



Neigh Savers Foundation, Inc.

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Excessively Rich is our poster boy for the month. This lovely gelding is 16.2 hh and now sound and available for immediate adoption. We have videos and additional photos if interested. Please contact us via email at Karin@neighsavers.com for more information. You can also read more extensively about Excessively Rich at www.neighsavers.com under the Horses for Adoption tab.



On April 8, 2009 Neigh Savers Karin Wagner, Nicole Rawnsely, Chris Willmon and Lynda House attended a Retirement Round-Table Conference hosted by CARMA at Santa Anita Park. Chaired by Madeline Auerbach a large group of horse rescues from all over California

converged to meet for the first time in one room. A number of topics regarding off track race horses were discussed. However, the highlight for us was able to partner with Bonnie Adams of Canter-California to seek help for the



lovely filly pictured above (Fabuloso) who had just fractured her ankle in a training accident. We learned that she needed expensive surgery costing nearly \$4,000 and a long rehabilitation period thereafter. Trainer Armando Lage is a part owner in the filly and he generously offered to rehab her for a period at his barn. Armando is the real hero in this story along with CARMA chair Madeline Auerbach who personally stepped in and called Golden Gate Fields track vet Dr. Kim Kuhlmann to make the necessary arrangements for the surgery. CARMA is an excellent organization that is doing much good for California's off track race horses. Please support them by attending their fund raising events. Last year they held a hugely successful Poker Tournament at Del Mar that will be the highlight of this year's Del

Mar meet. You can read more about CARMA by clicking on this link:

<http://www.carma4horses.org/>

Neigh Savers and Canter – California have both offered to help the filly down the road. Thank you, Armando and Madeline for your compassion and love for these animals. We will keep you posted about her progress as she has a very long road ahead of her. Fabuloso had a complicated surgery that required 9 screws in her rear right ankle and then developed colic. Armando made sure a groom was stationed by her stall on a cot during this touch and go time. It is not unusual when a horse breaks down or is no longer profitable that the rescues and groups like CARMA need to step up and deal with the aftermath.

As would seem the norm we only had one donation from our ever constant and generous supporter, Andy Kramer. Andy had not been in the Winner's Circle of late but good karma must have followed him as his appropriately named Lunch Money broke his maiden at Santa Anita last week.

We also just delivered two beautiful 9 year old geldings to our rehabilitation facility in Grass Valley, Destiny Ranch (arena shown below). This is a gorgeous facility on 50 acres in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Brishane (Mac) and Lord's Table (Louie) arrived safely. Both are recovering from major injuries sustained at the track and already had a substantial recovery at another facility. Updates and photos will soon be posted.



These two gentlemen came with a generous donation that provided for their transportation and about 5 months of rehabilitation time. Thank you owner Mr. David Cook and thanks also to trainer Dominic Fama at Los Alamitos who has supported us and been tremendously honest in his assessment of a growing number of horses he has sent to us. You can read more about Dominic by clicking on the Dear Dominic tab on the home page of Neigh Savers. Dominic is also standing by to answer any horse related questions.

Please take look at this shocking photo of Magic Route, a horse found starving by our friends at Southern California Thoroughbred Rescue.



Some of you might remember that last year we helped save and still support Rocky (Freebe's Lad) who was about to be abandoned to starve and die of thirst in the desert. Magic Route has now had an overwhelming outpouring of funds and support coming to SCTR on his behalf from as far away as Canada & Germany. He is already doing much better and gaining weight.

<http://www.neighsavers.com/data/magic.php>

From the very heartwrenching we move to the inspirational to close. For some months now I have been following a horse named Courtly Jazz that was previously owned by CARMA Board Director Jan Hawthorne and her husband Jerry. On behalf of the Hawthornes I tried to buy the 9 year old former stakes winning gelding from the trainer but to no avail. Thus we had to wait until he was entered into a 4K claiming race. Jazz ran dead last but came out of the race in good condition. I walked him to the Receiving Barn and to his stall and fed him a few baby carrots that he enjoyed immensely. Jazz will be traveling south to the barn of Gary Mandella and then be turned out for some R&R before it will be decided what to do with him. Who knows, Jazz could end up in Moorpark at Kimberlee Farm with our own Nicole and Cynthia retraining him for another career or maybe he will just become a beloved pet to the Hawthorne's grandchildren.



As always, we are in dire need of donations to continue this work. You can contribute via PayPal or write a check directly. Our address is:

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- Your gift of \$5 will provide a days' worth of hay for one horse.
- Your gift of \$35 pays for one farrier care (hoof trim).
- Your gift of \$75 pays provides 5 bales of hay for a needy horse in our community.
- Your gift of \$150 provides wormer for 30 horses.
- Your gift of \$200 provides annual dental (teeth floating) and vaccination for one horse

Thanks so much.
Karin Wagner