

Meet Gus



Age: 17 years

Sex: Male

Rescue: Yes, Kill Pen

Breed: Welch Cross

Gus's Story

Gus, a small Welsh pony gelding, came to us in late 2017 and was about 15 years old when he was pulled from slaughter by another rescue that was boarding near our property which we were leasing. When Gus arrived, he would stand in his paddock or stall and continuously nod his head all day and all night. His feet were quite overgrown. We offered to bring him to the area we were leasing to allow him more shade. Our kids that were coming out to our summer day camp grew very fond of him. One day we noticed he had stopped nodding his head and seemed more content. The rescue that he belonged to ended up moving and left Gus behind. We gladly accepted him into our Animals & Kids family despite his diagnosis of Cushing's Syndrome and medical needs. Over the last few years, Gus has stolen the hearts of many little girls and a few little boys. He has taught a dozen littles to ride and given countless children the confidence to lead, groom, and pick out feet. Although Gus is in a small body, he has a big personality, and we all love his pony antics. Gus was a gift we didn't know we needed. We are so glad that this broken pony, left behind and forgotten, now is such a blessing to many children and joined our herd. Gus continues to seek out his own space and often takes over the pigpen or chicken coop. We have decided to build Gus his own "Gus Cave."

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