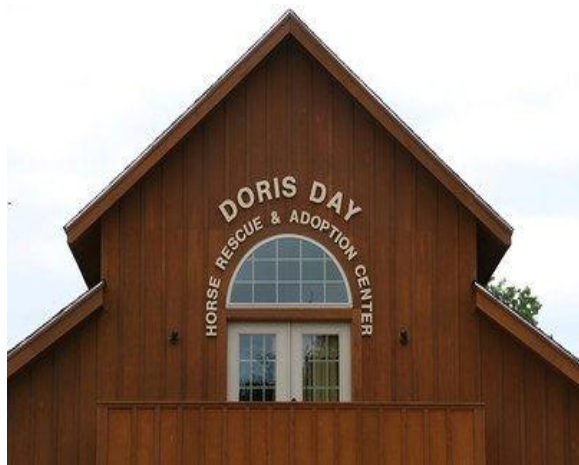


# The Doris Day Equine Center at Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch 2017 Update

In 2017, The Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch (CABBR) and The Doris Day Equine Center rescued 25 special needs equines and brought them to live out the remainder of their years in peace at our beautiful 1,437 acre sanctuary in Texas. The Center also continues to be home to the Forever Foundation training program.



The Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch, where The Doris Day Equine center is located, is very active in direct care for equines in need. We offer permanent sanctuary to equines who have come from an array of cruelty situations. Some of the special needs horses require exceptional accommodations such as housing, medical and training. These accommodations would not be possible without the Doris Day Equine Center, where the 25 special needs horses are currently being cared for.

## Equine Direct Care and Rescue Work

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In 2017, horses located at the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros in South Dakota were seized by local law enforcement as a result of being abused and neglected. We were proud to join a network of equine rescuers to assist, which in this case meant finding these horses forever homes. We networked with local horse adoption and law enforcement agencies to rescue the horses that were not a good fit for the adoption program whether it be for age, temperament or physical limitation.

The Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch took in 14 of the neediest horses who might otherwise not find homes. The majority of the 14 horses from the South Dakota neglect case were feral, making it nearly impossible for them to be adopted out, trained, or ridden. These horses are now able to live their lives to the fullest with hundreds of acres to romp around at their disposal. The Doris Day Equine Center offers a smaller space for these horses to receive special feed, closer quarters for observation and easier maneuvering.

Smarty, one of the 14 horses taken into sanctuary from South Dakota, came in with the first wave of intakes. He and his group of five friends came in with substantially overgrown hooves and some arthritic changes in their knees that was certainly challenged by his poor diet and lack of proper hoof care in South Dakota. After receiving farrier care, Smarty moved to our special needs pasture where he currently receives a grain meal and pain medications as needed. The remaining four, Thunderheart, Wilson, Stormy and Star are enjoying life in our largest pasture, where they are rarely seen apart!

Evander, Swype and Tyson came together as a trio of geldings but have all found new friends to hang out with. They are sometimes seen sharing a patch of grass together and later in the day will move on to be with their new friends.



The last grouping of the 14 South Dakota horses consisted of 6 mares—and they were certainly



our wildest bunch! Four of the six, Ana, Elsa, Sarabi and Merida are in our largest pasture and are always be spotted together, enjoying each others' company. Tiana was moved in with our horses requiring the highest amount of care due to a degenerative bone condition affecting her lower limbs. Tiana receives daily supplements and pain medications to help her enjoy life at the sanctuary.

The last of the six, Mulan, came to our sanctuary pregnant. We are happy to say that her spunky little filly, Sidewinder, is doing well and making full use of her pasture to run laps and pester her mother (video attached).

In addition to the 14 horses rescued from ISPMB, we rescued several other horses, donkeys and mules that were saved from slaughter or seized by local authorities because of cruelty and neglect. Two of the recent equine rescues

were brought in after a local Texas SPCA deemed them unadoptable. CABBR continues to be a leader in rescuing unadoptable equine. We are proud to be able to save these majestic animals who may have ended up on the slaughterhouse floor in Mexico or Canada had we not rescued them.

## The Forever Foundation Program

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The Forever Foundation program, sponsored by the Doris Day Foundation, doubled the amount of applicants (over 60 rescues) and selected 30 rescues from around the country to participate. We also added an additional live advanced clinic. Through this training program, we have assisted thousands of horses and impacted over 5,000 adoptions. More than 1,000 staff members and volunteers from these horse rescues participated. New videos were added to the online training portal and additional challenges were established to test the new skills of the horses and people alike. The supporting calls, during which questions are answered by the trainer, continued and we have expanded the hands-on clinics.

Our program focuses on the safe evaluation, handling and effective training of horses that are difficult and potentially dangerous when: 'Catching and Haltering', 'Leading and Tying', 'Trailer Loading'; 'Vetting'; 'Preparing to Ride', 'Trimming or Shoeing'; and 'Addressing Biting, Kicking and other Vices'. This unique training is to further empower and equip rescues with the techniques and methods they need to more effectively and successfully find these horses forever homes.

We continue to get very positive feedback on our program. During the hurricanes this past summer, several equine facilities informed us that our training program was instrumental in helping them to load their horses quickly to get out of harm's way. This direct care work and training would not be possible without the support of the Doris Day Foundation.

