

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I receive a horse from SBR?

Call the Adoption Hotline at 908-605-6032 and begin. The adoption process starts with assessing your needs and your ability to care for the horse. An application is completed and a nominal fee collected. Upon approval, the match-up process begins. Standard adoption fees typically range from \$750 - \$1000 depending on the horse. Shipping costs are the adopting party's responsibility.

Does SBR adopt out of its area?

Yes, SBR will place horses in any state in the U.S. We have also adopted to homes in Canada.

Can I come to your facility and try out the horses I am considering?

Yes. We encourage potential adopters to come and visit all the horses. This is the best way to ensure you get the horse that is right for you. But, if you cannot come for a visit, our professionals are more than happy to assist you in your selection of a treasure.

Does SBR help find the papers and the true ID's of the rescues?

Most of the horses we buy at auction do not have papers, but some do. We have had volunteers that we called our "Cold Case Squad" who help us try to identify horses. Lately we have been more successful running DNA on the rescues as they come in to rehab with the help of the breed registry. When we have papers we do not list those names on our social media. Once a horse is adopted that information is shared.

Does SBR really help the horse industry?

We believe we do and we aim to be helpful. We have introduced new people to the saddle seat breeds. In placing horses with trainers and instructors we are helping support lesson programs across the country which is the life blood for many of the breed organizations. We help explain to novices that are interested in adopting a horse how the rescue agencies generally operate and what pitfalls to avoid. We work with breeders, prior owners and breed associations as partners in the horse world and most of all, we have helped over 1600 horses that we have rescued and rehabilitated.



The 2006 Heros for Horses Award presented to Saddlebred Rescue by the US Equestrian Federation

Do you know the facts?

We are saving all horses from slaughter – FALSE

There are not enough resources to do that, but we are saving horses that have a contribution yet to make either as a lesson/practice horse, trail horse or a family horse often introducing new people to the saddle seat breeds. We are also trying to raise funding for a euthanasia fund when that is the most humane alternative for certain situations.

SBR discovered a secret about most of these horses – TRUE

The majority of the horses we get from the slaughter auctions have had some training foundation earlier in their lives. Horses have long memories and after needed rehab and with little training the majority of our rescues can return to useful lives. We have found alternatives for these horses that they would never have had previously.

SBR keeps permanent rescue residents – FALSE

We need to find homes for all the rescues. Since 2006 SBR has rescued over 1000 animals thanks to all the supporters that are behind our program. Nearly 70% of the horses have been placed with trainers and instructors across the country as lesson and practice horses. All of these horses are subject to our "Safety Net" and they will not be at risk at an auction again.

As an animal rescue agency SBR is unique nationally and has a high success rate in its adoption program – TRUE

SBR has a rehab program and placement program that we call our own eHarmony. Unlike most rescues our managers are horse professionals and we are a supporter of the United Horseman's Association. If one of the rescue horses does not fit well in its new home SBR will find the right solution to make it work.

Adoption fees provide adequate funding – FALSE

Adoption fees are set to be able to place the highest number of rescues to the most qualified applicants. They are not cost based. At best, the fees allow us to recover approximately a third of the purchase and rehab costs of an average rescue. In addition, rescues require daily care, hay, grain, and some stabling. At any one time, the rescue has 25 to 40 horses in rehab. Our goal is to have funding that can cover not only the basic rehab and care, but allow for every horse to have a full vet check, teeth floated, and farrier care, as well.



American Horse Adoption

Operated by Saddlebred Rescue, Inc.



Honored to be:

SBR is recognized as a national and New Jersey leader in horse rescue; verified by GFAS for providing the standards of care and protection these horses deserve.



See our new and updated website launched July 2019

www.saddlebredrescue.com

This is the Face of Hope.



It is the Mission of Saddlebred Rescue Inc to:

- **Educate** the public on concerns facing the saddle seat breeds
- **Purchase horses** that were destined for slaughter and return them to useful lives. Re-homing supports the Safety Net when adopted parties are no longer in a situation to adequately care for the horse. Evaluating the rescues to fit into UPHA lesson programs additionally adds to the Safety Net.
- We want to provide a **“Safety Net”** so the horses that are saved are never at risk again. We support the Safety Net by re-homing horses when adopted parties find themselves in situations where they can no longer care for the horse. SBR works with UPHA members to support their lesson programs and we do our best to evaluate the rescues to make sure they can fit into their programs.
- In the course of helping the horses we want to be a **good citizen** within the horse industry and to be an example for other rescue groups through our dealings with owners, trainers and instructors, breed associations, professional groups, youth groups, our supporters and volunteers.
Since being established in early 2006 Saddlebred Rescue has purchased over 1600 horses from auctions and kill buyers. These horses have been rehabbed and placed back into new homes as lesson and practice horses as well as trail and pleasure horses. We call that a success!



Braveheart enjoys the first day of freedom from a lifetime (18 years) of hard work where he pulled a buggy on the roads of Lancaster Co.

Braveheart was placed in a handicapped driving program in Kentucky.

With your assistance, horses that have lost their places and their “heritage” in the show horse world are now leading our next generation of riders toward a lifetime of enjoyment with American Saddlebred/Morgan/Hackney breeds.

Banner

Banner's owner lost her job and she gave Banner to what she thought would be a “loving” home.

After Banner was neglected and starved he was sent to a sale, where SBR purchased him by bidding against the “kill” buyers.



Banner found a new home at a show stable in NC as a lesson/practice horse



Sir Old Guy

Sir Old Guy was so starved (almost to death according to our vet) when we purchased him at a sale, our vet did not think he would live. With a week of intense care this wonderful old horse not only lived, he thrived. After 6 weeks Sir looked like a different horse.



He is now living in St. Louis, MO as a companion animal. Sir Old Guy will never go hungry again.



How can I help the horses?

- Like us on Facebook, join our discussions there and our Discussion Forum on our website at www.saddlebredrescue.com. Learn about what we do and get involved!
- Volunteer your time and talents in hands-on activities or via distance. Opportunities are endless from manning a booth, fostering a horse, promoting SBR in your town and more. Your input is welcomed.
- Help with fundraising – it's easier than you think! Barn parties, stick horse competition, bake sales, youth group projects, auctions, nominating SBR as beneficiary of a horse show or other event.
- Donate used equipment, such as blankets, sheets, halters
- Make an automatic monthly donation through our Donation Station on our website or on PayPal or make a one-time gift. You can make a significant difference with just \$10 per month!
- Attend our Annual Brunch at Louisville during the World Champion Horse Show!
- Offer business support to the Board of Directors. As we grow, our business needs to grow. Please inquire if you want to be part of this unique and dynamic group
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US AT:

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