



He's Back!

Wally first came to PAR in 2010. He was an old skinny guy who just wasn't getting enough calories. With time and good meals, he gained weight and became our "poster child"; his before and after pictures were featured on the PAR brochure. Once Wally was healthy he was adopted by a loving couple who named him Socks and cared for him for 5 years. When his adoptive mother died, Wally returned to PAR's care. To our surprise, Wally looked exactly like his skinny "before" picture on the brochure! Was there something wrong with him!? Had he become ill!? Once again, time and calories would tell. Happily, in the 3 months that Wally has been in PAR's care he has steadily gained weight and is nearly at his ideal weight. He is even healthy enough to be ridden!

How could this happen? I can't say for sure, I can only guess:

- 1. I guess they thought that old horses were supposed to be skinny.
- 2. I guess they thought he was getting his fair share of hay while he was turned out with other horses.
- 3. I guess they thought that Senior horse feed is fed in the same portions as regular feed.

<u>In Reality:</u>

- Old horses are not skinny unless they are sick or aren't fed enough. (saggy? yes, skinny? no)
- 2. Wally's old teeth cannot chew regular baled hay, especially not coarse hay. He needs to be fed chopped hay and needs to be alone and given enough time to eat all of it.
- 3. Senior feeds are complete feeds (contain hay also) and are fed in much larger portions than regular feed. The Senior feed Wally is currently eating suggests 14 to 16 pounds per day for a horse Wally's size, less if hay is also being fed.



Wally's First Ride November 26 2015



How CAN I HELP WALLY?

- > Adopt him! Fill out an application today!
- If you can't adopt him, tell your horse friends!
- Donate money to PAR to help feed and care for him until he finds a home.

FUN FACTS ABOUT WALLY

Wally is a Tennessee Walker, he is a smooooth ride!

Wally likes chewing tobacco; well not really, he just treats hay like chewing tobacco. Horses chew, that's what they do, so Wally is provided with a little fine hay each day so he can feel like a real horse. He chews it but then spits it out...it's his "bacci"!

Wally's Favorite treat is Honey Nut Cheerios!

Wally always stands with one hind foot directly in front of the other hind foot. Don't believe it? Check out the pictures?

When Wally is sunning himself he "licks his tongue". He just stands there, perfectly positioned to catch the sun, eyes half closed, and his tongue goes in and out, in and out.

Only way to describe it is "licking his tongue"!