



**Mare and Foal
Sanctuary**

The Mare and Foal Sanctuary rescues horses and ponies that have been abandoned, neglected or abused.

We also ensure that horses and ponies have a sanctuary for life. Most horses and ponies are given care for life through our network of knowledgeable carers. Those horses and ponies with more complex needs are cared for in our peaceful sanctuaries.

We currently have 177 horses and ponies at the Sanctuary, with a further 451 on loan through our Sanctuary at Home scheme. On average it costs £555 for feed, bedding and hay and £1,036 for expert veterinary care per pony each year.

Since 1988 we have rescued over 1000 horses and ponies across the South West and provided them with lifelong, loving care and support. This year we are celebrating our 30th anniversary as a registered charity.

How a grant of £12,000 will help horses and ponies at our Coombe Park Equestrian and Education Centre:

This donation will help towards the capital build of a new high intensity care unit for horses and ponies with complex health care needs at our Coombe Park Equestrian and Education Centre near Totnes in Devon.

The unit will replace the 'American Barn' which had to be demolished in 2020 due to subsidence on our site.

It will also accommodate horses and ponies in need following the sale and closure of our South Manor Sanctuary near Newton Abbot in 2021 due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The unit will house horses and ponies whose needs mean that they cannot easily be cared for elsewhere because they require expert and specialist care. It will contain 15 stables and crew barns, and have capacity for 25 equines. Each stable will have direct access to the fields which will make it easier for ponies with laminitis.

In 2021 temporary stabling was erected at the site to house ponies from South Manor and the American barn. They now await permanent residence in the new high intensity care unit.

The project is expected to cost approx. £250,000 and we hope to achieve the build within the next 6-12 months, with tendering currently underway and planning permission being granted imminently, subject to the submission of an updated landscaping plan.

Benefits of your support to the ponies in our care:

The building of this high intensity care unit at Coombe Park Education and Equestrian Centre will have the following benefits to our rescued horses and ponies:

- Provide a permanent home for 25 rescued horses and ponies currently living in temporary accommodation.
- Provide an ideal environment for our horses and ponies with the most complex health care needs.
- Supports the wider development of this site - making a significant difference to the lives of rescued horses and ponies and our local community who visit the sanctuary for our equine assisted learning programme and human-equine interactions.

We thank you most sincerely for considering the Mare and Foal Sanctuary.

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