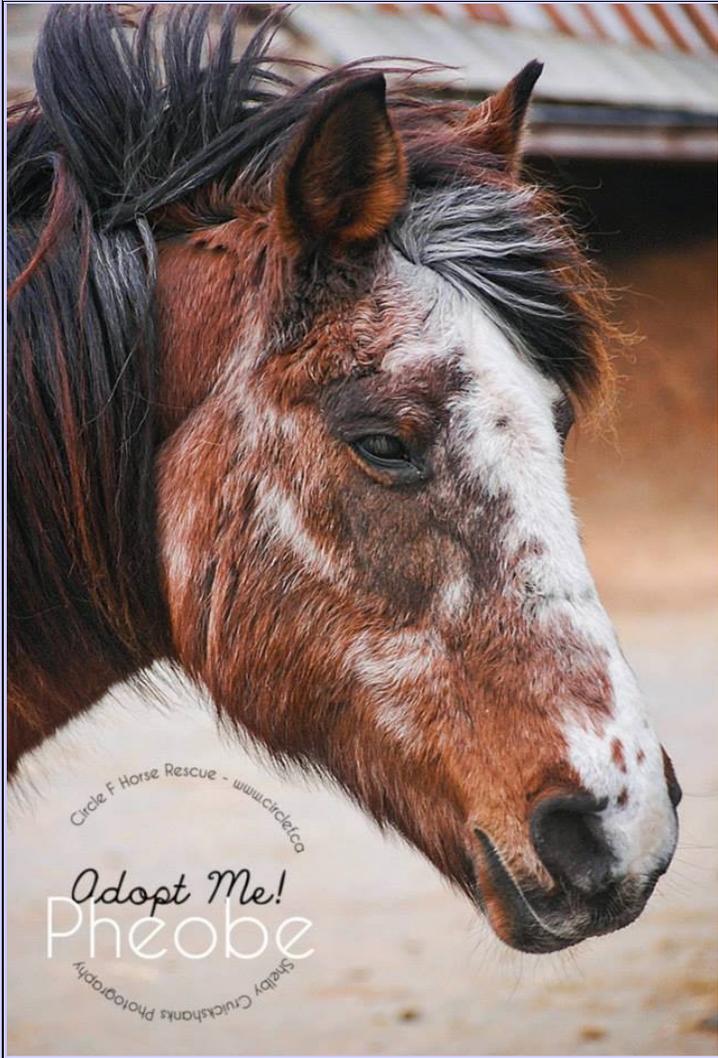


~ Phoebe ~



Phoebe is a beautiful, sweet and gentle 32 yr old Welsh x Quarter Horse Mare. She has given her life and love to people for all these years and we are so happy we were able to play a small part in ensuring her well deserved comfortable retirement continued. Phoebe went to the Richmond Therapeutic Equestrian Society in 2004 after having been a local farrier's daughter's long time childhood pony. When Phoebe went to the RTEs, her name was "Hershey's Kisses" as she would give huge kisses with her big lips if you asked for one. They chose to rename her Phoebe avoid any inadvertent nibbling! At the RTEs, Phoebe had a gaggle of children who adored her and she in turn gave them a trusty, calm and steadfast mount to help with their rehabilitation.

In March of 2008, when she was ready to retire from the program, Phoebe was given a wonderful home by an older gentleman who cared for her deeply. She had equine companions, acres of pasture and fields to roam and graze, and always had food and shelter, and both human and animal companionship. After six years, the gentleman's health started limiting his ability to care for Phoebe, he made the difficult and compassionate decision to give Phoebe to Circle F to help find her a loving home.





Phoebe one week before coming to the rescue

On February 12, 2014, Phoebe arrived at the rescue to a welcoming group of volunteers. She very quickly became the star pony and was a favourite for us all with her quiet ways, expressive nature and gentle patience. She had a very thick and woolly winter coat and was shedding out in clumps, and seemed to enjoy the twice

daily deep groomings that resulted in heaps of fur at her feet. She was fed warmed meals, and had limitless hay to munch on. Our volunteers took her for walks, did liberty play with her, stretches and lunging. She was pretty feisty for an ole gal, and could still kick up her heels when the mood struck and she wanted to show off.

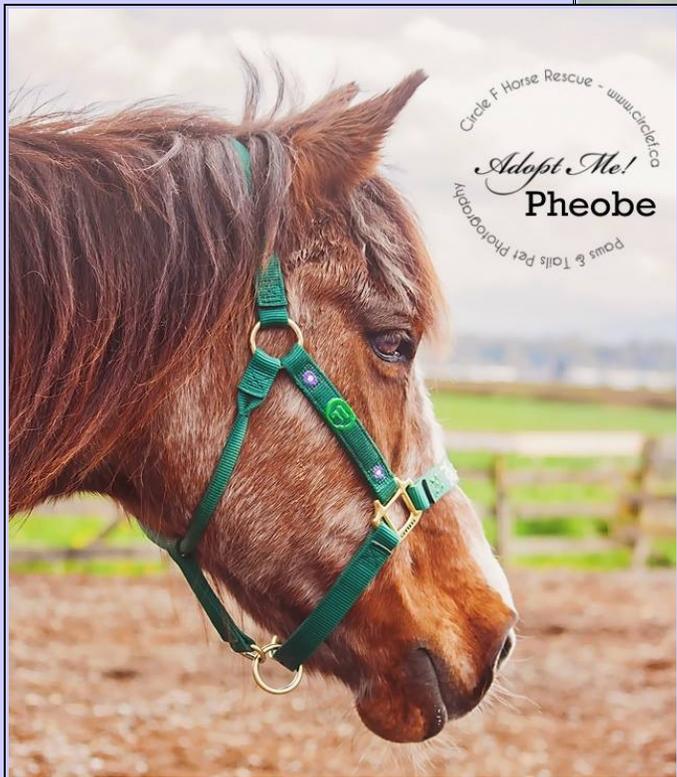


a week after being at the rescue

Our Veterinarian, Massage Therapist and Farrier went to work on her, due to her age we wanted to make sure all was well, and she was deemed in great health for her years. She seemed to not understand what all the fuss was about, but put up with it in her patient tolerance of us silly human beings.



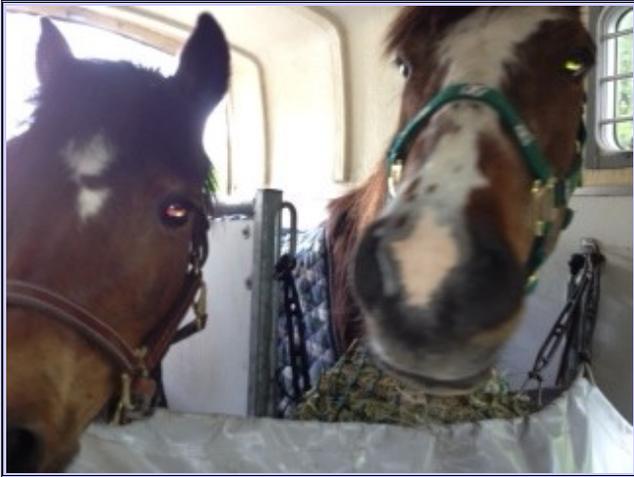
When Phoebe was introduced to the herd we were very protective and kept a watchful eye out to make sure she wasn't picked on or isolated. She did well, keeping to the other mares, and staying out of trouble as she had 'been around the block' a few times. Oddly enough, our youngest horse, a chestnut TB, seemed to take to Phoebe the most, and would follow her everywhere. For a short while there after two of our mares were adopted, Phoebe was the only mare out with the herd who were all geldings, and she seemed to enjoy the opportunity of being the sole matriarch, having the boys listening and paying extra attention!



Phoebe was at Circle F from February 12 until May 9, 2014

In May, a young lady and her equine coach came to the rescue to visit with our horses, and more specifically, Phoebe. The young woman was looking for her first horse, and wanted a true best friend. She was not concerned with riding, or looks or bloodlines, she wanted to have a horse she could love.

Phoebe was lucky enough to become that horse, and still is ...



Trailer ride home with Starr



New in and out Stall

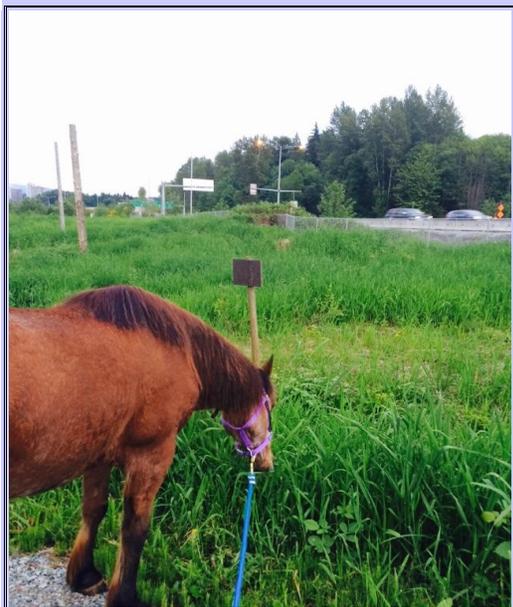


Wonderful new mom Desiree



Beautiful surroundings and good food

Desiree has been working steadily towards this dream of owning her own horse. A number of years back, she was active in a riding club in Delta. Alice, her coach, is a long time experienced horse owner and her mentor, and had been encouraging Desiree to get a horse to call her own. Alice has been at the Burnaby Horseman's Association barn for 9 years and is a true believer in having a relationship with your horse that is not all about riding. She mentored Desiree in a three month program of horsemanship from the basics on up.



June, 2014 ... Can just see Goldie's bum in the third picture

Phoebe gets the best of care with feedings 4 times a day, living in a beautiful barn with stalls with walkout paddocks, once a day turnout with the other horses, and once a day hand grazing for 1-2 hours in Burnaby Park. They have regular farriers, massage therapists, vet and such for all the horses. Phoebe is Desiree's gentle introduction to horses and in a few years when Desiree is ready for a riding horse, Phoebe will continue to be loved and cared for and be kept as a companion horse for all of her retirement.



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Desiree has been sending updates and posting pictures on our Circle F FaceBook page and here's the latest of "Life with Phoebe"



Trying out her new Winter Wardrobe



Still loves her hand grazing

"Life has definitely changed for the better since bringing Phoebe home. I go to the barn every single day, I love getting to the barn and being greeted by my pony. Unless it's just after lunch time, then it's nap time. A bomb could go off and she would ignore it all. Since coming home, I can see the progression in Phoebe. She has become a lot more comfortable, it took her a few months to fully settle in. Her best friend who is beside her is a Haflinger pony named Goldie, they are best friends. Goldie doesn't know it though. Phoebe hates it when Goldie leaves the barn, you can hear Phoebe calling for her down the road. I'm pretty sure I've got the loudest horse in the barn. She's honestly such a funny little mare, she's got such a welsh attitude sometimes. Sometimes she's just like "Oh you wanna love me and pet me? Okay I'm just gonna stand here and look grumpy about it." but at the end of the day she's such a good little pony about everything. You don't have to fight with her about anything, even if she's not a fan of it she just does what is asked. Accompanied by grumpy looks of course. Honestly. I love having her. It doesn't even matter if I work till 8:30pm one night and have to work at 7am the next day, I love going to the barn and being greeted by her, seeing her happy to see me. Some weeks I am so exhausted from travelling, work and barn. But it's worth it, I enjoy our walks and runs out on the trail. Love seeing all the facial expressions she gives me.

Phoebe has been a very special pony for all her life. She has been giving love, confidence, patience and comfort to all the people she has touched in her many years, and she is a wonderful example of a true best friend.

We wish Phoebe and Desiree many more treasured moments and memories together, as they share their lives and their deep friendship.



The Girls sharing a giggle



Another new Blanket!

