We had a wonderful opportunity in 2019 to share a preview of new documentary, “The Mustangs: An American Story” by award-winning producer and director Steven Latham, on the fate of Wild Horses in America.

But it’s not just the fate of America’s Wild Horses in jeopardy — despite all they do for us, tens of thousands of horses fall victim to abuse and neglect each year — and over 81,000 were shipped across our borders to be slaughtered in 2018.

At the core of our mission is that horses involved in any role and in any capacity are safe, healthy, and treated with dignity as partners.

The work of the EQUUS Foundation begins each time the career of a horse comes to an end. We work to ensure that these gentle giants can continue to partner with us as athletes, companions, teachers and healers by collaborating with individuals and equine organizations across the nation and by facilitating new and innovative collaborations between horses and people.

Horses make magic for young and old alike and can make those with the deepest of wounds whole again.

Our vision is that horses will naturally transition from one career to another without risk of an uncertain future -- and our vision is within our reach with your support. There are boundless opportunities for thousands upon thousands of horses to contribute positively to the cognitive, physical, emotional and social well-being of all people.

We are thrilled to share our progress in helping to ensure a safe and sustainable environment for horses now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Lynn Coakley, President
For The Love of Horses!

“We now have an icon of freedom that has become a ward of the state.”
From “The Mustangs: American Story” on the fate of Wild Horses in America

48 million people
People with disabilities in the United States

7,900 horses
Horses benefitting people with special needs today

81,708 horses
Horses shipped across the border to be slaughtered last year

713,652 people
People who could be benefitting from these 81,708 horses

69,000 people
People benefitting from equine therapy today
Horses make magic for young and old alike and can make those with the deepest of wounds whole again.

**$4 Million+**  
2019

In 2019, the Foundation topped $4 million in grants awarded following the successful implementation of its strategic plan.

**$2.7 Million**  
2014

The EQUUS Foundation awarded $2.7 million in grants between 2003 and 2014. In 2015, the EQUUS Foundation implemented a three-year phased strategic plan focused on building a sustainable infrastructure, creating new and refining existing programs to address national issues facing the equine welfare community and developing relationships with stakeholders dedicated to protecting America’s horses and strengthening the horse-human bond.

**$100,000**  
2003

The EQUUS Foundation awarded $100,000 in grants in 2003 to provide financial support to a handful of equine charities in Connecticut and New York following the establishment of the EQUUS Foundation in 2002.
The EQUUS Foundation awarded over $400,000 in grants and scholarships in 2019, topping the $4,000,000 mark in total awards. The EQUUS Foundation vets and invests in equine charities that operate at the highest standards of horse care. Only those equine charities that undergo our unique and comprehensive review process and receive the EQUUS Foundation Guardian Seal demonstrating that they are fully transparent are eligible to receive financial support from the EQUUS Foundation.

These charities are dedicated to providing:
• Protection, rehabilitation, retraining and re-homing of America’s at-risk and transitioning horses with careers as athletes, companions, teachers, and especially healers;
• Opportunities for horses to elevate the lives of people with and without special needs through Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT);
• Retirement for aged horses that ensure that horses are able to live out their lives in comfort and receive a peaceful and humane end of life.

With the advent of the internet and social media, it’s more important now than ever before that donor dollars be directed to charities that can deliver the greatest impact.

The EQUUS Foundation also awards scholarships to volunteers, the lifeblood of all charities, in recognition of their volunteer service -- thanks to Ariat International, the sponsor of the EQUUS Foundation Champions program.

New this year, we welcomed the Rider’s Closet as an EQUUS Foundation program. The Rider’s Closet was founded in 2006 by Georgina Bloomberg to provide new and gently used equestrian clothing to individuals in need, equine charities, scholastic riding programs, pony clubs and equestrian camp programs.
At the core of our mission is that horses involved in any role and in any capacity are safe, healthy, and treated with dignity as partners.

The EQUUS Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors representing a cross-section of the equestrian community, including supporters, participants, and professionals.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chair: Jenny Belknap Kees  
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William R. Harris, Jr.  
Patricia Keenan  
Richard Mitchell, DVM  
Susan Weber

We operate without employees but retain outside service providers under the supervision of the Board of Directors to conduct our programs, administration and fundraising.

We also do business under the name of Horse Charities of America. Information about Horse Charities of America and the EQUUS Foundation is available at two identical website addresses, equusfoundation.org and horsecharitiesofamerica.org. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.
Informed giving is more important now than ever before to ensure donor dollars have the greatest impact.

The programs of the EQUUS Foundation:

- **EMPOWER** equine charities to operate at the highest standards for horse care and service and be fully transparent by providing them with financial support, recognition, guidance, and resources;
- **INSPIRE** horse lovers to become horse protectors by stimulating advocacy and volunteerism;
- **EDUCATE** the public on the value of horses in our lives by sharing stories of their amazing achievements and contributions.

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**EQUINE WELFARE NETWORK**

Connecting equine enthusiasts with equine organizations across America

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**GUARDIANS** Setting the standards for horse care and ensuring transparency and accountability
EQUUS Foundation programs are aimed at ensuring a humane and sustainable environment for horses now and in the future.

**NEXT CHAPTERS**
Providing opportunities for horses in transition

**EQUINE EDUCATION NETWORK**
Encouraging the pursuit of equine studies at the collegiate level and careers in the equine industry

**THE RIDER’S CLOSET**
Providing riding attire to equestrias in need so that they may pursue their horsemanship dreams

**AWARDS & HONORS**
Recognizing achievement and the impact of horses in our lives

**2019 HONOREES**

- Humanitarian Award Recipient
  **STEUART PITTMAN**

- Veterinary Research Fellow
  **SHERRY A. JOHNSON DVM, MS, DACVSMR**

- Horse Stars Hall of Fame Inductees
  **COBRA**
  **EDDIE BLUE**
  **KARSTEN MS DREAMY**
  **PRIVATE PRACTICE PETEY**
  **BIG D**
  **LAZY DAYS MIDNIGHT LIGHTENING WANDERING ANGUS**
Individuals and organizations across the U.S. partner with us to increase opportunities for horses to partner with people.

At the EQUUS Foundation, we work to ensure that America’s horses can continue to partner with us as companions, teachers and healers after their sport days are over by cultivating partnerships with individuals and equine organizations across the nation and by facilitating new and innovative collaborations between horses and people.
Compassion is our cornerstone and the catalyst for making a lasting difference in the lives of people and horses.

HORSE WHISPERERS
Horse Whisperers are a special group of people and organizations who are inspired by the magical and powerful impact of horses in our lives and recognized by the EQUUS Foundation for the compassion and dedication to horse welfare. A select group of charities are designated as Horse Whisperer Award Recipients each year by the EQUUS Foundation Board of Directors.

PERPETUAL

Michele E. Arnhold Memorial Horse Whisperer Award
Established in 2008 by the family of Michele E. Arnhold in memory of her lifelong passion, her pursuit of excellence, and her commitment and contribution to the equestrian sport.

Emma and Georgina Bloomberg Horse Whisperer Award
Established in 2019 by the EQUUS Foundation in honor of Emma and Georgina Bloomberg.

Samantha “Sam” Calzone Memorial Horse Whisperer Award
Established in 2019 in memory of Samantha Calzone as a tribute to Samantha’s life and her everlasting passion for horses.

Elaine Enick Memorial Horse Whisperer Award
Established in 2017 in memory of Elaine Enick by her family and friends in recognition of her pursuit to find happiness and joy in everything and her enduring love of horses.

The Michael & Kerry Gaynor Horse Whisperer Award
Established in 2018 by Michael and Kerry Gaynor as part of the Houses for Horses Grant program where horse property owners donate a portion of the sale of their properties to the EQUUS Foundation.

ANNUAL

Lafitte De Muze Horse Whisperer Award
Established in 2018 by Cheryl Olsten in the name of her horse, Lafitte De Muze, to protect America’s horses at risk for abuse and neglect, and to inspire others who experience the joy of horses to help ensure that all horses live in comfort and with dignity throughout their lives.

Mighty Nice Horse Whisperer Award
Established in 2018 by Caroline Moran in recognition of 2017 Horse Stars Hall of Fame Inductee Mighty Nice owned by HnD Group, which was formed in memory of the late Bruce Duchossois, who owned Mighty Nice before his passing in 2014.

Newstead Foundation Horse Whisperer Award
Established in 2019 by the EQUUS Foundation in recognition of the long-standing dedication of the Newstead Foundation and the Firestone Family to safeguarding of comfort and dignity of horses throughout their lives.

Richard L. Parish Memorial Horse Whisperer Award
Established in 2014 by the family of Richard L. Parish in recognition of his leadership and dedication for over 45 years to the causes supported by the Richard Laurence Parish Foundation.

Warioto Farm & Joni Werthan Award
Established in 2018 by the Warioto Farm owned by Joni Werthan, an EQUUS Foundation Forever Farm dedicated to preserving open space for America’s horses, especially carriage horses, and safeguarding their comfort and dignity throughout their lives.

SPECIAL

Renee Farmer Memorial Horse Whisperer Award
Awarded in 2019 by the EQUUS Foundation on behalf of Paul Guilden and Mikelle Terson

Joan & George Hornig Horse Whisperer Award
Awarded in 2019 by the EQUUS Foundation

Francis P. Kruel Memorial Horse Whisperer Award
Awarded in 2019 by the EQUUS Foundation
For horses to remain an important part of American life, a shift in the perception of how horses partner with people is needed

Based on current demographic and economic trends in the United States, the long-term future and welfare of horses could be in jeopardy.

Public access and involvement with horses, especially among young people, declining. The expense and time required for competition is becoming unrealistic for most people.

For horses to remain an important part of American life and have a viable future, a paradigm shift in the perception of how horses partner with people will be required.

The EQUUS Foundation is committed to not only increasing adoptions of at-risk horses and providing a safe haven for aged horses, but also increasing opportunities for all people to engage and partner with horses in new innovative ways.

### WINNERS CIRCLE

#### $5,000-$9,999
- Ms. Patricia Adikes Hill
- Jenny Belknap & Walter T. Kees
- Emma & Georgina Bloomberg Foundation
- BMW of Darien
- Elise Bucknall
- Lynn Coakley
- Mrs. Phyllis Collins
- Mrs. Luella Davis
- The Estee Lauder Companies
- Fairfield Equine Associates
- Ms. Jane Henderson
- Dr. & Mrs. Steven Herman
- Marylou D’Addario & Sean Kennedy
- Ms. Caroline Moran
- Mr. & Mrs. George Walker
- Ms. Visse Wedell

#### $2,500-$3,499
- Dr. & Mrs. Vincent J. Abbatiello
- Lawrence D’Addario & Patricia J. Keenan
- Ms. Caroline Moran
- Mr. & Mrs. George Walker
- Ms. Visse Wedell

#### $10,000-$24,999
- Ariat International
- Arnhold Foundation
- Ms. Bobbie Braun
- Dr. Terri Champney
- Paul Guilden
- The Richard Laurence Parish Foundation

#### $5,000-$9,999
- The Ammon Foundation
- Georgina Bloomberg
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gaynor
- Cheryl Olsten & Lafitte De Muze
- Dr. & Mrs. Vincent J. Abbatiello
- Lawrence D’Addario & Patricia J. Keenan
- Ms. Caroline Moran
- Mr. & Mrs. George Walker
- Ms. Visse Wedell

#### $1,000-$2,499
- Danielle Levine
- Cynthia Linsenbardt
- Ms. Suzanne Marquard
- Mr. Jonathan McCann
- MyDoGood, LLC
- Network for Good
- Mr. & Mrs. Declan Orpen
- Companies Fairfield Equine Associates
- Ms. Jane Henderson
- Dr. & Mrs. Steven Herman

#### $25,000+
- The Ammon Foundation
- Georgina Bloomberg
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gaynor
- Cheryl Olsten & Lafitte De Muze
- The Richard Laurence Parish Foundation

#### $500-$999
- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Alexander
- Maria Amiot
- Alice & Steven Ansfield
- Assured Guaranty Matching Gift Program
- Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Barnet
- Brigadoon Show Stables
- Karen B. Brooks
- Capital One Rewards
- Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Durno
- Facebook
- Alison Foley
- Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cross
- Ms. Vila Geramassah
- Dr. Perry Giovanetti
- Lawrence D’Addario & Patricia J. Keenan
- Grand Prix Equine
- Mr. William R. Harris Jr.
- Hi Ho Petroleum
- Laura J. Niles Foundation
- Platinum Performance
- Mr. & Mrs. Jason Redlus
- Ms. Jennifer Ross
- Sandra Schatten Foundation
- Mr. & Mrs. Joel Whidden

### Statistics

- **326 Million** US Population
- **294 Million** 84% of the US population live in urban environments of 50,000 or more.

For horses to remain an important part of American life and have a viable future, a paradigm shift in the perception of how horses partner with people will be required.

The EQUUS Foundation wishes to express its appreciation to individuals and organizations supporting our mission through annual giving and event attendance. None of our efforts would be possible without the many individuals and organizations that contribute so generously to ensure the well-being of horses and foster the horse-human bond.
The future of America’s horses depends on investing in new and innovative partnerships between horses and people.

Thank you for all our Horse Protectors. Every donation makes a difference!