

# A Home of their Own

By Elaine Hutchison

Although all the horses that come through the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation need new homes, not all of them need saving from the auction pen or abusive situations. Some of them are well-cared for horses who are currently in loving homes but may suddenly need a new place to live.

The reasons these horses need to be rehomed are as varied as the challenges we humans face in life. A decline in health, a financial disaster, the death of a loved one — all these situations happen every day to someone and sometimes a horse is involved. There are other situations that are just as unexpected, but what all these circumstances have in common is that the people who are giving up the horses want the best possible life for them.

Lori Green's situation is a great example of rehoming for the good of the horse. Lori was present when her beloved mare Enya was born, and she had nurtured Enya for her entire life. A couple of years ago she sent Enya to a friend to see if she could be bred. Regrettably, Enya was unable to breed but it soon became apparent that returning Enya to her original home was not a good idea. In the two years since Enya had been at the breeding farm, all three of Lori's herd at home had contracted EPM. Lori was fearful that if Enya came home, she would contract it too. According to Lori, she could not think of a better or safer way to find Enya a new home than through the LRF.

She says, "I am so grateful to Gail Newman for giving Enya a new home and the LRF for facilitating this adoption." Because of Lori's love for this mare and her trust in the LRF, Enya now has an exceptional new home and Lori knows she did the best thing possible for Enya.

The death of an owner can also cause a huge shift in a horse's situation. Take Bud, for instance. When he was a younger horse, he lived one of the best possible lives for a horse, being owned



*Enya at her new home in New England*

by an adoring young girl. But although he was greatly loved by this young girl named Gina, their years together came to an end when Gina passed away while waiting for a donor organ.

Gina's caring mother wanted to give this special horse another chance at a loving home, so she reached out to the LRF for their help in finding the best home for Bud. Fast-forward a few months later to a phone call from the Pacific Northwest from a writer (yes, it was me!) who wanted to adopt a pasture mate for her Lipizzan mare. "Bud" became "Bona" and he now proudly gallops with his Lipizzan sister through the pastures at their farm in Washington.

When they are able to help, the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation steps forward to facilitate an adoption. Determining who to help and how to help them is decided on a case-by-case basis.

"We don't really have any hard and fast rules, but we can't help everyone" said Lyn Schaeffer, president of the LRF. She added, "We take a thorough look at each request to decide if this is a situation that we can truly help." The LRF is very good at connecting the right horse with the right home. From its work with rescuing horses, the LRF already has a pool of possible future adopters. And if that pool of adopters runs dry, the

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*Bona with his big sister at his new home in Washington state*



# Lipizzan Rescue Foundation

## Please consider adopting or fostering

Donations always welcome!

## Pasture Mate Program

<https://lipizzanrescuefoundation.org/sponsor-or-foster>

Please consider becoming a Foster Parent, or Sponsoring, an older, retired Lipizzan. Every empty field needs at least one beautiful white horse grazing contentedly.



STELLA

### STELLA IN CALIFORNIA

Stella is a big, beautiful girl! At 14 years old and standing 16.3 hands tall, this gorgeous Lipizzan and Swedish Warmblood cross is a good brood mare prospect. She can do some light riding although she does shown signs of intermittent unsoundness because of arthritis in her front feet.

Stella would be a lovely addition to any barn. How about yours?

### SPARKEY AND LONNIE IN WASHINGTON

Sparkey and Lonnie, two 11 year-old registered Lipizzans, are in search of their forever home. This mare and gelding are closely bonded to one another so they must be kept together. Sparkey and Lonnie are handled together for their farrier appointments and grooming, but they have no other training. They are both are 14.1 hands tall, a closely matched pair that makes them great candidates for driving.

If you think this cute couple could find a spot in your heart, please submit an application to adopt them!



SPARKEY & LONNIE



FAITH

### FAITH IN MARYLAND

Faith is a half Lipizzan, and we are uncertain of the other half. She is approximately 22 years old and is 14.3 hands tall. Faith is sound and enjoys a good run in her pastures. She willingly does what is asked of her. She understands cues easily but is still a bit unbalanced in her gaits. She is currently being ridden in a hackamore. She loves treats and being ridden outdoors.

Is your barn the forever home for Faith?

If you have questions about adopting Faith, please reach out to us.

### SOPHIA IN SOUTH CAROLINA

We'd like to introduce you to one of our charming ladies of the South, Sophia. Sophia is a 21 year-old registered Lipizzaner mare who stands 14 hands tall. Although she cannot be bred, she can be ridden and needs a confident rider. Trail riding is one of her favorite things to share with her human. Sophia is sound but does require occasional chiropractic work to maintain her soundness.

This lovely gal could be just the horse you are looking for!

Other Lipizzans also available — visit [www.LipizzanRescueFoundation.org](http://www.LipizzanRescueFoundation.org)

