



## Will you be my Valentine?

Ellie the pony meets  
Charlotte Barnes  
of her new foster family.

Winter 2014

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## Dr. Paula's Message

Dear Friends,

It has been a long six months since our last newsletter. As I write, we are struggling in the icy grip of the most challenging winter I can remember. It is 6:00 a.m., in the minus-teens, the wind is howling and Johnny is on the tractor moving snow once again. Although he continues to plough swathes through the pony paddocks so we can get to our furry friends, we have resorted to using Isabel's sled to transport hay.



Photo courtesy of Flamborough Review

In this weather I always worry about the ponies—especially our older ones. I worry that one of our blind ponies might lose its way to the run-in shelter in yet another blizzardy night. Yet, every morning I arrive to the frosty faces and bright eyes of these tough little creatures. They huddle in their shelters and call out for their breakfast. I am reminded of a Haiku poem by Isabel that is posted on our pony shed:

*I walk outside  
The horses neigh their winter neighs  
In their fuzzy coats.*

Although survival is instinctive for them, I know the senior ponies struggle and I look forward to planning construction of a larger center, one that could serve as a volunteer base, education center and, most importantly, housing for ponies in need of veterinary or any other special care. For now, they have their run-ins, and the addition of the latest one last fall was not a moment too soon. Thank you for helping to make this happen.

Wind Dancer faced our greatest challenge yet last August when our little Lucy pony fought a long, tough battle with Potomac Horse Fever. She survived thanks to the dedication and financial support of our Wind Dancer Community. I was away at the time and took comfort knowing so many people were giving so much to this sick pony. I am excited for you to read more about it in this issue of Pony Tales.

The day-to-day work of Wind Dancer, which includes evolving feeding regimes, specialized care and site maintenance, are very time consuming—even with our wonderful volunteers doing the basic chores. Johnny's and my dedication to Isabel's dream, and to this awesome reality of rehabilitating and re-homing ponies, is endless but there is only a finite amount of time and energy that we can devote—even with volunteer help. I would like to have more time to focus on growth of the organization, working towards our mission of education and stewardship both locally and afar.

So I am very pleased to report the Board of Directors has agreed to hire a part-time Operations Assistant. This position has been filled by Rayna Jancar, a volunteer and employee of Troy Veterinary Services, who is on site almost every day. Rayna is a compassionate animal care giver with good organizational skills and a work ethic that sets a high standard for us all. Welcome aboard, Rayna! With her addition, we plan to offer open hours for one or two days each month, when visitors and donors can meet the ponies. Of course we will need volunteer help with that too!

Included in this Pony Tales is our continually-evolving event calendar. Please be sure to save dates for our popular annual events, and for some new ones, too. For breaking details on upcoming opportunities to have fun and help the ponies, “friend” us on facebook at [www.facebook.com/WindDancerPonies](https://www.facebook.com/WindDancerPonies); or keep checking our web site at [www.winddancerponies.org](http://www.winddancerponies.org) Watch your local newspapers, too.

We were sorry to miss the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in 2013—so sad that organizers chose to remove the Ontario Equestrian Federation’s Spirit of the Horse exhibition. Instead, we will take part in another OEF event called Toronto Horse Day to be held at the beginning of June. This will be a great field trip to Toronto for a pony and some of our volunteers!

I must give my heartfelt gratitude to so many: Thank-you, donors, for keeping this charity alive; thank-you, volunteers, for caring for our fuzzy little equine wards; thank you, foster families, for taking Wind Dancer ponies into your hearts and barns; and, thank you to our amazing Board of Directors who somehow help me keep all of the Wind Dancer balls juggling magically in the air.

February is the month that my Isabel was born—February 18th at 7pm to be exact. Who knew the impact she would have on so many? Her first pony love was a little liver chestnut named Brownie, who was loaned to her when she was between three and seven, and who became her best friend. Brownie, who lived well into her 30’s, has recently joined Isabel in the great beyond, and for that spiritual union I am thankful. Today Brownie’s family fosters Wind Dancer pony, Frank, and he is best friend to their two young children. And so the circle goes on—and so we go on...

Believing in ponies,

Paula



*Ponies were a big part of Isabel's life from the very beginning. Wind Dancer, the pony, and Wind Dancer, the pony rescue, are her legacies. The top photo is Isabel at age three on her best friend, Brownie. At left, she and Brownie are accompanied by Dr. Paula in the Costume Class at the Rockton World's Fair in 2004. Recently, after more than 30 years of bringing joy to children, Brownie passed on to greener pastures.*

Wind Dancer Pony Rescue Foundation  
Statement of Financial Position  
(unaudited – see notice to reader\*)

ASSETS	2013	2012
Current Assets		
Cash	\$31,652	\$10,844
Short Term Investments	-	\$20,294
	\$31,652	\$31,138
CAPITAL ASSETS	\$18,995	\$17,302
	\$50,647	\$48,440
LIABILITY AND SURPLUS		
CURRENT LIABILITY		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 113	\$6,088
SURPLUS	\$50,534	\$42,352
	\$50,647	\$48,440

Statement of Revenues and Expenses  
(unaudited – see notice to reader\*)

	For the Year Ended June 30, 2013	For the Year Ended June 30, 2012
Revenue		
Donations	\$19,949	\$46,184
Events	\$12,158	\$19,531
	\$32,107	\$65,715
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	\$2,928	\$2,563
Amortization	\$4,033	\$4,326
Apparel	\$1,700	\$2,265
Donations	\$ 62	\$ 109
Event Expenses	\$4,036	\$9,032
Insurance	\$1,993	\$1,140
Interest and bank charges	\$ 74	\$ 220
Memberships and licenses	-	\$ 100
Office and postage	\$2,295	\$ 586
Pony Upkeep	\$8,790	\$2,490
Professional Fees	-	\$ 548

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Repairs and maintenance	-	\$ 661
Shelter upkeep	\$1,243	\$1,337
Small tools	\$1,004	\$ 405
	<b>\$28,158</b>	<b>\$25,782</b>
	<b>\$3,949</b>	<b>\$39,949</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest Income	\$ 4	\$ 294
Other Revenue	\$4,229	\$2,125
	<b>\$4,233</b>	<b>\$2,419</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$8,182</b>	<b>\$42,352</b>

### Statement of Surplus (unaudited – see notice to reader\*)

	For the Year Ended June 30, 2013	For the Year Ended June 30, 2012
<b>SURPLUS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR/PERIOD</b>	<b>\$42,352</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$8,182</b>	<b>\$42,352</b>
<b>SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR/PERIOD</b>	<b>\$50,534</b>	<b>\$42,352</b>

#### NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by the management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Wind Dancer Pony Rescue Foundation as at June 30, 2013 and the statements of revenue and expenses and surplus for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Ancaster, Ontario  
September 30, 2013

Brownlow Partners  
Chartered Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants

#### Notes on Financial Statements

Our first “period” ending June 30, 2012 was in fact a 15 month period which included the initial influx of donations that created Wind Dancer Pony Rescue. The next “year” ending June 30, 2013 was our first actual 12 month fiscal year so comparisons need to be made accordingly. Capital assets include our run-ins, pony shed and water system. Pony upkeep expenses include primarily hay and veterinary expense. Other income includes non-receivable donations which almost exclusively come from children.

Paula Dupuy



# Luck, Love and Long Hours Save Lucy's Life

## Potomac Horse Fever makes a near-deadly visit to Wind Dancer Pony Rescue

By Andrea Malick

Lucy is a tiny pony with a ninja kick and a nose made for close-ups. So the caregivers at Wind Dancer Pony Rescue knew something was wrong one day in August, 2013, when they noticed Lucy dull and depressed, standing off to one side of the paddock she shared with Beans and Ruben. She had Potomac Horse Fever (PHF), a serious and often fatal disease.

Early intervention, together with tireless care by the team at Troy Veterinary Services, along with Wind Dancer volunteers, would prove critical in bringing Lucy back from the brink.



In the two weeks following diagnosis, Lucy's condition got so bad that her care team had to face the heartbreaking possibility they might have to euthanize her, even after round-the-clock vigils with intravenous fluids. Eventually, though, she came around.

"Lucy could not have had better care," says Dr. Paula Dupuy. "It's amazing how everyone pulled together. "DD and Danielle were here everyday," she says of Wind Dancer Board Member DD Crowley and fellow veterinarian, Dr. Danielle Sample.

Lucy arrived in 2008 as a Christmas gift for Isabel Dupuy from her parents. The Titian-haired pony was so tiny she stayed in the house at first. No matter her size, Lucy soon proved that she could always take care of herself in a herd.

Lucy's case of PHF was textbook: lethargy; fever; diarrhea with loss of fluid and proteins; toxins leaching through damaged cells in the bowel into her bloodstream; loss of appetite; and hot feet. Besides these common signs, PHF can progress to laminitis (or founder) and, in about 30 per cent of cases, to death.

Potomac Horse Fever has been recorded across the US, Canada and Europe as far back as 100 years, and got its name from an outbreak along the Potomac River in Maryland in 1979. It is only in the last few years that researchers have unlocked the secrets of the disease.

The causative organism of PHF (*Neorickettsia risticii*) is carried by a parasitic fluke that has been found in snails and aquatic insects such as mayflies and caddis flies. Equine animals may get the disease by ingesting infected insects in their water or while grazing. There is no direct transmission between equines and PHF is not contagious to humans or non-equines.

The PHF organism is almost always found near water, so in years like 2013 when there was lots of rainfall, there are more cases reported, says Dr. Paula, adding that there were probably other unreported and misdiagnosed cases of PHF in Ontario last year.

Dr. Danielle Sample, an equine and small animal veterinarian, says the disease is more prevalent and has potentially more strains than known previously, so vaccination is not 100% effective. However, it will lessen the severity of the disease. Since Lucy's illness all Wind Dancer ponies have been vaccinated.

Lucy hooked up to an IV



“Lucy survived because we recognized early she was not herself,” says Dr. Danielle. “And because the volunteers were here the whole way.”

And it was a long hard way. Lucy needed 24-hour IV fluids via the jugular veins in her neck. Volunteers had to ply Lucy with treats by hand, just to get her to eat. Her hooves were packed with ice to cool the inflammation and prevent potentially fatal laminitis. A mobile paddock of her own was set up thanks to Settlers Supplies, because Lucy is so much happier outdoors. Dr. Paula’s horses, who have known Lucy

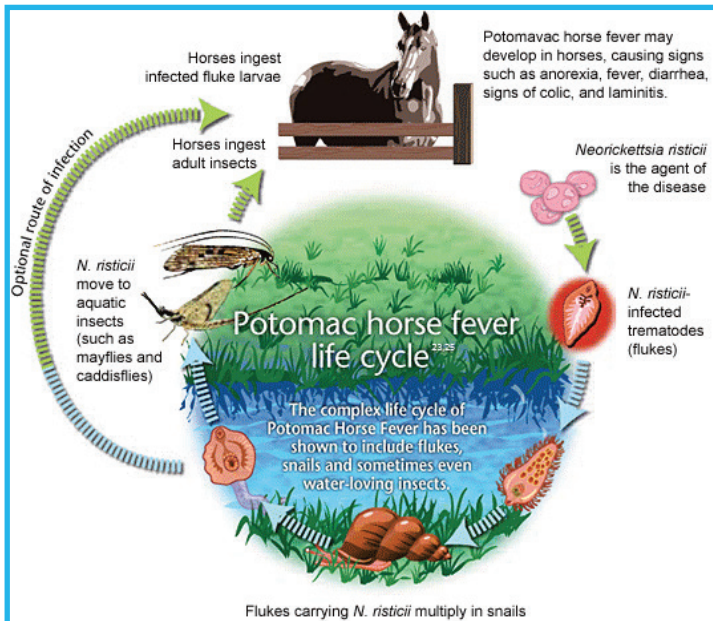
for years, but who are fenced on a separate part of the property, seemed to know Lucy needed encouragement. They called to her often, says Dr. Danielle. “They were communicating for sure.”

Even though \$2,000 in veterinary fees was donated, the entire course of treatment cost Wind Dancer more than \$3,400. Had Lucy been the size of a horse, the cost would have been even higher, and it may not have been possible to save her, adds Dr. Paula. “We likely would not have been able to replenish her fluids fast enough.”

Eventually, Lucy had her first semi-solid bowel movement, and she took a little grass from a volunteer’s hand. It was still days later before she was allowed to return to her regular paddock—and then came that ninja kick. Lucy was back.

“Nobody gave up on her,” says Dr. Danielle, “and that made all the difference.”

Information for this article was supplied by Dr. Paula Dupuy, Dr. Danielle Sample, The Ontario Equestrian Federation, and the American Association of Equine Practitioners.  
Chart courtesy of AAEP.



## VIP's on the Move

Wind Dancer's VIP's (Very Important Ponies) are always on the move. Since our last issue of Pony Tales, Ellie has been taken to a new home. That's her on the cover meeting one of her companions. Meanwhile, three new ponies have arrived at the Rescue and one of them has already been fostered out.

### Ginger

Chestnut Mare

Ginger (right) came to Wind Dancer with her pasture mate, Cassie, at the request of their owner. Almost as soon as she arrived, a family was offering to take Ginger home. She now lives with Honey (left), whom you may recall as another Wind Dancer Pony and special friend to a loving foster family.



### Cassie

8 year old Liver Chestnut Mare

Cassie was Ginger's pasture mate. She is a sweet, curious little pony who likes to check out anyone who enters her paddock. One look into those bottomless brown eyes, or one stroke of her long winter coat will leave you wondering why you haven't already made plans to take her home. Cassie's foster family needs to be careful she doesn't get too much grass, but otherwise she is sound and healthy. She will make a wonderful companion for any child.



Cassie with Megan



### Twinkle

Aged Bay Mare

Twinkle is an aged and much-loved mare who was turned over to Wind Dancer when her owner had to leave her long-time home. Because of chronic laminitis, Cushing's disease (a condition of the endocrine system), deteriorating teeth and partial blindness, she requires special care and attention. Twinkle will likely remain at the Pony Rescue for the remainder of her life.

Twinkle and Jade

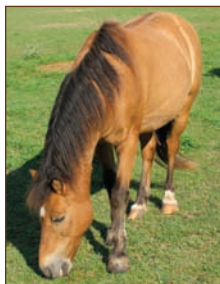


## Babe

6 year old dark Bay Mare

Babe is still very timid, but the volunteers at Wind Dancer have worked with her a lot. Babe's new family would need to be consistently gentle and earn her trust; but, once that trust is gained, she could be a very nice addition to any farm family.

*Babe with Jade*



## Bomber

22 year old Light Bay Gelding

Bomber lived at a riding school before he was turned over to Wind Dancer. He has many years remaining during which he could be a quiet and agreeable companion to another equine, and to a caring foster family.

## Beans

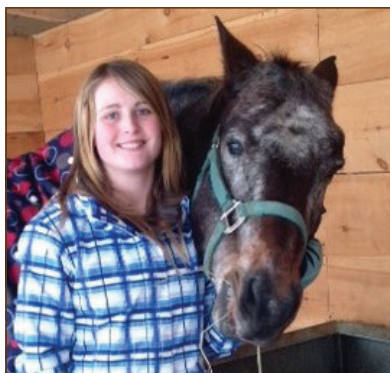
9 year old Grey Shetland Gelding

While everyone loves Beans for his antics and for his impossibly cute face, this pony needs the firm hand of an experienced pony person. Our volunteers continue to work with him, to teach him manners and how to politely allow himself to be led, but Beans still likes to gain the upper hand whenever he can. His new family will need to have enough experience with equines to set some boundaries, but there is no reason why he could not be trained for riding or driving.



## Cheroot

17 year old Appaloosa Gelding



Cheroot is actually a small horse. He is handsome, curious and loves attention. Cheroot has uveitis, which renders him almost completely blind, and he is predisposed to laminitis (founder), so his new family would need to provide a diet without sugars (that means no grass), regular farrier care and continuing attention to his eyes. He, too, would be an ideal companion for an old or infirm equine.

*Cheroot and Megan*

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## Is There a Pony in Your Family's Future?

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Fostering a pony is one of the most fulfilling things you'll ever do. Why?

1. You are saving a pony's life.
2. You are making a pony feel good.
3. You are making space at the Rescue for another pony.
4. A pony is making you feel good.

Some of our rescue ponies are old or in poor condition—like Frosty and Twinkle—so they stay with us, where we can be sure they receive specialized care. But others—like Babe and Cassie—are young and fit; or older and still fit—like Bomber; or partly disabled—like Cheroot (partially blind and prone to founder). All these ponies will thrive in foster homes where they feel loved by their very own families.

Every foster family signs an agreement to be responsible for a pony, but ownership remains with Wind Dancer. So if the fostering has to end, the pony still has a good and caring home.

If you think you might like to open your home to a Wind Dancer pony, feel free to contact us at **winddancerfostering@gmail.com** and talk it over.

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*Most ponies grow long, shaggy coats to protect them from winter cold. Bomber's coat makes him appear much more chubby than he really is. He is shown here taking medication in a small amount of feed with the help of Megan Clay, Lino Silveira, Jade Silveira and Hannah Territt.*

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### Want to be a *Pony Tales* Sponsor?

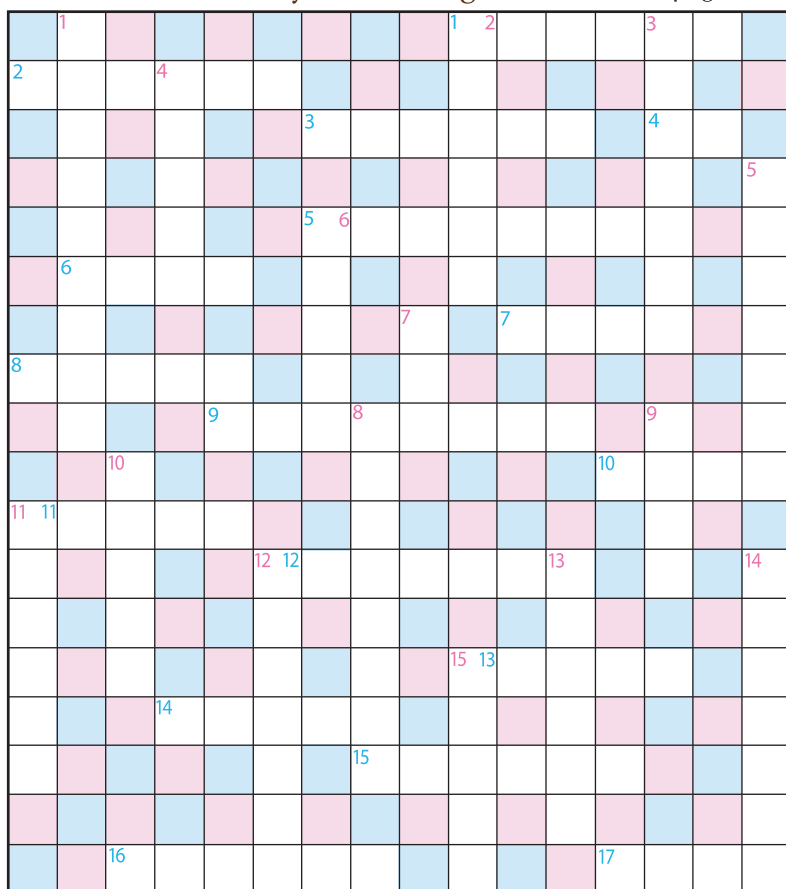
For a donation of \$250, we will display your ad in a space approximately this size.

Your tax-deductible donation will help defray the cost of bringing Pony Tales to you, and any remaining proceeds will go directly to the ponies. In return, Pony Tales readers will know you proudly support giving ponies love and care and good, lifelong homes.

For information on how to be a sponsor, please email [winddancerponies@gmail.com](mailto:winddancerponies@gmail.com)

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# How's Your Pony Knowledge? Answers on page 15



## Across (blue numbers)

1. \_\_\_\_\_, the Snowman
2. Which light bay pony was one of the first Wind Dancer rescues?
3. Her name could be short for a constellation of stars
4. It can mean #4 or treatment for dehydration
5. Ponies don't use computers but they're still on \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ came to Wind Dancer with Frosty
7. Isabel's \_\_\_\_\_ is in September
8. Which feisty pony is a Shetland?
9. The callous-like thing on the inside of a pony's leg or something a squirrel likes
10. Found on the bottom of hooves, this rhymes with "dog"
11. Ponies are measured in \_\_\_\_\_
12. This horse fever is also a river in Maryland
13. Mix him with Ginger for a sweet treat
14. A skewbald pony is white and \_\_\_\_\_
15. Dudley, our resident hinny's parents would be a male horse/pony and a female \_\_\_\_\_

16. Queen Elizabeth has one, and so do Ontario horses and ponies

17. The white mark on Babe's forehead

## Down (pink numbers)

1. Pony Palooza honours the \_\_\_\_\_
2. WD ponies thrive in \_\_\_\_\_ homes
3. Her name is in the title of a song about a star
4. A piebald pony is white and \_\_\_\_\_
5. Straw is not something a pony should eat but it is good for \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name for a wierd accident or type of parasite
7. Shortened word for Dr. Paula
8. Shetland ponies originated in \_\_\_\_\_
9. Slower than a canter, faster than a walk
10. Tiny, slow creature carries something that can kill a horse or pony
11. Maximum \_\_\_\_\_ of a pony is 14.2 hands
12. May 3, 2014 is the date for Pony \_\_\_\_\_
13. A 3 beat gait - walk, trot, canter or gallop?
14. Ponies can \_\_\_\_\_ from too much lush grass
15. Dudley is not a pony, but a \_\_\_\_\_



## 2014 Calendar of Events

Wind Dancer's ponies and volunteers will be busy again this year getting out and meeting people in the community. Please mark these dates on your calendar and follow our web site ([www.winddancerponies.org](http://www.winddancerponies.org)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/winddancer](http://www.facebook.com/winddancer)) for more details as they become available.

**March**  
**Date TBD**

**Special**  
**Friend-Raiser**

Stay tuned for more details about a special Wind Dancer Friend-Raiser to establish connections with people who've always wanted to be closer to ponies but never before had the chance.

**Saturday**  
**April 19**

**Easter Egg**  
**Hunt**

Lee Academy, Lynden. Bring your small children, meet Wind Dancer, our mascot, and enjoy a hunt for Easter eggs. Proceeds to the Pony Rescue.

**Saturday, May 3**  
**Doors Open - 6pm**  
**Dinner - 7pm**

**Pony Palooza**

Join us at the Rockton Fairgrounds to celebrate our volunteers and all they do for our ponies. Raffles and silent auction. Proceeds to the Pony Rescue.

**Saturday, June 7**  
**11am - 4pm**

**Toronto Horse**  
**Day**

See our display and pony demonstration at this Ontario Equestrian Federation event in the Horse Palace on the Toronto CNE grounds.

**Tuesday, July 1**  
**Begins at 11am**

**Canada Day**  
**Parade**

Lynden. Come cheer on Wind Dancer as she leads our volunteers along the parade route.

**Saturday**  
**August 16**

**Vector Charity**  
**Horse Show**  
**& Dinner**

Vector Equestrian Centre near Freelon. Guests can watch jumping classes while enjoying regional cuisine. Proceeds of this year's event will benefit Wind Dancer Pony Rescue Foundation. More details will follow.

**Saturday**  
**September 13**  
**9am - 9pm. Join the fun anytime.**

**Dundas Valley**  
**Trail-a-thon**

Bring your horse or pony and ride to raise money for trail maintenance in the Dundas Valley, or just stop by the W.D. booth and talk about ponies.

**Saturday**  
**September 27**  
**Ride leaves at 11am**  
**Arrive Early**

**Isabel's Ride**

A must-attend for all riders of horses and ponies. Isabel's ride will be 'rain or shine' and we're excited to explore a new riding location near St. George. Proceeds to Wind Dancer.

**Saturday**  
**November 15**  
**Evening**

**Peller**  
**for Ponies!**

Stay tuned for further details of a repeat of last fall's successful dinner, wine tasting and marsh-mallow roast. Proceeds to Wind Dancer Pony Rescue Foundation.





## Wind Dancer Ponies Going Social

Find Us on the Web, Facebook and YouTube



Wind Dancer's ponies and volunteers are "Going Social" in support of the Foundation's mission: *To aid and protect ponies through rescue and education, to provide safe sanctuary and caring homes for ponies in need, and to promote the responsible stewardship of pony populations both domestic and wild.*

Wind Dancer was one of 1,335 Canadian charities to partner with *GivingTuesday.ca* in a campaign culminating on December 3, which recognized volunteers and solicited donations through the interconnected Facebook pages of each charity's followers.

"Our volunteers had a great time having their pictures taken with the ponies and holding placards telling why they do what they do," said Board Member DD Crowley, leader of the campaign, which raised almost \$2,800, enough to supply five ponies with hay for one year.

And who didn't enjoy the Christmas Pony Carols on Facebook? Wind Dancer's talented entertainers had a wonderful time putting together the videos for enjoyment and sharing throughout the Christmas Season. Cassie's video won the vote for viewers' favourite and helped the Rescue surpass its goal of 1,000 Facebook followers by January 1.

Through Facebook, followers shared the goings-on at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in December where Lucy made a surprise appearance at the table. You can find all December's posts at [www.facebook.com/winddancerponies](http://www.facebook.com/winddancerponies)

"The Wind Dancer Pony Rescue boasts a wealth of knowledge on the care and keeping of ponies, and part of our mission is to spread it to the wider community," adds Crowley. "Social media is an economical way to do that, and to encourage donations.

"But we also want to highlight the many individuals who work so hard to ensure the ponies are properly fed, groomed and cared for," adds Crowley. "This includes everyone from the dozens of youngsters who show up daily to help with hay, water, brushing and mucking out, to the farrier, the veterinary staff and the farm supply stores; and the people who—completely unbidden—donate money, articles, time and expertise, all for the love of ponies."

In 2014, Wind Dancer will be Going Social in an even bigger way. The original Wind Dancer website ([www.winddancerponies.org](http://www.winddancerponies.org)) will be overhauled and updated; work has begun on a YouTube channel, and more features will be posted on Facebook. All of this will be accomplished under the careful supervision of the Board of Directors.

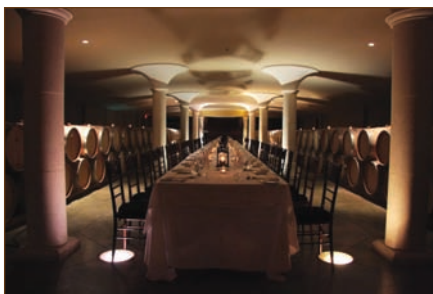
Even if you cannot drop by and help with the ponies yourself, you will be able to keep up with their progress and their antics through Facebook and YouTube (go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and enter "Wind Dancer Pony Rescue Foundation"). And you can help encourage supporters by "liking" us on Facebook, sharing our posts, and passing on your favourite YouTube videos, which you can currently access through Facebook. If you have a Ponies Going Social idea, please email [winddancerinfo@gmail.com](mailto:winddancerinfo@gmail.com)

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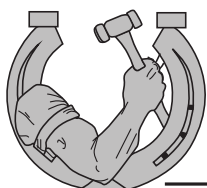
## Peller for Ponies

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One Saturday evening last November, 36 Wind Dancer Supporters boarded a coach. Our destination: Peller Estates Winery, for the first Peller for Ponies! charity event. Our gracious host, Jeff Peller (standing in photo), and his talented team created a decadent five-course meal paired with their delicious wines. All of this was served in the magical setting of the Barrel Cellar. The crowning touch was Peller's signature Ice Wine Marshmallows, which guests roasted on an open fire. It was an enchanting evening of fine wine, good conversation and great company—and we raised money for the ponies.



Be sure to follow us on facebook ([www.facebook.com/winddancerponies](http://www.facebook.com/winddancerponies)) and keep checking our web site ([www.winddancerponies.org](http://www.winddancerponies.org)) for more details on the next Peller for Ponies, and on the many other Wind Dancer events planned for 2014.



## Vulcan Farrier Service

Kristian Rathlou, Farrier/Blacksmith  
Phone: **519-732-8845** (Brantford)

Services provided for pleasure horses, competitive hunters/jumpers,  
draft horses, ponies, and donkeys.

*Proud Farrier to Wind Dancer ponies since 2011.*

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## Remembering Two-Bit

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Despite the best in farrier, veterinary and volunteer care, our dear Two-Bit was euthanized in December, 2013, as we were unable to relieve her chronic pain from laminitis (also called founder). By the time she came to Wind Dancer in September, 2012, the disease had already permanently damaged the bones and tendons in her front limbs. Although we were able to improve her condition, it was not to a point at which she could not have a life without pain. Two-Bit was able to spend her final year enjoying the companionship of other ponies and in the care of our loving volunteers. She is remembered as a beautiful pony and a gentle soul.



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## New Run-In Shelter - Thank You!



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## “Pony Knowledge” Crossword Puzzle Answers

### Across (blue numbers)

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Frosty   | 10. Frog    |
| 2. Bomber   | 11. Hands   |
| 3. Cassie   | 12. Potomac |
| 4. IV       | 13. Honey   |
| 5. Facebook | 14. Brown   |
| 6. Tika     | 15. Donkey  |
| 7. Ride     | 16. Palace  |
| 8. Beans    | 17. Star    |
| 9. Chestnut |             |

### Down (pink numbers)

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| 1. Volunteer | 9. Trot     |
| 2. Foster    | 10. Snail   |
| 3. Twinkle   | 11. Height  |
| 4. Black     | 12. Palooza |
| 5. Bedding   | 13. Canter  |
| 6. Fluke     | 14. Founder |
| 7. Vet       | 15. Hinny   |
| 8. Scotland  |             |

## Thank You for Your Generosity!

In November and December, Wind Dancer undertook two fund-raising initiatives on Facebook for Giving Tuesday, and one through a Christmas holiday mailing. These combined efforts brought in more than \$6,700. This is enough to buy a year's worth of hay for our 10 resident ponies (with a little left over); or enough to pay Lucy's large vet bill, and to provide specialized care and ongoing pain management for our vision challenged and tender-footed ponies, Twinkle, Frosty and Cheroot.

### Our Next Fundraising Challenge

While all the ponies now have shelters from the wind, snow and rain; while they have grown long, shaggy coats or been supplied with warm winter blankets, the humans who tend them in the depths of winter are often less equipped to withstand the cold. Because the slow feeder has proven so useful in controlling the amount of hay our laminitic ponies eat, and because a feeder can be loaded with hay to last well into the following day, we would like to add three more. At \$800 each, the cost to Wind Dancer would be \$2,400. This will be a modest work-saver for our volunteers and insurance that the ponies will have something to eat, even if the volunteers on breakfast detail don't make it at 8:30 a.m. on the dot.

### How You Can Help

Make a tax deductible donation online at [www.winddancerponies.org](http://www.winddancerponies.org) by clicking on "Donate" at the top right of the page. (Your tax receipt will be emailed to you.)

Mail a cheque payable to "Wind Dancer Pony Rescue Foundation" to P.O. Box 61, Sheffield, Ontario L0R 1Z0. *(Be sure to include your name and mailing address for a tax receipt.)*

Email [winddancerponies@gmail.com](mailto:winddancerponies@gmail.com) and arrange to drop off items for the ponies.

Thank You! It is donors like you who make it possible for Wind Dancer to continue helping ponies who need love and care and good, lifelong homes.



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