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The club for junior supporters of **WorldHorseWelfare**

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SQUAD FACT FILE

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SQUAD JOB: Graphic Designer

SQUAD SUPERPOWER: Making all the amazing stuff we share with you and our other supporters look fantastic!

Hey Squad!

Welcome to your hoof-tapping, super-packed, new edition of Stable Squad Magazine!

Spring has officially sprung! The grass is greener, the birds are singing and Jet, Crumpet and Sage have a brand-new friend trotting into the Squad... meet Vida!

Vida is a globe-trotting donkey with BIG adventures to share - she's travelled to all of our international projects and knows all about the amazing jobs that working horses, ponies, donkeys and mules do around the world. Even better, she can tell the Squad how World Horse Welfare helps animals just like her stay happy, healthy and safe. Turn to page 4 to discover more!

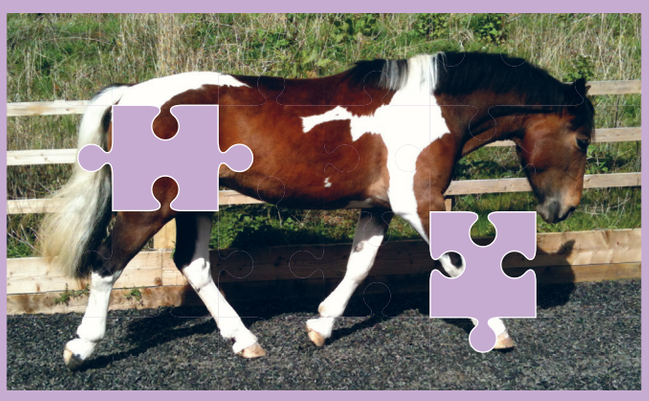
Now here's something surprising... I don't actually work WITH horses - but my job still makes a HUGE difference to horses in need! I help tell their stories by using colourful pictures, brilliant illustrations and photos of the horses we help. Some stories are sad at first, but they always have hope at the heart of them. When people understand these stories, they feel inspired to help - and that helps horses everywhere! So, remember, whatever your talent is, you have a special way to help horses too.

Me and my Squad, Emily and Emma, even put this magazine together just for you - so settle in, turn the page, and enjoy every minute!

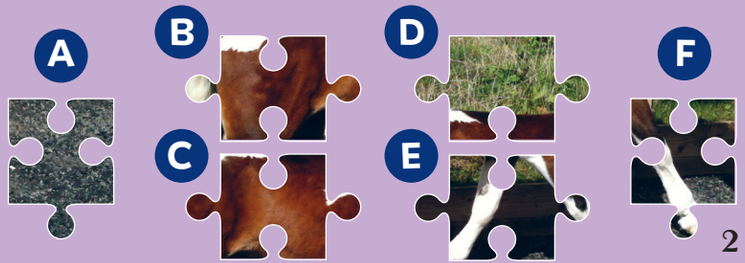
Laura

PS We'd love to know what you think of Stable Squad Magazine! Turn to the back page to fill out our Squad Survey!

Puzzle pieces



Doesn't beautiful 16-year-old Thoroughbred Cross Puzzle look elegant prancing around the outdoor school? Can you find her missing puzzle pieces?



Answers: B (left) and F (right)

WIN!



Head over to our Stable Squad fun pages to win your very own Lemon LeMieux Pony Bag

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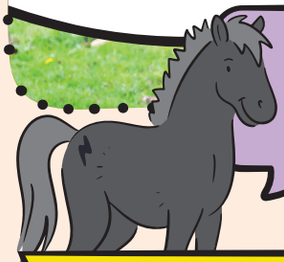
Full T&Cs can be found on the website.

SQUAD NEWS!

MEET GLEN

Poor Glen had sore feet and a shaggy, uncared for coat when we rescued him. He saw the farrier straight away for a hoof trim and our kind grooms cared for him and found him a new friend. He's so much healthier and happier now that he's being given the kindness and care every horse (and donkey!) deserves.





Hey Squad! We were able to rescue Glen thanks to amazing people like you! Thank you so much!

Watch a short film about Glen here:

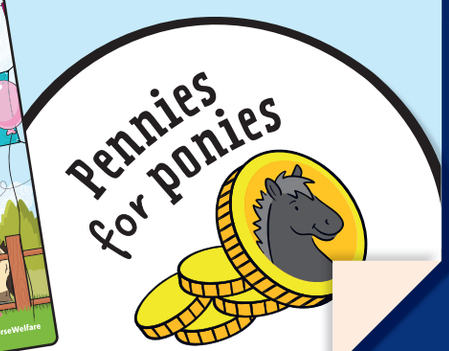
Three cheers for 11-year-old IMOGEN!

Imogen raised £90 to help horses, ponies, donkeys and mules in need – just like Glen! Creative Imogen made her very own collection of rugs, head collars and tack, raising money by selling them to her friends who have their own miniature LeMieux ponies! Imogen hand-sewed each accessory...what a talent! A huge thank you to Imogen as well as all her amazing friends at Blackrow Farm (where she keeps her pony Ellie) who were so supportive.



Have you got a fun fundraising idea? Download your FREE Pennies for Ponies fundraising pack at: **worldhorsewelfare.org/stable-squad-fun**





What do you have more of the more you share?

FRIENDS!



Crumpet, Jet and Sage are very excited to welcome a new friend into our Squad – Vida!

Globetrotting donkey Vida has travelled all over the world, visiting World Horse Welfare projects in super-interesting communities. Vida has met children in Costa Rica, vets in Zimbabwe, working donkeys in Panama and cart horses in South Africa.



Quick QUIZ!

How many working horses, donkeys, mules and ponies do you think there are in the world?

- a) 10,000 ☐
- b) 100,000 ☐
- c) 100 million ☐

The correct answer is that we don't really know for sure as it's really hard to keep track of all the working animals in hard-to-reach places around the world. But we think it's around 100 million! Most of the horses, ponies, donkeys and mules in the world are working animals.

Vida has learnt so much about all the different jobs that working donkeys, horses, mules and ponies do. Can you guess what some of those jobs are:

1.
2.
3.



Why not add Vida to your stable?

Add Vida to your stable for the special Squad price of £12!

Remember – Vida is ONLY available to our Squad so is a very special toy just for you!

Our Squad wants to discover more about what Vida has seen...

The Stable Squad Group Chat

Crumpet 7:05 AM

Vida, why do donkeys, horses, ponies and mules have to work in some parts of the world?

Vida

Great question, Crumpet! People all over the world live in very different places - dry deserts, thick jungles, busy towns and tiny villages. Some of these places are easier for animals to reach than cars and vans. Horses and donkeys are strong, sure-footed and dependable so make great partners for hard-working people!

Sage 8:30 AM

What kind of problems do working horses like the ones you met, face?

Sometimes, working horses don't have access to vets or farriers, so injuries or cracked hooves can become big problems. That's why World Horse Welfare and their friends help owners learn the skills they need to keep their horses healthy.

Jet 9:00 AM

I'm fast and strong! What job do you think I'd be brilliant at?

Oh Jet, you'd be amazing at collecting water! Water is super important for people and animals. You could trot to the well pulling a cart with a big water barrel, fill it up with fresh drinking water and deliver this precious cargo to thirsty families and their animals!



Vida landing in Zimbabwe



Vida in Lesotho



Vida takes flight!



Vida in Costa Rica

Make your own cupcake toppers

Cut along the dashed line and stick your toppers to some wooden sticks. Now you have your very own cupcake toppers for your yummy bakes!



You will need:

★ Scissors ★ Wooden sticks ★ Glue
(and of course, cupcakes!)

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Download more cupcake toppers here!

Would you rather...

Ride a horse made of marshmallows

Ride a pony made of jelly?

Have a horse who can sing

Have a pony who can breakdance?

Your hair turned into a horse mane

Your laugh sounded like a neigh?

Neighhh!

Knock knock ...

A horse that tells terrible jokes

A pony that never stops giggling?

Hehe haha hehe!

Have hooves instead of feet

A swishy horse tail that had to be on show all the time?

WARNING!

These ponies may cause giggles!



"Blehhhhhh!"



"The name's Bert... 10% Shetland. 90% fluff!"

Why not have some fun creating your own captions?!



"Your daily P.N.I...Pam Nose Inspection...PASSED!"



"I'm not sure about these morning runs. Is it snack time yet?"

Come and see us!

Have you visited our four World Horse Welfare rescue and rehoming centres yet? Check out **worldhorsewelfare.org/visit-us**

Our cover star is a pony called Slinky who was abandoned when he was just a foal. You can visit Slinky at our Penny Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre.






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Vida's fun fact
Donkeys have super-loud "hee-haw" voices called brays. Each donkey's bray is special, just like your laugh!
They can hear each other from up to 3 miles away (wow!), which helps them keep in touch with their friends, even when they're far apart.

Big & little

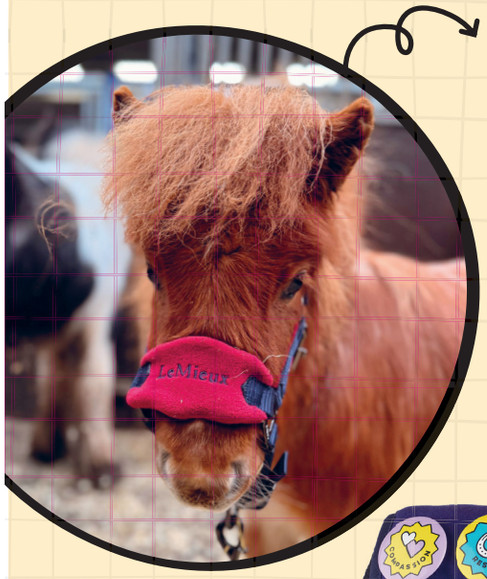


Digger with his donkey friend, Derek

This is Digger! He's the biggest horse we've ever cared for at World Horse Welfare – a WHOPPING 19 hands high.

If you go and stand in your kitchen doorway* and look up, Digger's back was where the top of the door is! Can you reach it? Imagine trying to groom a horse THAT big!

Even though Digger (at the time) was THE BIGGEST HORSE IN EUROPE (yes, really!) he was the sweetest, kindest horse you could ever meet. We all loved him very much and so did all our visitors. Digger sadly died a few years ago, but we will never forget him and we are so happy that he lived his best life with us.



And this is Pickle! He's just arrived with us and is just 7 hands high. Tiny, isn't he? You can visit Pickle at Penny Farm in Lancashire!

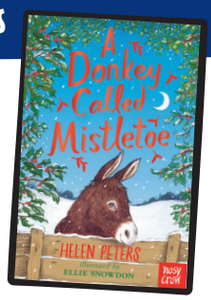
**unless you live in a really cute cottage with tiny doors, or you live in Buckingham Palace where the doorways are even bigger than Digger!*



Have you collected all three of your Stable Squad Rosette badges? Not quite? Discover how you can get collecting here: **worldhorsewelfare.org/stable-squad-fun**

Book Review

A Donkey Called Mistletoe by Helen Peters



Reviewer's name: Ayana

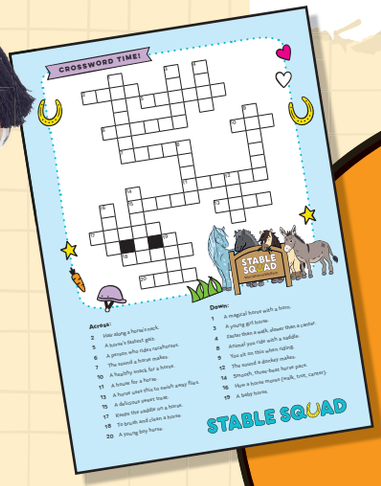
Age: 6

Review: This is a story about friendship and the happiness that animals can bring to people when they are feeling down. It teaches an important point about how much care horses, donkeys and other farm animals need throughout their lives, and that they need friends just as much as we do. I love all of Helen Peters' books, but this was my favourite Jasmine Green story because Mistletoe is a good friend, who makes everyone smile. You can read this book on your own or with a grown up.



Ayana awarded this book 5 horseshoes!





Ready for a crossword?

Challenge yourself with our latest crossword - simply download it from our website and print it out.

Sharon and Ozzy's new beginning

One day at the end of last summer, our lorry brought a very scared little horse named Sharon, and her tiny foal Ozzy, to the safety of our farm in Norfolk.

Sharon was very thin. Her bones showed, her mane was tangled and her hooves were too long. Little Ozzy shivered right behind her looking very worried. Our Field Officer Chris had found them and it was obvious to him that nobody had been looking after them.

Our kind grooms spoke in soft voices. They walked slowly to help Sharon feel safe in this strange, new place. They gently guided Ozzy, keeping him close to his mum.

Sharon and Ozzy were as good as gold, walking calmly into a cozy stable that the grooms had prepared with a fresh, clean bed of straw. Sharon was thirsty! She drank and drank the cool, clean water, with Ozzy glued to her side. Water is so important for a mare like Sharon, who needs to make plenty of healthy milk for her growing, hungry foal.

Soon, a vet checked them and the farrier trimmed Sharon's hooves to make them comfortable.

Within a couple of weeks they were let out into a sunny, green paddock! Fresh grass is the best medicine for horses who need to get stronger. The wise grooms knew how to give Sharon food slowly and safely – too much food too quickly could make her poorly.

It's been a few months, and now Sharon is much stronger and healthier! She is still protective of her food, but that's OK because she remembers being hungry. The grooms always respect her space and in time, she may learn that she and Ozzy will always be safe now they're part of the World Horse Welfare family.

Ozzy is growing big too! He's very curious and has even made a new friend – an Icelandic foal called Ymir!

Every night, Sharon and Ozzy come into a warm barn for a delicious supper and a deep, cozy bed of straw. They are growing stronger and happier every single day and by being part of our Squad, you helped to make that possible. Thank you so much!

You can visit Sharon and Ozzy at our Hall Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre in Norfolk.



Poor Sharon and her foal Ozzy were so thin and poorly when they arrived with us.



But with all the right care Ozzy is growing into a strong and happy foal!



Stable Squad Supporter Gallery



Check out Ottilie's amazing stable for Crumpet!





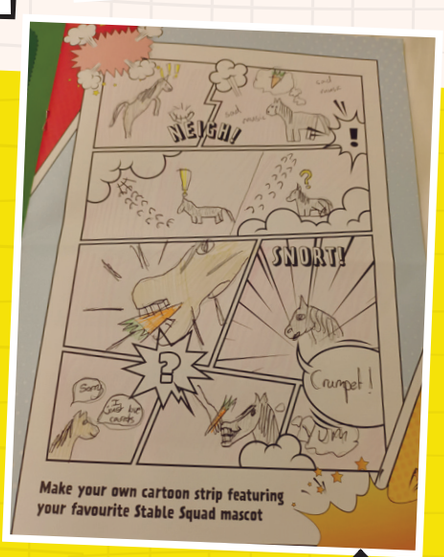












Great cartoon, Sophia!









Hey Squad! Are you heading off on your hols this summer? Why not send us pictures of you with your Stable Squad mascot and we'll feature your adventures in our next issue?







Pam loves Blossom's picture!

To All the team at world horse Welfare, Thank you so much for all your hard work Protecting horses! Horses are my favourite animal and Some day I would love to work in world horse welfare. I have a Pony of my own He is a Welsh Sec A Pony He is 11.2hh and He is grey and his name is Bingo. I did this as Part of my Brownie badge Charities and it's really Sparked an interest my Mum when She was younger also Sponsered world horse welfare! Thanks for all your hard work from Lottie, 9 age 9.

What a lovely letter, thanks Lottie!

Dear world horse welfair,

I just want to congratulate you for all the amazing ~~work~~ you do with horses, your so inspireing and I want to work at world horse welfair when I'm older.

I want to do fundraiser What ~~do I~~ to do? Do you have any sugestsions?

I think your the best charitey and I am realy, realy, realy ~~who~~ want to help.

best wishes
horsey hugs

Marnie (10 years old)

Thanks so much, Marnie!



What a lovely poster, thanks Harvey!

Send in your animal pics!



Here at Stable Squad, we love ALL animals – from wiggly worms and wonderous whales to friendly farm friends and proud, prancing ponies.

Every creature, great and small, scaly or spotty, feathery or furry, makes our planet the amazing place it is - and kindness, care and curiosity make our Squad super strong. So, we'd love you to share photos of you with your favourite animals. Whether it's a ladybird, a lama, a labrador or a Lipizzaner send your pics to stablesquad@worldhorsewelfare.org and look out for yourself and your friend in the next issue.

Remembering Georgie







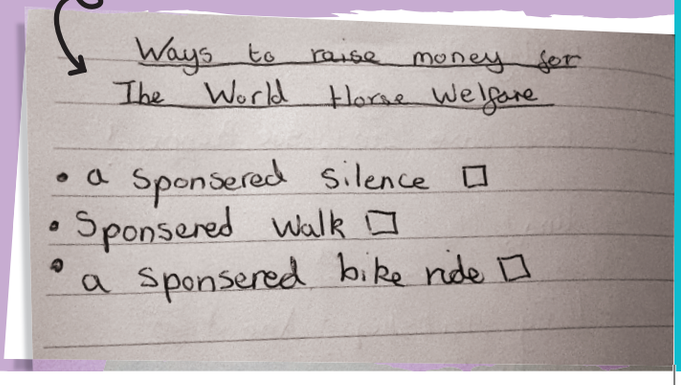
We'd like to remember a truly fantastic member of our Squad, 11-year-old Georgie.

Georgie was a wonderful friend to horses and was never happier than when she was in her jodhpurs and wellies at the stables. She loved helping out, grooming, tacking up, leading, stuffing hay-nets and poo picking. She was never afraid of getting dirty and stuck in and was happiest covered in hay and horse fluff.

Ponies were her biggest passion, but she loved all animals - especially her dogs, Murphy and Merlin, and guinea pig, Apple. Animals could tell her gentle and kind nature. Georgie also enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. Sleepovers, daytrips, camping, parties or simply just hanging out, she loved it all. She adored her family, and sister, and they had many happy times together. Her family said *"Georgie taught us more valuable things than we could ever have known. That is to be kind and thoughtful, to put family and friends first, and to enjoy and appreciate life."*

Even though many of us didn't get the chance to meet Georgie, she will always be in the hearts of everyone at World Horse Welfare. We'll remember her as a very special member of our Squad. With love from us all.

Always thinking of others, Georgie's list of fundraising ideas to help horses in need



Download your FREE Pennies for Ponies fundraising pack here

STABLE SQUAD SURVEY

Hey Squad! We made Stable Squad especially for you so we'd love to know what you think. We know that you have the BEST ideas so please fill out our survey and send it back to us so we can make your Squad even more HORSE-ome! You can fill it out here and post it back to us in the envelope provided or you can complete it online here:

1 **How old are you?**

- ☐ 3, 4 or 5 years old
- ☐ 6, 7 or 8 years old
- ☐ 9, 10 or 11 years old
- ☐ 12 years or older

2 **Tell us about you and horses:**

- ☐ I like to see horses when I'm out and about
- ☐ I read about horses or watch videos about them
- ☐ I visit World Horse Welfare rescue and rehoming Centres
- ☐ I sometimes go to a riding school
- ☐ I regularly go to a riding school
- ☐ I help look after a horse, pony, donkey or mule
- ☐ I have my own horse, pony, donkey or mule
- ☐ I don't see horses very often, but I think they're amazing

3 **What is your favourite thing about Stable Squad Magazine?** (Tick as many as you like)

- ☐ Horse stories
- ☐ Real-life rescue stories
- ☐ Stories about our work in other countries
- ☐ Fun facts
- ☐ Games and puzzles
- ☐ Colouring pages
- ☐ Posters
- ☐ Quizzes
- ☐ Photos of horses
- ☐ Seeing yourself in our Gallery
- ☐ Inspiration about earning your Rosette Badges
- ☐ Fundraising ideas to help horses in need
- ☐ Something else: Tell us!

4 **If you could add one brand-new page or idea to the magazine, what would it be?**

5 **What kind of fun Stable Squad activities would you like more of?** (Tick as many as you like)

- ☐ Stickers
- ☐ Activity sheets at our farms
- ☐ Posters
- ☐ Online games
- ☐ Videos about horses
- ☐ Craft kits
- ☐ Quizzes
- ☐ Fundraising challenges
- ☐ Meet-the-ponies online events
- ☐ Meet and greets at our farms – please share with us some ideas of who you would like to meet:

- ☐ Something else: Tell us!

6 **What are your favourite activities to do during the school holidays?**

- ☐ Outdoor activities
- ☐ Crafting
- ☐ Drawing
- ☐ Reading
- ☐ Puzzles
- ☐ Watching videos and content about animals
- ☐ Something else: Tell us!

7 **For you, what is the best thing about horses?**

8 **Is there anything else you want us to know?**

9 **Finally – how many rosettes would you give Stable Squad?** (1 being rubbish and 5 being HORSE-OME WITH SPRINKLES ON TOP!)



For parents and carers

Where did you hear about Stable Squad?

- ☐ In World Horse Welfare News

At one of World Horse Welfare's Visitor Centres:

- ☐ Belwade Farm
- ☐ Glenda Spooner Farm
- ☐ Hall Farm
- ☐ Penny Farm

At an event:

- ☐ Badminton Horse Trials
- ☐ Scone or Blair Horse Trials
- ☐ Burghley Horse Trials
- ☐ Via social media

Is there anything that you would like to share with us about Stable Squad including what your children enjoy or what you would like your children to see more of as part of their subscription?