following training gained at NYSHA workshop.



NYSHA's Pat Valusek helps with horse cruelty case.



Starving mare and foal (George) rescued from Essex horse hoarder case.



George, now healthy and frisky.



At Equine Summit, Patrick Battuello, NYSHA Board member, and Jo Anne Normile, author of *Saving Baby: How One Woman's Love for a Racehorse Led to Her Redemption*.



NYSHA representatives participate in Animal Advocacy Day in NYS Capitol.



Board member Sue McDonough, with newly elected Rensselaer DA Joel Abelow and NYS Assemblyman James Tedisco at Animal Advocacy Day.



Board members, Dr. Holly Cheever, Tracey Collins, and Pat Valusek with animal advocate Julie Tanner (2nd from left) at Walk for Farm Animals in Albany.



NYSHA Board member, Tracey Collins, coordinator of Albany Walk for Farm Animals, with a friend and two porcine walkers.



Board member, Dr. Holly Cheever, on break with a friend at the Equine Summit.



At last, in a good home – just waiting for Santa now.



Please support NYSHA's work to help animals.

# Holiday Greetings!

As another year ends, NYSHA is again evaluating our accomplishments, and planning for 2015. We have been busy! Yet there is so much more that needs to be done.

One of our main goals is to train law enforcement officials throughout New York to interpret and apply the state's anti-cruelty laws. In conjunction with local officials, we held three workshops and did a video seminar with the Attorney General's office. We also participated in several other educational events for the general public which concentrated on these statutes.

There are so many issues which cry for our attention, but this year it was equine protection which was at the forefront. We placed a prominent billboard near Albany with a strong anti-slaughter message, spoke at several workshops devoted to this tragedy, spent time in Saratoga distributing information, and worked with local officials and rescue organizations in Essex County to successfully remove forty-one horses from an equine hoarder.

The surest way to prevent cruelty to animals is to enact legislation which protects them. We have worked closely with lawmakers to do this, and participated in Lobby Day and Animal Advocacy Day in Albany. Our phone unfortunately rings often with requests for assistance in cruelty cases, and we provide information and guidance to help resolve these situations.

Humane education is one of goals, and we are frequently seen at events such as the Farm Sanctuary Walk, Rotary Club meetings, and other activities.

Every year, when I write this, I ask for your support. We are making progress, but as we are all aware, there is so much more to do. The daily news is at times unbearable when it comes to animals, but with your help, NYSHA can continue its mission to educate and effect change at many levels.

Please, for the animals who so enrich our world, be as generous as you have been in the past. They, and we, thank you.

On behalf of the Board and staff of NYSHA, I wish you and yours, two or four-legged, furred, feathered or finned, a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with peace and happiness for all.

For the animals,

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