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Meet Beautiful One-Eyed Luna

By Rosie Cunningham

SOUTH KORTRIGHT -Luna, a 20 year-old former world class halter champion, is The Reporter pet of the week.

The gentle registered quarter horse mare was saved by Rose-mary Farm Sanctuary earlier this year. She was neglected and had a tumor growing through her eye. Following her adoption by the horse sanctuary, which has more than 65 horses, the majority of the tumor was removed, but Luna lost her eye in the process.

"We welcomed her Easter Sunday and took her in for surgery that week," said Robyn. "Her eye was infected and she was in a lot of pain. But, we were able to save her life."

Luna is shy, but has a small herd of horse buddies and is now happy and healthy.

Despite the loss of the eye, Luna is one gorgeous horse.

"We love this mare and see only her beauty, but I recognize that we saw her much worse and can appreciate how lucky she is to be alive," said Robyn.

Rosemary Farm's mission is to rescue horses in need, and protect them for life. The duo saves equines from slaughter, neglect and abuse.

"Most have been passed from owner to owner, never knowing a herd or consistency and when they arrive here, they are home," said Robyn.

Robyn said it's sometimes a hard business but she rests easy knowing she does what she can.

"Some people don't want to be horse owners due to the expense or other expectations," she said. "But, all we had was a farm and a lot of compassion and we allow them to just be horses. If you have both love and compassion, you too can own horses."

While adoption is not the focus, select horses may be available to adopt, under a limited contract, to the right home.

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