



## SERENITY EQUINE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION

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**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 2007

**LOCATION:** Maple Valley, WA

**TYPES OF ANIMALS THEY WORK WITH:** "Although most of our residents are horses, we also have two pigs and several rescue goats," says Patricia Clark, the rescue's Executive Director. They have nearly every breed of horse at Serenity, from Percherons to Miniatures. While most horses come from the slaughter pen, they also take in owner-relinquished horses.

**STAFF/VOLUNTEERS/FOSTER HOMES:** "Serenity is totally run by volunteers with the exception of our trainer, and at any given time we usually have about 30 active people working on the farm each week," explains Patricia. There are three key programs at Serenity – rescue and rehabilitation, education, and equine guided therapy.

**FUNDRAISING PROJECTS:** There is an ongoing fundraiser called Raise the Barn. "This year we have to add a foundation to our 26-stall barn. This requires that we raise the barn and pour concrete footings," says Patricia. The goal is \$40,000 for the project and donations can be made through the website.

**FAVORITE RESCUE STORY:** "In August of 2014, we received an email from a lady in Florida," says Patricia. "She told us that she had a friend in Renton, Washington and that the friend had found a horse in a backyard in her neighborhood. She explained that it appeared the horse had nothing to eat and was in pretty bad shape.

"I told her that if she had an address, I would make a welfare check. She got the address from her friend and the next day, we did a welfare check. What we found was very disturbing! The horse was in a tiny backyard of a home with no food or water. From talking to the people at the house, we were told that the horse was given to the brother-in-law and he didn't have any place for him, so he put him in their backyard. After explaining that the zoning laws did not allow them to have a horse in the city, they said they would talk to the brother-in-law and let us know if he would give him up. They called the next morning and we went over to pick him up.

"When we arrived at the farm, we called the vet and asked him to come do an evaluation. The horse was over 16 hands and only weighed 800lbs. He had ulcers and clearly had not had his teeth done for many years. We developed a nutrition plan for him, and after five days he seemed to be doing much better. Unfortunately, on the sixth day, he collapsed in his stall. The vet came out immediately and we were able to get him up and on IVs. He struggled, but began to rally. He was taken off IVs after seven days and he has continued to thrive. We named him Spirit because of his amazing will to live and his kind heart." 🐾

Spirit before



Spirit after

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