

Daphne and Windy River

The autobiography of a colt and his once-neglected mother

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Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals

Daphne, my mama mare, is so beautiful! Sleek, strong, and smart – she shines like the sun!
But she wasn't always like this...



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When Daphne first arrived at the Society, she was scared. She was hungry, dirty, and needed to get her hooves tended. Her teeth, too. Daphne also had to have an operation. She had a lot of problems, she wasn't friendly, she didn't trust people ...and **she had a secret.**



For many months, the good people at MSSPA spent time with my mama, feeding her, brushing her black coat, and taking really good care of her every day. She got to play outside with other horses and train inside with people who taught her not to be afraid. She learned how to accept being touched, having her hooves trimmed, and getting vaccinations. She started being nicer to the people helping her.



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Daphne had been at the Society for several months getting better ...**and bigger too.** The staff, with help from the veterinarian, guessed her secret. She was going to have a baby horse, called a foal – **me!**

I was born on March 1, 2019 and every day of my life I have had friends to help me learn about the world. My first best friend was my mama Daphne, of course.

Here at MSSPA, there is a lot of love and a lot to learn.

I had to learn that people mean good things, even when they are picking up my feet or looking in my mouth.

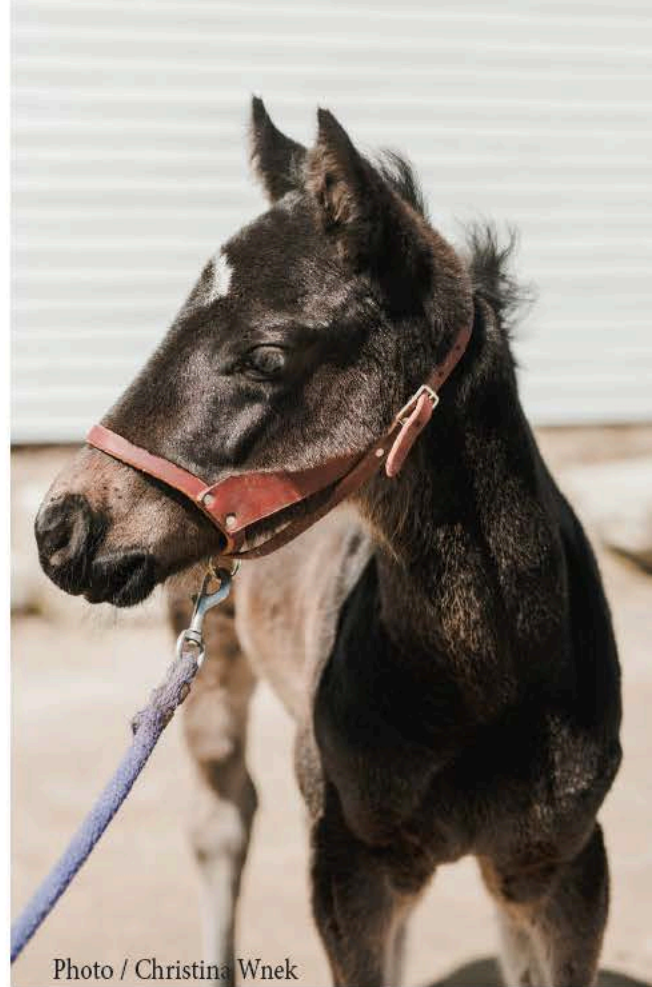


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At first, I followed Daphne everywhere. Then, I learned to go where people asked me to go using a halter and lead line.

I know to stop when asked and to kick up my heels when I am in the field playing. I have learned that hay is good but grass is great!



I like to walk about with my special friend, **Chris Lombard**. We have lots of fun together!

Being a colt is hard work, though, and I enjoy my nap time too.

When I grow up to be a big horse, I want to be just like my uncle Tonka.

He looks after me in turnout and teaches me how to get along with other horses.



Someday, I am going to **Horses With Hope** just like my mama to learn how to be a riding horse. Then my own special person will adopt me from the Society. I can't wait!

Please come visit me at River Road farm? I love visitors. Someday, one of them is going to take me home.



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SO FAR IN 2019...



103 HORSES IMPACTED

47 horses received rehabilitation services or were maintained by MSSPA, with an additional 10 equines in foster care
35 horses were listed on Maine Horse Matchmaker
11 horses were provided with emergency support from the Society's Feed and Care Bank

11 HORSES ADOPTED OUT

MSSPA horses Nutmeg, Shane, Walker, Honey Rose, April, Wee Man, Tavish, Shadow, Oakley, Buck, and Romeo went to their new homes.



\$400,000+ RAISED

Including over \$100,000 during MSSPA's annual Buy-A-Bale campaign, more than \$200,000 in grant funding, and \$5,000 for Bonnie and Clyde, the horses seized from Solon in July 2019.

Over \$50,000 in goods and services were donated to MSSPA as well, including items from the Society's wish list on Amazon Smile.

1,500+ VISITORS

Many hundreds of visitors have toured the River Road farm this year. MSSPA has hosted dozens of birthday parties, humane education summer campers, community leaders, and school, corporate, and civic groups in the new Keddy-Goodreau equine rehabilitation facility.

Visitors are welcomed every day from 1 pm to 4 pm.



11,000+ VOLUNTEER HOURS

Including more than 6,500 hours by residents from the Southern Maine Women's Re-entry Center, nearly 4,000 hours by individual community volunteers, and over 600 hours by school, corporate, and civic groups.

MSSPA'S LIFE-SAVING WORK IS MADE POSSIBLE BY DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU. THANK YOU.

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