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The Society Pages

Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals

Praise for Maine's Unsung Philanthropist

Lawrence J. Keddy, a self-made man, whose engineering creativity and unselfish nature shaped his life's work and personal relationships, left a legacy to Maine that includes our unique farm in South Windham. Mr. Keddy avoided the public spotlight and never sought or received recognition for his munificence.

During his life, Lawrence J. Keddy owned numerous hydroelectric enterprises in Maine. He enjoyed a hands-on approach to all that he undertook, including piloting his own helicopter. He was very financially successful. Mr. Keddy also possessed an abiding affection for animals of every stripe and that passion produced his profound influence on our organization. Mr. Keddy joined the MSSPA board in 1974 and thereafter, single-mindedly led the operation, whose primary mission is the rescue and rehabilitation of large animals who have been seized by the State of Maine

Under Mr. Keddy's leadership, the MSSPA purchased hundreds of acres of land in South Windham, built a second large barn to house equines, and outfitted the farm with all that is necessary for the lifetime care of damaged animals. When Lawrence Keddy died in 2000, longtime Farm Director and protégé Marilyn Goodreau took on leadership of the MSSPA. She, with the support of the Society's Board of Directors, has continued his dream and example of philanthropy on behalf of equines.

The facility is unlike any other in New England. It provides around the clock on-site staffing,



has access to veterinary services twenty-four hours a day, and maintains animals for the entirety of their lives, provided the animals are not suffering. Thanks in significant part to Mr. Keddy's generosity, and a large membership, the MSSPA has never received tax dollars to support its work. In fact, the MSSPA provides nearly a million dollars in services annually, to Maine.

MSSPA is looking ahead to its next one hundred years of service to Maine. The status of animals is improving in Maine and across the nation. As costs of care for large animals increase, MSSPA while celebrating the legacies of Lawrence J. Keddy and others, is beginning to look for additional funds to keep Maine's most compassionate farm at the forefront of saving lives. Please help in supporting our mission of compassion for animals living at the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals.

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RIDE TO RESCUE

MSSPA Hires First PR Executive



• Meet Meris J. Bickford, Esq. and her horse, Mac

• She is new Vice President of External Affairs and trial counsel

• She will do fund raising and special events

May the Horse Be With You!
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• On **October 13, 2007**, animal lovers all across Maine will be "Riding To Rescue!" in support of the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals.

• Register and dedicate your "Ride" to our horses; we'll send you a T-shirt, pledge form and your invitation to the gala at Pineland Farms Equestrian Center on **October 28, 2007 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

• Special Appearance at Pineland Farms gala by Ginger Kathrens, award winning PBS film maker and author of

"Cloud, Wild Stallion of the Rockies"



For more information contact Meris J. Bickford, Esq. or www.MSSPA.org

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They need your help, too.



Each year dozens of horses are seized by the State of Maine. Those animals have experienced starvation, neglect, and all-too-often extreme cruelty or abuse. At the MSSPA we receive those animals into our care and provide all necessary medical treatment, food, shelter and love in abundance. Many animals remain with us for the rest of their natural lives. It costs many thousands of dollars each year to properly care for the animals in our barns. The MSSPA receives no public funding or tax dollars. We depend entirely on the generosity of animal lovers just like you. Please join us in making all the difference the lives of animals right here in Maine. Thank you for taking the time to send us your thoughtful donation. Please visit us in South Windham and see your dollars doing good for those who cannot do for themselves.

With warmest thanks,

Meris J. Bickford, President MSSPA



Down on the Farm

by Marilyn Goodreau, President

I love to tell you about the wonderful work that is accomplished every day on our farm in South Windham, Maine! As Maine's largest and only full service facility dedicated to the care of equines who have been seized by law enforcement officials of the State of Maine, our barns are filled with horses who have suffered mightily before being placed with our not-for-profit organization.

One of our recent success stories is "Doc," a gorgeous two year old, pure bred, American Saddlebred. Doc is one of three horses that Maine's animal welfare program agents removed from a neglectful owner in the fall of 2006. As the photos show, poor Doc, then a stallion, was starving and in very poor

condition. Because we were able to take ownership of Doc and provide all necessary medical treatment, together with an appropriate feed program, today he is a magnificent young gelding with a secure future here at the farm. Doc, unfortunately, is not unique in that over the years, the Society has received into its care horses of virtually every breed from Arabian to Warmblood.

Without membership support, donations, and bequests, we would be less able to respond to the needs of the many animals that are placed with our Society. On behalf of Doc and all the grateful creatures living down on the farm, thank you.



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Please Share Your Ideas With Us...

At the MSSPA, we want to know what you think about how we do our work and how we could better serve you, our members. Please drop us a line, shoot us an email, or call us and tell us what you like and what you don't! We are preparing our 2008 calendar for distribution in late 2007 and we are mapping out a plan to improve our communications with you. Please take just a moment and complete this brief questionnaire to assist us in giving all, but not more than, you want. Thank you.

Produce/Mail Annual Calendar

 YES NO

Comments:

Produce Newsletter 1 time per year

 YES NO

Produce Newsletter 2+ times per year

 YES NO

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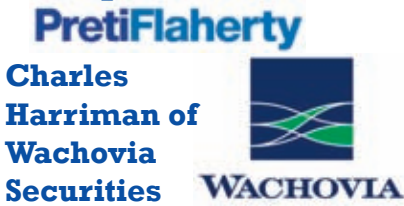


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