

WHAT WE DO

Please telephone the MSSPA toll free at 1-800-482-7447 concerning animal care, neglect or large animals anywhere in the state needing assistance.

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Special Thanks: Dede Bullock

All the horses in our barns are giving a special whinny of gratitude to Dede Bullock of Orrington, Maine, and with good reason. Through the generosity of the Bullock Family Foundation, Edith S. Bullock and William C. Bullock, Jr. have provided significant support for the animals of the MSSPA. With the cost of feed, hay, and regular veterinary care annually topping \$5,000.00 per horse, the herd at the MSSPA depends on horse lovers like Dede Bullock to keep the barn doors open to Maine's abused or neglected large animals. From all of us at the MSSPA, thank you to the Bullock Family Foundation.

The MSSPA is a tax-exempt, 501(c) (3) and receives no federal, state or local funding. The Society is entirely funded by membership dues, donations, bequests, grants, and fund-raising activities. The Society does not charge for its services and seeks no reimbursement from any public source. The MSSPA provides more than one million dollars in services, annually, to the tax payers of Maine and salvation to abused animals. FMI, visit the website www.msspa.org.



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The Society Pages

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Tradition of Extraordinary Service Receives Extraordinary Public Recognition in *Down East Magazine*

Founded in Portland in 1872, the mission of the MSSPA was to provide care for horses who pulled the street cars and fire engines. 137 years later, the MSSPA continues its tradition of providing exceptional care to horses seized from circumstances of abuse and neglect. It is truly a love story; today the Society is spread out over 124 acres of rolling green fields framed by white board fencing in South Windham, Maine. The dedicated, experienced staff arrives early each morning to begin the day long routine caring for the animals. Weather permitting; the staff efficiently moves horses out of the barns for the day while their stalls are cleaned. Fresh food, water and bedding are provided. They know each horse and are sensitive to that animal's individual needs and limitations.

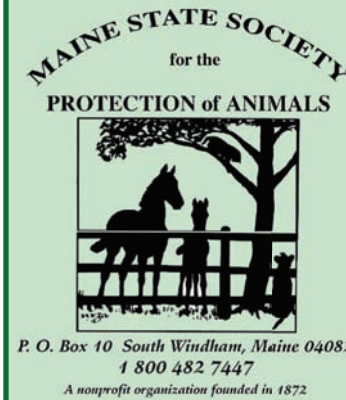
The increasing costs of operating New England's largest no-kill equine facility have caused the Society to work at increasing public awareness of its existence. The love story at the heart of today's Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals calls out to be told. So, told it will be in the August issue of New England's premier magazine, *Down East*. Acclaimed writer, Cynthia Anderson pairs with award winning photographer, Sara Gray, to tell that story. It is the love story of a self-made man, philanthropist, Lawrence J. Keddy and top equine rehabilitator Marilyn L. Goodreau, whose spirit of determination is reflected in every horse in the Society's barns. Without both of these unusual people, the MSSPA would not exist as it is today – New England's biggest, most compassionate large animal shelter.

Lawrence J. Keddy died in 2000, leaving the MSSPA in the capable hands of a dedicated board of directors. Marilyn L. Goodreau accepted the additional role of



president, modestly crediting the Society's continued success to the dedication of its staff and supporters like you. Marilyn, whose honest and passionate love of animals shows in every task she performs doesn't mention the hours she devotes to the running of a business whose annual operating budget exceeds \$1,000,000. She also doesn't mention sleeping in the stall night after night, bottle-feeding an orphaned foal until a surrogate equine wet nurse could be located. This remarkable woman won't speak about the dozens of phone calls she receives each day dealing with everything from negotiating the cost of hay to changes in individualized feed programs she designs for each of the 90+ horses in the Society's care.

Join the MSSPA as a member or renew a membership in August and receive a free copy of *Down East Magazine*. Please visit the Society's website at www.msspa.org or better yet, visit at the South Windham, Maine farm any day from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Once you step onto the beautiful land where this miraculous work is performed daily, you will understand why this facility is truly Heaven on Earth for the animals, and you too will fall in love with its mission.



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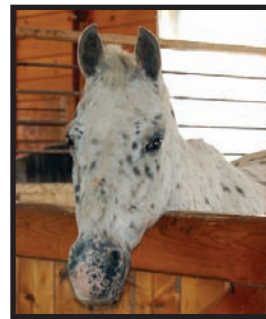
Opening Soon - the LJK Korral, the MSSPA's on-line marketplace!!!

RIDE TO RESCUE & ANIMAL WELL FAIR

Please join the MSSPA's community of those who care about animals and have made a planned gift for them. The animals in our barns understand the anxiety that comes from not being certain that you will be cared for. By making a bequest to the animals of the MSSPA in your will, you are ensuring for them the comfort of having enough. Making a provision in your will gives you the comfort of knowing the animals will benefit from your gift after you no longer need your assets. If you would like to make a planned gift for animals, please contact us. We can help you make a gift that works for you – and for the animals.



The MSSPA thanks siblings Phyllis and Richard Price for their planned gift to the animals.



Down On the Farm

The economic downturn, which is making life a greater challenge for most of us, is amplified here at the MSSPA. All the costs associated with the operation of the farm and rehabilitation of the horses have increased. Without the generosity of Society members and the public, it would not be possible to maintain the operation. On behalf of the animals here at the MSSPA, I ask that you



give at any level you can afford. Your gift will go 100% into direct animal care.

On a positive note, it is my pleasure to report that the MSSPA's current herd of horses is flourishing in various degrees of recovery from abuse or neglect. From time to time, the MSSPA places horses into forever homes that meet the Society's criteria. A waiting list is maintained to match horses with potential homes. The Society is also seeking to expand its foster-barn network of folks who are able to maintain a horse at their own expense on a temporary basis. Please contact me if you are interested in providing a foster stall for a Society horse. Thank you for your generosity to the animals of the MSSPA.

Marilyn L. Goodreau, President



Ride to Rescue Blue Ribbon Sponsors:



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Time to saddle up your checkbook for the 2008 Ride to Rescue!

On October 11, 2008 you're invited to join the MSSPA in its annual fund-raiser, Ride to Rescue. Just like last year, everyone is invited to ride – or not – at their own location and on their own choice of mount. Ride a horse, ride a bike, ride a tractor, it's up to you! Don't have anything to ride? Ride a cyber-horse on the MSSPA website! Send us your registration form and \$25.00. We'll send you a special edition R2R t-shirt and a pledge form; you'll be eligible to win terrific prizes, too! Then, on October 11th – let's all ride to benefit the animals of the MSSPA!

Animal Well Fair at MSSPA farm in South Windham

After the ride, send us your pledge sheet and money. Then, on October 19th, join the celebration at our **Animal Well Fair**. Top fundraiser of the Ride to Rescue will receive our special thanks and be featured on the MSSPA website; all registered riders will be eligible to win cool prizes and everyone will have a chance to meet and greet animal welfare folk from across Maine. The **Animal Well Fair** will feature demonstrations by animal trainers and communicators. Veterinarians, animal rescue and shelter groups will be there celebrating our love of animals. Learn what it takes to take really good care of animals, large and small. It is all happening at the MSSPA farm in South Windham! Food, fun, fabulous prizes, and best of all, animals rescued from abuse and neglect. Don't miss the 2008 Ride to Rescue and Maine's first **Animal Well Fair**.

Register by mail, by telephone or online at www.msspa.org
FMI, call the MSSPA at 892-3040

Volunteer Recognition

Without the help of volunteers, the MSSPA could not accomplish all that it does. While liability concerns prevent the Society from having volunteers work directly with the animals, some of the most important work done each day happens in our office. The Society's ability to provide outstanding care to the rescued animals depends on the generosity of its members. Of course, financial support of the program is critical, but some animal lovers give generously of their time and skill, as well. One such volunteer is Alice Persons of Westbrook, Maine.



Animal Refuge League. Alice admits to being a little bit intimidated by horses (though she is learning a lot about them). Her family includes five cats and a hound dog. She is writing a children's book about our rescued Belgian filly, Delilah.

Perhaps the most pleasurable volunteer service Alice has given the Society this past year was adopting an adorable kitten from the MSSPA. Alice is pictured with her newest volunteer project, Miss Fiona, a delightful addition to her pet family.

Over the past year, Alice had donated hundreds of hours to the MSSPA by working at its fund-raising events like the Ride to Rescue and Fill the Fountain. She has stuffed envelopes, written personal notes, conducted interviews and written stories for Society publications, edited countless letters, sold T-shirts, and shared her valuable experience as a past president of the Board of Directors of the



Jamie and Teddy headed for the barn

Jamie Goldberg is a gift to the animals of the MSSPA! Jamie, a young woman with a heart full of horses and the enthusiasm of youth has taken on the challenge of helping raise \$25,000 to retrofit the utility/wash station of the small barn at the MSSPA. Following a recent visit to meet the many critters who call the Society home, Jamie with the support of her parents, Leslie and Scott, pledged to dedicate herself to raising money for the much needed project at her upcoming Bat Mitzvah. In addition, Jamie is already strategizing her pledge requests for the 2008 Ride to Rescue. Pictured here with the current wash area for everything from buckets to brushes, Jamie's generosity and desire to make a difference for the animals show rather than speak the meaning of compassion. Please join Jamie in her public service project by giving generously in support of this much needed retrofit. You may contact Jamie by email at jami Goldberg@msspa.org

Our sincere thanks to Jamie and the Goldberg family.

Over the Fence



- ♦ First issue of "The Society News" published July 2007
- ♦ Launch of www.MSSPA.org
- ♦ Ride to Rescue fund-raising event October 2007
- ♦ Holiday Open House at the MSSPA farm December 2007
- ♦ Channel 13 promotional piece December 2007
- ♦ Fill the Fountain fund-raising event in May 2008, with special thanks to the Portland Fire Museum
- ♦ Featured on "207" Channel 6 May 2008
- ♦ Featured in Down East magazine August 2008
- ♦ Welcomed hundreds of new members to the MSSPA

