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At the end of last year, the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) declared that the 2020 'words of the year' included lockdown, support bubbles, furlough and the name of a virus I don't even need to write. Just over a year ago I'd never have thought of these words, let alone use them nearly every day of my working life.

There are two words in the OED which I have always used and when united, are my favourite words of all: thank you. This edition of Bransby Life features, literally or implied, these words on every page. Our work, our hopes, our vision and our day to day lives are thanks to you reading this. Our supporters, whether buying a fridge magnet or leaving a gift in a Will, help us to be there every day for equines in need.

With this in mind, this edition aims to further highlight the work we do, thanks to your support, as we offer insight into some of the incredible achievements our teams deliver daily.

Viruses aside, as ever, we've been working with the challenges our equines come with when they arrive here at Bransby Horses. Many have previously suffered from mistreatment and neglect, which sadly mean that they have had their life expectancies significantly shortened. Any medical conditions which have been caused or neglected, can impact equines later in life. Every day our charity teams fight this, using their expertise and dedication to delay and ideally change the course of their future for the better.

In 2020 we said sad goodbyes to some well-known equines whose lives were significantly extended and filled with love and care thanks to our teams' hard work. You'll read more about some of these special residents in this edition.

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, you've helped support us through two very difficult years, firstly the floods in 2019, quickly followed by a global pandemic. Please do continue to support us, be it via donation, gift in a Will, purchasing our products or lottery tickets - your support truly is vital right now.

I'll say it again - thank you. Jo Snell, CEO



Plan and adapt

At Bransby Horses we have a set of skills that we work at demonstrating and developing. These seven skills are known as our **'Bransby Behaviours'** and during 2020, many of these were put to the test. One in particular was demonstrated as we responded to the changing landscape caused by Covid-19. This Bransby Behaviour was: "I plan and adapt".

Flexible working, changing plans at the last minute to adapt to new guidelines and restrictions became part of the day to day work for the yard and office teams. Plans for autumn and Christmas events were adapted and on occasion cancelled, sometimes on a weekly basis. During the second lockdown of the year, our Christmas Experience was efficiently adapted to still deliver an engaging and enjoyable visitor attraction. This event, based around our successful children's book, 'Pudding's Christmas Miracle', gave visitors and staff a much needed festive boost in the run up to Christmas and raised over £3,000.

We kept up with traditions, though they were more solitary affairs than in 'usual' years. On Remembrance Sunday, our Trustee, Michael

Pickles, led a solitary tribute in our memorial garden on behalf of everyone at Bransby Horses, to the millions of equines lost in wars around the world.

By the end of 2020, we had 326 equines on our two sites, with 532 living in the homes of our Bransby Family Fosterers.

Now we look forward to welcoming our supporters back to our award winning Visitor Centre and Café from the beginning of April. With plenty of outside space, beautiful countryside walks and a new play park in the final stages of completion, it's never been a better time to visit us.

Trustee, Michael Pickles, laid a wreath of purple poppies in our memorial garden, in memory of the fallen.



Winter appeal

In our Autumn Winter Bransby Life mailing we asked if **you**, our amazing supporters, would consider an extra gift of £10 which would go towards purchasing hay and contributing to our winter food costs. These costs can amount to upwards of £100,000 when looking after over 300 horses, ponies, donkeys and mules across our two sites here in Lincolnshire.

Wow... what a difference you made! All we can say is that we've been truly amazed by your kindness and generosity. **YOU have collectively donated £69,585, making a HUGE difference to our hungry horses living on site.**

Your amazing support, helps us continue to provide essential care to the horses, ponies, donkeys and mules in our care. In what has

been a truly difficult year for everyone, we simply couldn't continue to be there for equines in need without your generosity. Thank you.

Community Spirit

In the hundreds of thank you messages, emails, telephone calls and Christmas cards that we received during 2020, we've been really touched by the heart-warming messages



Did you know...

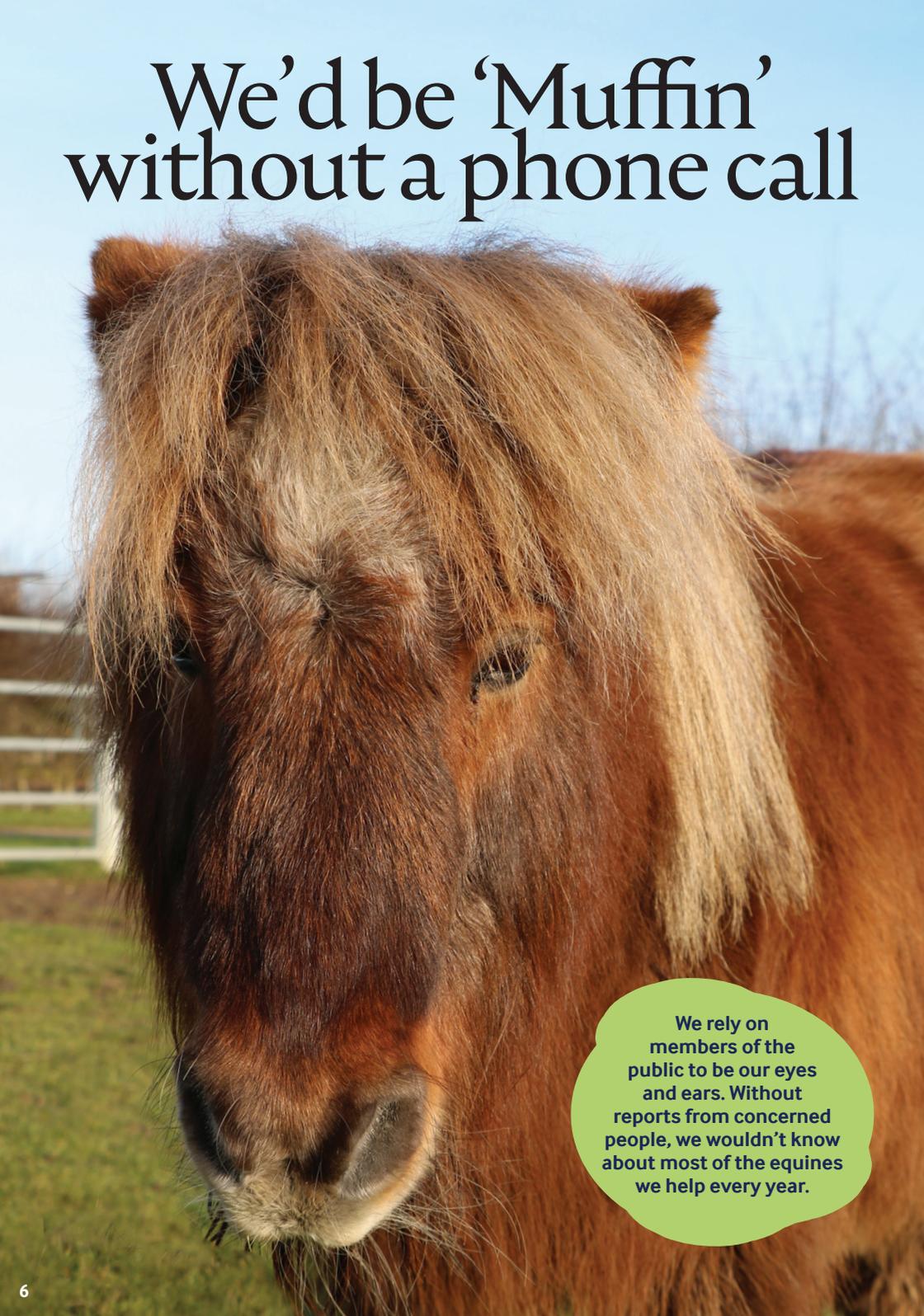
It can cost on average £150 for two large bales of hay to feed a herd of eight for three days

Easy ways to *donate*

Visit our donate page BransbyHorses.co.uk/donate and consider either giving a one-off donation or setting up a regular Direct Debit.

Sponsoring one of our horses, ponies or donkeys **for £3 a month** helps provide care and support for all of our equines. Meet our Sponsorship Stars on page 29.

We'd be 'Muffin' without a phone call



We rely on members of the public to be our eyes and ears. Without reports from concerned people, we wouldn't know about most of the equines we help every year.

Welfare

In March 2020, we received a call from a concerned member of the public who was worried about an equine they had seen with overgrown hooves. Our External Welfare Team and the RSPCA visited the equine, as did a vet and a Police Officer.

At the scene, the vet assessed the pony; a chestnut Shetland named Muffin. His feet were severely overgrown, which is known to cause great pain in equines. Muffin was deemed to be suffering under Section 4 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and was taken into possession by the attending Police Officer. Subsequently, having been given some pain relief for the journey, Muffin was transported to Bransby Horses for veterinary intervention.

On arrival at our Bransby site, our on-site veterinary surgeons and a farrier examined him. X-rays were taken of his feet to assess the bones and to guide his foot trim. The x-rays showed that Muffin had changes to his pedal bones that were consistent with chronic laminitis due to a lack of routine farrier care. His hooves had painfully curled up and started spiralling to one side, so it was not easy for our farrier to trim them back.

The trimming procedure had to be staged and his feet were trimmed a bit further back every week. During this time, he stayed on box rest, remaining in a stable so he couldn't overdo it and do more damage, remaining on painkillers throughout. The overall process took many months, working with our vet and regular visits from the farrier.

And why did we carry the trimming process out in stages? It's very important that overgrown feet are not trimmed back too quickly, as the equine has learnt to compensate for the abnormal feet - treating too aggressively can make them very painful. Muffin was also given special tiny shoes to help correct the imbalances in his feet; though the long toes had been cut back, the abnormal growth meant that the rest of each foot was still very distorted.

We are pleased to report that Muffin made a full recovery, and whilst he will always have

changes to his pedal bones, our vet and farrier keep a close eye on him to make sure he stays comfortable. He is now on a normal farrier interval of six weeks and no longer needs his special shoes.

Muffin will now stay with us as part of our sanctuary care Shetland herd at the Visitor Centre Yard. He has a very cheeky personality and is well-loved by the team caring for him, as well as being a vet and farrier favourite. He developed a reputation for his dance moves when he was first allowed back out into the field; prancing along the journey to the field whilst merrily squeaking and throwing in the occasional buck in his excitement!

Muffin's case highlights the importance of routine farrier care; a regular foot trim every 6-8 weeks would have prevented his condition developing. It also highlights how important it is that members of the public report any concerns they have about an equine to us. Thanks to a concerned person's phone call, Muffin's life is finally free from pain and is now filled with love and care.



Equine worm resistance

Old arts and new science

There are many species of parasitic worm which infect an equine's gastrointestinal tract. While it's natural for all equines to have a worm population, those with a persistently high 'worm burden' can start to lose weight, show signs of colic, and worms can be seen deposited in the animal's faeces. These equines can develop serious disease or die as the damage to their intestines caused by the worms can be irreparable. Sadly, we rescue many equines who already have high worm burdens, therefore it's an area in which we

take great care and have developed expertise.

For many years, equine owners have used treatment products, known as anthelmintics, to kill these worms, and equines have been dewormed routinely and regularly. However, over-use of these products has resulted in anthelmintic resistance - the loss of sensitivity of a worm population to an anthelmintic. Unfortunately, this is a widespread, worldwide issue, therefore, it is vital we preserve the effectiveness of the treatments that are still working.

A red Wessex trailer is parked in a grassy field. The trailer is loaded with hay and has a blue netting on top. In the background, there are several horses grazing in a field. The sky is blue with some clouds. The trailer has a 'WESSEX' logo on the side.

The 'average' Cob or 350kg pony, poos on average 10 times a day.

What do we do at Bransby Horses?

Not every equine will have a worm burden that requires treatment. We use regular faecal worm egg counts (FWEC) and tapeworm saliva tests to detect which equines have a high worm burden. We then only treat those that need it, choosing the most appropriate product for the specific worms they have.

Crucially, when an equine receives a wormer, it always has a faecal worm egg count reduction test (FWECRT) two weeks after treatment to tell us if the anthelmintic we've used has been effective. This is very important to ensure the equine has been treated appropriately, and so we can monitor an emerging resistance in our population of parasites.

Equine droppings are removed from the fields frequently with a stringent system of poo-picking and field sweeping. We also ensure we have enough land so that fields can be rested on a rotation system, allowing worm eggs to die off before grazing in that field again. This year we are also introducing 'cross grazing'; this return to a traditional farming method is where other animals who are not susceptible to equine worms - in our case sheep - graze the pasture and safely remove worm eggs or larvae.

We advise that all equine owners follow a careful monitoring programme involving faecal worm egg counting to guide treatment. Their vet is the best person to ask for advice on the best monitoring programme for an equine and their specific environment.



Barlings

Have you 'herd' about Bransby Horses Barlings?



The private lake at Barlings offers a new and unique experience for the equines living there.



At our Barlings site we have around 50 equines grouped into herds best suited to their individual needs. When deciding which herd is best for an equine, we consider their **gender, health, age, height, behavioural and grazing needs**. There's a lot to consider as every horse is different! This work is really important to ensure that new arrivals settle in with minimal stress and ensure their welfare needs are met.

At Barlings the horses are split into five herds; three herds have equines aged five and over, and the other two have young horses aged between two and five years old. Grouping herds by age and 'worm burden status' is one of the ways we proactively manage worm burdens. Each field and herd then has individual grazing and sweeping plans based around the needs of the horses.

Barlings cares for low dependency animals; these are healthy animals with no complex behavioural issues which suit the basic facilities

there. Our larger team at the Bransby site cares for sick rescue equines or those needing a lot of tailored care (high dependency).

The Barlings Estates team keep the grazing clean and safe for our horses by sweeping the fields and dividing larger ones up with fencing to create resting areas. We have a range of paddock sweepers which use a brush system to pick up and collect muck from fields, with the team clearing inaccessible or difficult to reach areas by hand. Each field is cleared every 1-2 days totalling 150 acres per week - **the equivalent to clearing a tenth of Gibraltar every week!**

Many of our horses at Barlings are on our **Perfect Partner** rehoming scheme. To support their rehoming journey, our team is devoted to handling the equines and preparing them to find their perfect fostering partner.

This includes regular activities such as ensuring the horses can be led and groomed, stand for routine

treatments, loaded into a trailer and travel calmly. This takes dedication and patience, and thanks to this work, the Barlings team rehomed 13 equines last year. The team understandably receive great job satisfaction knowing that these cherished equines will continue to be loved in their new homes.



Alvin

Phoebe's rehoming journey – so far

Every equine is different, and here at Bransby Horses, we work tirelessly to ensure that all equines we bring into our care each have a tailored programme to get them ready for (and have the best possible chance of being placed in) a loving foster home. One story that is a great example of this journey, and which is still ongoing, is that of a Welsh mare named Phoebe.

Phoebe arrived at our Animal Reception Centre (ARC) as a nervous, young filly who was malnourished and had experienced minimal



handling. Phoebe initially lived at the ARC so that our team could closely monitor her and soon began a feeding plan to build up her strength. Her initial blood tests also showed she had signs of anaemia and started treatment to combat this.

When Phoebe was strong enough, the ARC team began working to improve her confidence and handling - the next essential stage of the rehoming journey. On arrival, Phoebe's response to people was to be defensive; she would look very aggressive and threaten to bite our team members. With lots of patience and handling work, the ARC team were able to improve her trust in them and, when she was ready, she moved to one of the ARC's larger fields with another young horse for company.

As Phoebe's health and handling stabilised, she was able to move to our Main Yard where she currently resides, continuing her education

and rehoming preparation. Here, Phoebe is the handling project of Team Leader, Hayley, who works with her to meet a set of criteria for our rehoming equines. Hayley has many years of experience working with young and nervous horses and ponies.

Like many equines we rescue, Phoebe can lack confidence when she encounters new things, so the team ensure she has the opportunity to have a really good look at anything she is nervous about so she can learn that she doesn't need

to be scared. This process is about taking gentle steps to gain trust and reduce fear. Such fight or flight responses have to be worked on, because understandably before being rescued and placed in safety by our charity, these responses are sadly often relied upon for an equine's survival.

The team have also been working on picking up Phoebe's feet since she tended to kick out if she was

Thanks to our family of fosterers, without whom we wouldn't have the space to rescue more equines in need.

feeling pressured. Phoebe can now be trimmed by the farrier without requiring sedation, which is a huge achievement for the team as she wouldn't let anyone pick her feet up on arrival.

Safe and calm loading of an equine on to a trailer is also an essential part of ensuring our equines have a chance of being rehomed. As such, our teams are working hard on this with Phoebe, which was challenging at first as she refused point blank to go near the ramp, let alone into the trailer. This is not unusual and requires lots of time and patience. Fortunately it didn't take Phoebe long to realise that she didn't need to worry after trusting Hayley to guide her slowly towards the trailer and step on to the ramp. Phoebe is making progress in every session and will be ready to go out for a trip in the trailer soon. Hayley says: "With Phoebe, her bark is worse than her bite. She is very much 'Miss Independent' but does in fact enjoy a cuddle and a scratch. She has a really sweet side once she gets to know you".

Phoebe will continue her rehoming preparation journey with the team on Main Yard and when she is ready, she will start her search for her second chance in a new home with her Perfect Partner.

If you would like to offer a second chance to a pony like Phoebe visit our website and fill out a Perfect Partner application form.

Team Leader, Hayley,
with Phoebe



Thank you for being a friend

Friends of Bransby Horses



By being a member of Friends of Bransby Horses, not only do you continue to help us with our much needed welfare work, but also in exchange for your support, we will invite you to special events and tours both onsite and online.

As a Friend, you will also now be able to log in to our new Member area on the website, giving you access to exclusive stories and preview events. Don't worry if you're not online - all of these exciting features will still be sent through to you.

BransbyHorses.co.uk/friends

Harry is a 20-year-old thoroughbred who arrived at Bransby Horses in July 2020. During his initial health checks it became obvious that his teeth were in a poor condition, severely affecting his ability to chew and process food efficiently, causing him to be underweight.

Luckily for Harry, his first couple of months at Bransby Horses were reasonably straight forward, which is often not the case. By becoming a Friend of Bransby Horses, your membership donation will help more equines like Harry.

Join today for just £5 per month by visiting our website, calling one of our friendly team members on 01427 788 464 or adding it to your order form.

You may remember reading about Poseidon, the majestic gentle giant who arrived at Bransby Horses in July 2020.

Standing at 18hh, this handsome chap, like so many we come across, had serious issues that were caused by his neglected feet. Poseidon's feet were extremely overgrown and caused him immense discomfort. For most horses similar to Poseidon, regular

Harry's teeth were in a poor condition, which had been severely affecting his ability to chew and process his food efficiently, causing him to be underweight.



In 2020, our Friends of Bransby Horses raised over £36,000 - thank you!

visits from a farrier to trim back and realign the foot with support from a vet can offer a whole new lease of life. Unfortunately, this was not the outcome for Poseidon.

Our welfare teams, vets and farriers spent time caring for him, x-raying and medicating him to try and give him a positive outcome. Sadly, the damage to the bones within Poseidon's feet prior to arriving in our care, along with the immense weight that comes from being an 18hh Shire, meant there was no way we could offer him a life free from pain. Sadly, in this

instance, the best outcome for Poseidon was to euthanise him. For those few months, we gave him the love, care and attention he deserved.



Poseldon's feet were extremely overgrown and causing him immense discomfort see image above.

How to help

Help us to continue to give other horses, ponies, donkeys and mules like Poseidon a safe place and well deserved second chance. You can do this by:

Making a donation

– by visiting our website, calling our friendly team on 01427 788 464 or adding it to your order.

Sponsoring one of our **Sponsorship Stars** who can be found on page 29.

By purchasing a **Gift of Movement** for £25, you provide essential regular foot trims. For Poseidon, this fundamental care was neglected.

Donating or placing your **order online or by phone** saves us many hours of administration time, helping to keep our costs low and ensuring more of your donation goes straight back to caring for the equines we rescue.



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Methods to combat equine obesity



In 2019 we reported on the alarming UK epidemic, when research showed that up to 70% of the nation's equines were overweight. With current world-wide challenges, we believe this is only likely to get worse.

Issues began in the 1950s as agriculture became more scientific and grasses were developed to give a high yield of energy (for fattening animals for the meat industry and to create high yielding dairy herds). Much of the land we keep our horses on has at some time been sheep or dairy pasture and as a result, the original indigenous meadow grasses have been replaced, often with high sugar ryegrasses. This, alongside modern effective thermal rugs and sophisticated food stuffs, and the marketing of these products, makes many equine owners feel that to do best by their horse, they must rug and feed their horses concentrate feeds.

Sadly this has fed into the epidemic. Over the years, owners have also become accustomed to seeing 'rounder' horses, so those with an equine of healthy weight may feel peer pressure to over rug and feed more. We have been conditioned to like seeing our

Lunar lost over 40kg with exercise and a controlled diet (not on the track system).



animals 'well rounded' rather than understand the health concerns we could be storing up for them if they carry too much body fat. These include circulatory issues, excessive loading of the limbs and joints, equine metabolic syndrome and of course laminitis - a horribly painful and recurring disease.

At Bransby Horses we have many horses which are of native pony descent, who through evolution were designed to exist in harsh environments where the grasses are sparse and of low energy.

So how do we manage these 'good doers' without a rocky mountain for them to live on? Firstly, we keep nearly all of our equines outdoors all year which means we can take advantage of the winter's cold weather, the horses can live more naturally and lose the weight they gained in the summer. We do not rug the majority of our horses and let their natural coats, movement with the herd and fibre-based diet keep them warm as they are designed to do. Those who can exercise do, and we have in-hand exercise programmes and diet monitoring. We also have the knowledgeable support of equine feed suppliers and nutritionists who help us analyse what our equines eat to ensure we give them a properly balanced diet without any unnecessary calories.

When reseeding our pasture, we don't use ryegrasses due to their dangerously high sugar levels, although it is often a cheaper alternative. Instead we buy meadow grass seed mixes that give a varied diet of natural high fibre / low energy.

When the grass becomes scarce we feed hay, working hard to find excellent suppliers who grow it especially for us, and cut our grass late in the season so that the sugar content is low. This year we're taking this a step further and trialling the use of Timothy hay, which has low sugar but a higher protein content, to support the health of our youngsters and golden oldies.

And finally, we have started to trial grazing track systems. Instead of a big field where horses can stand eating non-stop, a narrower strip is fenced around the field, encouraging them to move around the track while grazing. With their water at one end only, it's hoped that, like in the wild, they work as a herd in a daily pattern, walking longer distances around the track back to the water, encouraging them to keep mobile. We believe we'll achieve some good stats on this next year, and develop the tracks' design. We will keep you posted!



Instead of a big field where horses can stand still eating non-stop, a narrower strip is fenced around the field.

Did you know?

Our on-site vets:

- Have an office in the house where **Peter Hunt** used to live in Bransby.
- All have their own **equipment on-site**, including endoscopes, x-ray, ultrasound and laboratory machines.
- Run over **1,500 faecal worm egg count** samples every year.
- Have specially adapted kit so **all equines can receive gold standard care**, no matter how big or small. This includes a tiny dental speculum and headstand so that our Shetlands and miniatures can all receive the highest quality dental care.
- Work very closely with our physiotherapists, farriers and dental care providers. **Looking after every horse is a team effort!**
- Spend time every day with equines that find veterinary appointments overwhelming. **Our equines then get used to spending time with them** so if a procedure needs doing, it's less stressful for them. This can include needle training with horses that dislike injections; something many of us sympathise with!

Your vital donations make all this possible. Thank you.

Every Penney counts...



Without these wonderful gifts, Bransby Horses would not be able to achieve all that it does.

In August 2020 Margaret Penney provided 84 hours of medical care to a dying horse, saving its life. Margaret passed away in March 2020, so how did she do this? The answer is simple. When animal loving Margaret made her Will, along with other causes close to her heart, she very kindly created a legacy for Bransby Horses.

Margaret lived near Lincoln and was a keen supporter of Bransby Horses. Through her step-son Clive, we have been able to learn more about Margaret's life and her love of animals. We have been given permission to tell her story and use imagery of Margaret, such as the one for our 2021 legacy campaign found on the back cover of Bransby Life, and have raised vital funds through the sale of her furniture.

Thanks to her kindness, and that of her remaining family, **Margaret's legacy lives on.** In her younger days she enjoyed horse riding, cruising on a wooden boat built along traditional fishing boat lines, and community activities. Known for her friendly smile, she was involved with her local church and organisations at the heart of village life. As time and her beloved

husband passed, Margaret traded up from the cabin cruiser to cruise liners, travelling the world with one of her many friends. Margaret enjoyed life and her spirit is celebrated through her legacy.

Fortunately for all the horses, ponies, donkeys and mules cared for by our charity, Margaret's generous legacy is one of many we receive each year. Without these wonderful gifts, Bransby Horses would not be able to achieve all that it does. Legacies provided the essential funding which allowed us to act quickly and appropriately with the floods in November 2019 and again through 2020 with the essential changes we needed to put in place because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Every single penny (or Penney!) counts and is truly valued. Various kinds of legacies can be created and we always advise that a qualified, legal professional helps draw up a Will so that no mistakes are made with unintended consequences.

Gift guide

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Lincolnshire
artist Hannah Dale.

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Matching
items

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Glasses Case**

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£10.00

Code: GTGN0357

Grey Bee Scarf

This summery soft and lightweight scarf, designed by British artist Kat Jackson, is a great edition to any outfit.

£8.95

Code: CLSC0041



Bransby Horses Greeting Card Set

10 gorgeous greeting cards, two designs per pack featuring Bracken & Mae and Nipper. Blank for your own message. Kindly designed by local artist, Ros Brown. **£3.95** - Code: CRGC0034



Donate

Quality **donated items** are sold in our Donated Goods and Tack Shop. Donations are gratefully received at our Visitor Centre (please be aware we no longer accept mobile phones or electrical items). Thank you.

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Bransby Horses Bone China Mug

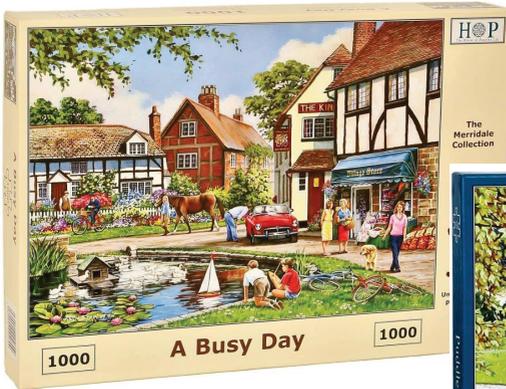
Beautiful bone china mug, kindly designed by local artist, Amanda Jenkins. Featuring Matilda, Dessie and Twiggy

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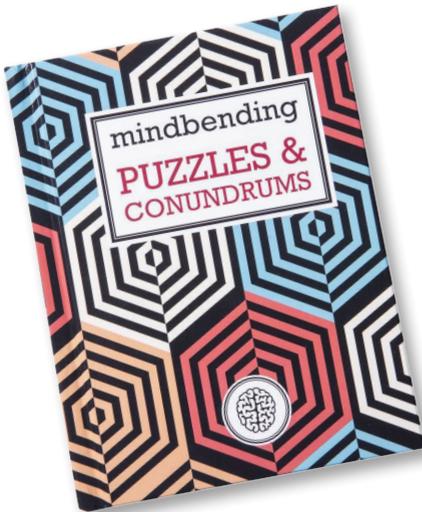
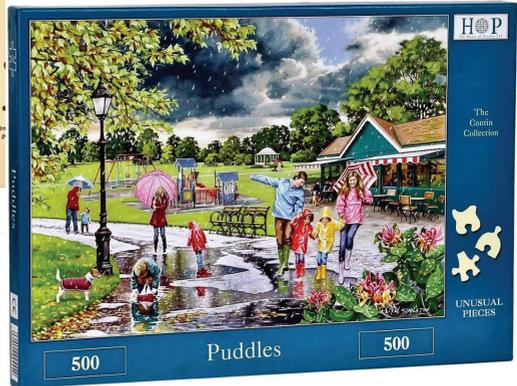
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While away the hours



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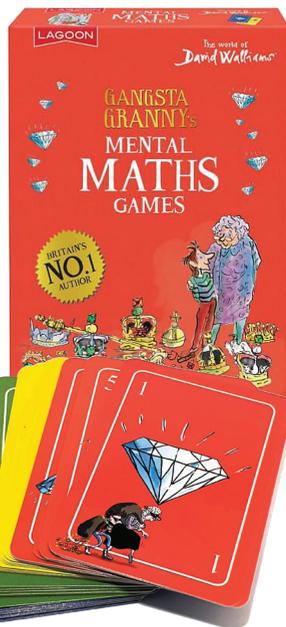


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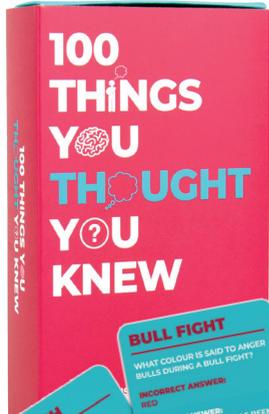
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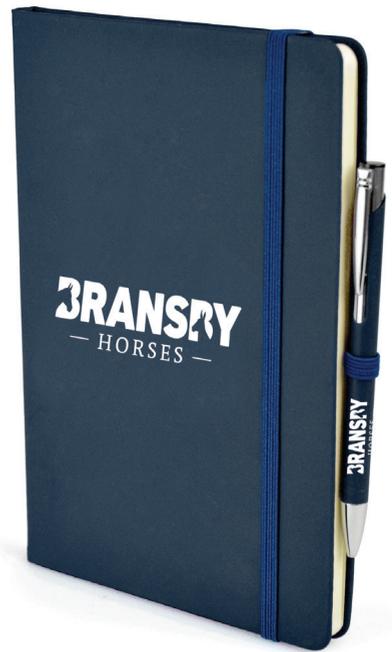
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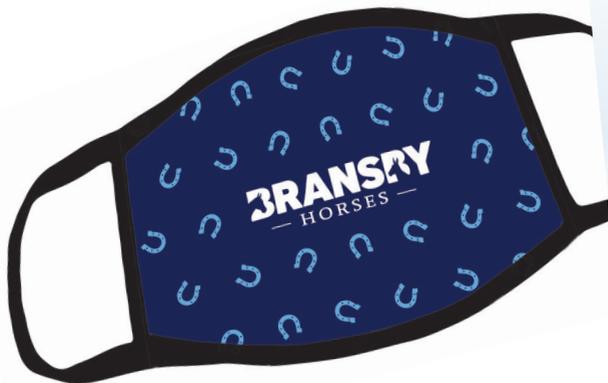


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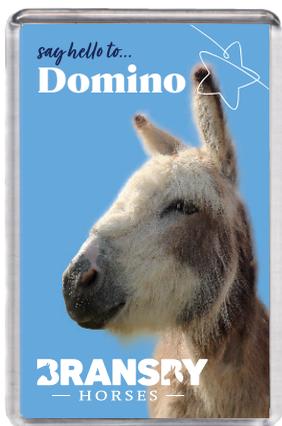
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Updates

Sponsorship stars

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With spring in the air, the Sponsorship Stars are excited at the prospect of longer days and warmer weather. The grass is growing, which to some of our stars isn't so good for their waistlines as this can cause painful conditions such as laminitis. Dedicated teams and careful management is key during the spring months, with teams carefully monitoring feed, weight and where appropriate, increasing exercise - it isn't just the two legged that need to get their steps in!

You can help make exercise fun for your Sponsorship Star by purchasing a Gift of Play in our web shop under 'Gifts With A Difference' at BransbyHorses.co.uk/shop,



Domino



Matilda

by telephone on 01427 788 464 or including this as an item on your order form at £30. Through your donation, we are able to purchase balls which provides enrichment qualities through play, but also helps to keep the extra pounds off.

Here's what your stars have been up to since our last update...

All the donkeys are settled in their cosy winter housing. Staff are busy keeping them entertained by hanging up swedes and hiding carrots in their deep straw beds to keep them out of mischief.

Matilda

Matilda hasn't stopped being her cheeky self, though. She keeps sneaking treats from team member's pockets when they are feeding and doing their checks. Her most recent trick is running off with walkie-talkies and dropping them into the straw bed – staff think it is payback for all the carrots they hide.

Domino

Domino is being a true friend to retired star, Nero, and looking after him well. They love living in the barn together and go for a steady mooch round. They are both enjoying the warm barn alongside the other donkeys during the colder months. Domino is looking forward to the spring when the weather is better and he can roll around on the grass.

Nipper

Nipper, as always, is up to mischief. More recently he has been sneaking into his girl donkey friends next door, running and bucking around. He has been playing with Nero which has kept them both busy and entertained! Nipper is so cheeky that team members have to watch as they enter the barn as he will always try to sneak in to where he shouldn't!

Honour

Honour has been enjoying time in the big winter field with her friends. She has been having some training on picking her very big heavy feet up to help when the farrier comes to give her a routine trim. Her newfound fame as a Sponsorship Star has gone to her head a little; forgetting her size when handling, the

team are having to give gentle reminders to remember her manners. She takes this training very well and most recently was awarded 'Star of the Day' on the Visitor Centre Yard for her progress.

Pecan

At the end of October Pecan was reunited with his father, Pistachio. The office team had to look twice when seeing the two lookalikes together trotting to their field! Pistachio recently had to have his eye removed, so Pecan being the caring son, is looking after his dad during his recovery. We are sure Pecan and Pistachio will be popular this year with visitors!

Ferguson

Ferguson has started his all-important clipper training to help treat his legs without the need of sedation. Ferguson was extremely well-behaved



and the team managed to get some of his legs and body clipped. The Yard teams are very pleased with his progress, however there is still some ongoing training needed.

Ferguson is also enjoying his time in the warm barn at the moment as we come to the end of winter. He also enjoys the odd cheeky carrot

smuggled to him by one of his adoring carers.

Saratoga

Saratoga is sporting a full clip, looking very smart and taking him back to his police horse days. The clip is to help him shed his lockdown pounds – vital as we come into spring. Saratoga is also living in the



barn with Ferguson to help keep his mud fever under control, with the winter bringing the joys of mud!

Woody

Woody being the delicate flower he is, is having his horizons expanded with some needle training. He will soon be having some walking adventures to help him become less stressed when coming away from his herd and to the yard. His carers will be reassuring him that he will soon be back with his friends each time he leaves the field. Currently living with our young Cob herd, he has taken on the winter weather like a trooper!

Pudding

New star Pudding has had a very busy few months. Following on from her rescue story (Pudding's Christmas Miracle) reaching thousands of children's stockings this



Christmas and her sudden rise to stardom, she has been busy educating schools within the local area (see p.5) with an array of welfare messages which will continue into 2021.

Pudding's story has touched the hearts of thousands of supporters in her very uplifting rescue story, which is sadly not uncommon.

Thank you to all those that support Pudding and help to raise awareness of our welfare work; her story book and Christmas Journey raised nearly £18,000 for the charity, feeding directly back into the care of all our equines.

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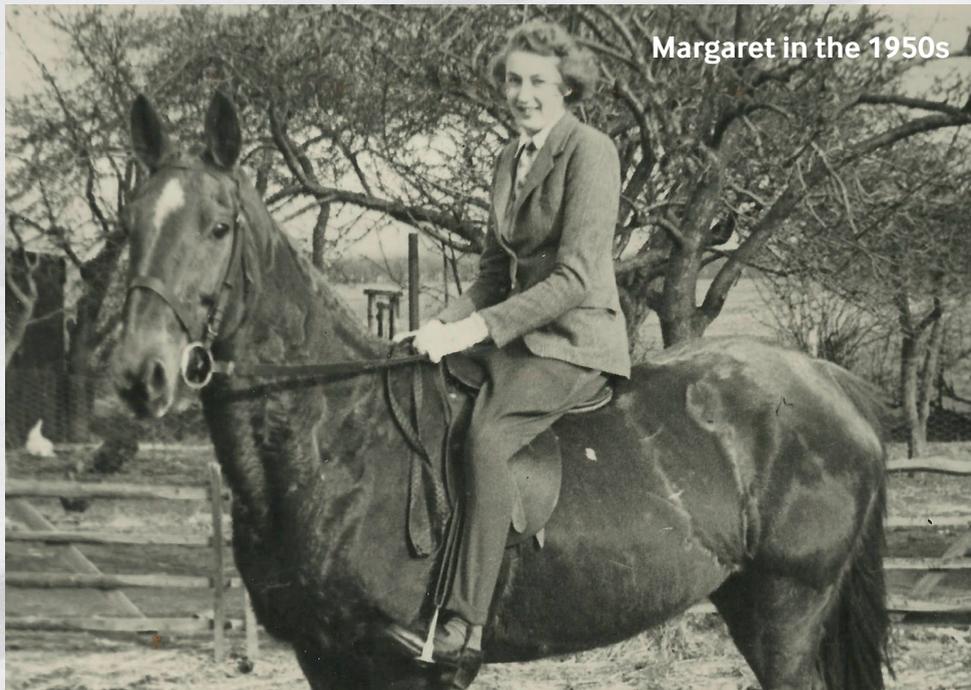


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