

Helping Hands for Helpless Horses

Having raised a credible £2,000 for The Blue Cross Animal Welfare Charity last year, 19-year-old Lucy Graham of Swinbrook is fund-raising for animal welfare once again. She has pledged to raise £2000 via the British Horse Society's Viking Challenge (a gruelling riding trek across Iceland herding Icelandic ponies, camping each night and riding for more than 6 hours each day!) to help fund the BHS Rescue Centre in Warwickshire.

The centre rescues and rehabilitates unwanted, abandoned and abused equines so that they can be re-homed into 'loan homes' where the new carers give them the respect and kindness that they deserve.

Many of these horses, ponies and donkeys have been badly neglected and some have even been beaten to the point where they are heavily traumatised. Staff at the centre work tirelessly to try and make the lives of these equines a little happier and attempt to relieve some of the distress that they have suffered.

Much of the neglect comes from owners who either don't know or don't care about how to properly care for a horse, pony or donkey. Abuse of these animals, however, is unforgivable and the centre also works to educate people about the right way to handle and care for equines of all shapes and sizes.

Lucy has been holding car boot sales and working to help reach the target but waitressing and baby-sitting rates mean she is a long way off yet.

If you would like to support Lucy and help hundreds of needy equines at the same time, please send a cheque (made payable to 'The British Horse Society') to her at the address below. Any amount, however big or small, will make a difference and will go directly to benefit the charity as Lucy and her family will be paying the cost of the trip.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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