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PAR is a "Large Animal"
rescue group that serves the
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PAR MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the humane
treatment of large domestic
animals by offering assistance,
information and education
programs.

To rescue and rehabilitate large
domestic animals suffering
from abuse and neglect.

**PLEASE Report a suspected case
of abuse by calling 570-476-1464
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confidential. PAR humane police
officers will investigate all
complaints.**

Greetings from the President

Another year has passed with a few updates. PAR received and investigated a number of complaints concerning allegations of suspected abuse/neglect. Fortunately all these cases were quickly resolved but continued to be monitored by PAR. A happy ending story: in 2009 PAR confiscated 14 abused/neglected Irish Dexter cattle which were adopted out. PAR had one female cow returned to us this year named "Little Girl", due to her advanced age and inability to breed. With some research, and word of mouth PAR found "Little Girl" a home at the Lakshmi Cow Sanctuary in Bangor, PA. Sankar Sastri owner of the 42 acres let the cattle roam on 24 acres, and they worship the cows who have forever homes for their existing life.

PAR'S 2013 FUNDRAISER'S WERE A GREAT SUCCESS!!

Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #1106 Yard Sale in April
Texas Road House by Stroudsburg Mall
and the "Fun Dog Show" sponsored by "Melon's Gift" in Stroudsburg

We set up our table with information and sold our tee's and smash lights.

Special Thanks to Kathryn FitzGerald and "Hubby" for sponsoring a trail ride to benefit PAR last summer.

Fred Bevan from "Double Eagle Horse Transport" for his support of our Coupon Program.
and

Joe Pinaro for creating our Face Book Page

PAR'S 2014 UPCOMING FUNDRAISER'S

Tack Swap of North Hampton County at North Hampton 4H Center
Sat. April 12th 10:00 - 2:00

Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #1106 Sale April 26th 9:00 - 3:00

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We are hoping all of PAR supporters come out and JOIN US

Please visit our up-dated web-site
www.poconoanimalrescue.org
and our new Facebook Page **Pocono
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For all up-dates on our up coming
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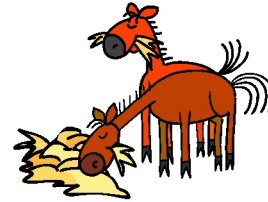
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PAR Humane Officers go every 1-2 years for continuous education, training and up-dates held each year by the Federation Humane Society of PA. in Harrisburg.

All PAR board members are strictly voluntary positions donating their time. We rely on your donations to continue our mission of investigating calls regarding horses and other farm animals that may be in distress.

Donations go toward:

- **Horse Feed - Hay**
- **Veterinary Care, Farrier & Dental Care**
- **Trailering transportation when caring for the foster animals**
- **Liability Insurance**
- **Cruelty Officers Certification and Annual Training**
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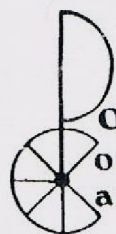
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STRAIGHT FROM THE VET

By: Dr. Tera Forbeck Raming DVM



How do you know when it is time? Answering the tough questions on humane euthanasia

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I think the number one question I get when people find out I am a vet-well besides the "you put your arm WHERE?" is "how do you deal with euthanasia?" First off, no veterinarian ever becomes a doctor with the dream of putting our patients to sleep. We would much rather save each and every one-yes even your needle-hating, fire-spitting, quick-firing Angel-then send any of them to greener pastures in the sky.

I honestly believe many owners feel the same way about their beloved four-legged companion. But the downside to being a good horse owner is caring for the old guys and gals to the bitter end. With the advancements of nutrition, better dewormers, good veterinary care, and improved husbandry, horses are living longer and having productive lives well into their 20's or even longer. The down side to that is many owners have to make THE decision. Many of you know what decision I am talking about. The decision of letting ol'Mac live through another winter. (You can insert your own horse and dilemma here.) There are no easy answers to this question. It is a very personal decision for each and every owner. After helping horse owners through it through the years, and going through it a few times as an owner myself, I try to break it down into a series of questions that helps me decide if continuing down this path of decision making tree is the right choice.

1- What is the quality of life of my horse right now? I start with this question because I feel it is the most important. Every horse has the right to certain freedoms: the right to move relatively pain-free at will, the freedom to get down for a good roll and to get back up without repeated assistance, the ability to eat and get enough nutrition from his/her food to not feel hungry all the time, and the right to hang out with friends without being picked on incessantly by the herd. These seem like simple enough requests but for some horses in some situation, these needs can be impossible to meet. This question is complicated by grey areas. For example, some horses have a much higher pain tolerance than others, and will live relatively comfortably with chronic injuries, while other horses require high doses of pain meds just to stand. There is also room for an occasional blurb. If a horse has problems getting up after a nap or a good roll once. I won't necessarily say its quality of life is poor; however, I will watch that horse a little closer for other problems or will try to address any thing that may be inferring with the quality of life i.e. change turnout situation, change diet, etc.

2- What are my personal limitations when it comes to the care of my horse? This is a tough question that most people do not want to hear or answer when it comes to making the decision. Many older horses, and younger horses with chronic crippling conditions, can have health conditions that require a lot of time to adequately care for them. For example, old thin horses may require blanketing in the extreme cold weather. As the weather warms, precipitation arrives, etc blankets need to be checked and changed. This can be a problem if the owner has a busy schedule that precludes her from getting to the barn on a semi regular schedule. The horse gets suboptimal care, and the owner experiences extreme guilt.

3- What are my financial limitations when it comes to the care of my horse? This is the LEAST favorite question for owners. It is a tough pill to swallow, but it costs as much to care for the horse you cannot ride anymore as the one you can ride. Special diets, medications, therapeutic shoeing, etc. can strain an already tight budget. Many rescues are full to the gills and will only take horses that have a chance of being placed. This usually means younger, sound horses without medical problems or special needs. This question hits closest to home for the boarding owner that cannot just "turn the horse out to pasture" and acquire a replacement. There has been many a marital argument over vet bills, farrier bills, and feed bills on a horse that doesn't "do anything."

My goal was not to offend or quilt anyone who has gone down this road. I only hope to start dialogue on an extremely complex and emotional situation. Every owner prays their horse lives a long, healthy life and passes away a warm summer night in its sleep. Unfortunately, this rarely happens. Many times, we as horse owners have to make THE decision. It is tough balancing act to weigh the horse's needs against our own. The decision is neither easy nor guilt-free, but many times, it is the most selfless, loving act of kindness we can offer our beloved companions.

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It has also been a year of too many cases of animal abuse brought to our attention. Most of us when we hear and read these stories which are becoming more common have plenty of choice words and "let me get my hands on them" idea's. This sort of callus and cruel behavior however should not over shadow the deed's of all the good caring people who have endured a lot of extra hard work this winter to keep their animals safe and healthy.



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