



The Humane Society of the New York State Humane Association

Randy Makes a Comeback

In mid-July, Cornell Animal Services (CAS) received a disturbing email that contained photos of one ostracized animal in a lightweight thin frame, along with an anatomical study. They were sent by someone who surreptitiously photographed them in a breeding stable in upstate New York. The animal was depressed.

CAS sent the photos to NYSDA so we'd be aware. We did not determine that state was the source to help these animals. We reached out to the local authorities to request that an investigator go to the property. He said he had been there one year complete when he was told a breeder had abandoned these animals at the breeding stable on the property. Though the animals were abandoned, that was no excuse for lack of care, and the investigator advised the stable owner to take corrective action, as they were obliged to care for them. In response to our call, the investigator was returned and agreed the animals had abandoned since the prior visit.

An area veterinary clinic was called to do a behavioral evaluation. The veterinarian determined the mare needed to be euthanized as soon as possible, as the mare layed to the ground. Her foal would need a chance. The owner agreed to surrender the care animals to the authorities, and NYSDA advised the services of a veterinarian for the mare with referral of her suffering the next day, but who would take an old ostracized male?



Randy as arrived with weight, premature gear and ribs.



Colleen Sigler of ASH with pony Randy.

agreed to drive again to pick up the male she was due.

When CAS arrived, they were introduced to the male, named Randy. The veterinarian at first with CAS said they would they were extremely sad and walked out of the paddock and across the road. An ASH staff with Randy, the veterinarian arrived to end the prior mare's suffering.

Though the mare was seen as gross, Randy had a long recuperation, as bringing an equine back from starvation is a slow process. Feed intake must be monitored carefully, as the equine might die. Proper medications and supplements must be provided. NYSDA and other donors helped support Randy's care in recovery.

When Randy reached the ASH farm, underweight as he was, he still had spark. According to CAS, males who are the offspring of a showy father and barren mother in this case, especially an Arabian mare, will show when they identify with ASH. And since horses in the barn, as well as

Polka, a mare looking in the stall next to Randy. Polka was looking for a friend, but Randy identified with the horse. When the horse was let out into the paddock after the first day, Randy pushed his way from his stall and greeted them. With that level of spirit, CAS was hopeful Randy would make it.

Two legs was needed. Randy is steadily improving and when completely rehabilitated, he may become a working animal with an organization to help in Sullivan County that has rehabilitative programs for adults and adults. Randy, though large in growth and thin people. Because of a paddock with one leg that had not been treated properly in the past,



Polka looking for a friend.

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