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A PONY AND HIS BOY:

The
Story
of
Berry
& Josh

A Spotlight Rescue Series Film

A FILM BY **JA MEDIA PRODUCTIONS** IN ASSOCIATION WITH **THE EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL**
DIRECTED BY **JULIANNE NEAL** STORY BY **LISA DIERSEN** EDITED BY **JULIANNE NEAL**
CINEMATOGRAPHY BY **MELISSA ACEVEDO, LISA DIERSEN, JULIANNE NEAL**
AND **KERRI WEISS** MUSIC BY **PURPLE PLANET AND BENSOUND**



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PREMIER OF A NEW DOCUMENTARY FOCUSING ON A YOUNG BOY WITH DOWNS SYNDROME AND HIS PONY

An award-winning heartwarming story about an 8-year-old boy with Down's Syndrome and a very special little 28-year-old pony.

Directed by: Julianne Neal / 23 minutes

Breaking Announcement, "A Pony And His Boy" has been selected to screen at the [National Down's Syndrome Congress](#) in June!

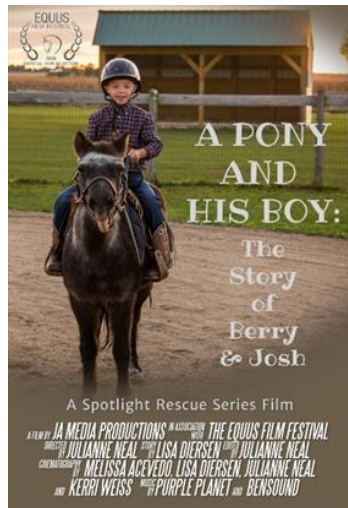
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[EQUUS Film Festival](#) is proud of our partnership with Director Julianne Neal who has helped to create the [Spotlight Rescue Series](#). We are working together to bring the issues facing horses today to the world through documentaries. Collaborating as well to highlight some of the wonderful stories of horses helping people. The new film "A Pony And His Boy", is one of those stories. Many people have now found the wonderful power of horses to help break through the silence of Autism and PTSD. This film addresses Down's Syndrome and the power of horses to help us connect. Berry, the pony star of the film, teaches us that even though a pony may be old it doesn't mean he can't find a new job and be loved.

"A Pony and His Boy: The Story of Berry & Josh" directed by Julianne Neal, shows the power of a pony and the effect that he has had on one small boy. Josh, an 8-year-old with Down's Syndrome, had been afraid of animals, especially horses all his life. One summer afternoon, when walking in the pasture full of horses with his mom and Lisa, Josh was asked "Do you want to ride?" When he surprisingly said yes, they caught him off-guard, swept him up and placed him on Berry. The relationship that started between Berry and Josh that day has been life-changing, not only for Josh, but for everyone who loves him.

Filmed in Illinois, North and South Carolina, plus featuring heartfelt testimonials and informative interviews, "A Pony and His Boy" is a testament to the power of the horse.

WINNIE Award winner in New York City!



MOVIE NIGHT at THE ARCADE THEATER

A PONY and HIS BOY
the story of Berry & Josh

When: January 23, 2019
Time: 6 pm – 9 pm
Where: ARCADE Theater
105 E. Main Street St. Charles, IL 60174
TICKETS: \$25 per person
Order online at www.equusfilmfestival.net
& at the Door

Portion of the Proceeds to Benefit:
Hands and Hooves – 815-222-7940
<http://handsandhooves.org>
34W176 Army Trail Road, Wayne, IL 60184



A selection of special equestrian films
will also be screened direct from the
EQUUS Film Festival in New York City!





The EQUUS Film Festival is hosting the Midwest Premier of “A Pony And His Boy: The Story Of Berry & Josh” presented by, [Wm. F. Meyer Co.](#), at the ARCADIA Theater in St Charles, Illinois, January 23, 2019, 6 PM through 9 PM. We will also screen a selection of WINNIE Award winning Equine Therapeutic Riding and Healing Horses documentaries, direct from the EQUUS Film Festival in New York City December 2018, throughout the evening.

There will be a 30-minute meet and greet before the films begin where you will be able to chat with the stars of the film and the filmmaker.

Film Program: BLOCK 1

[Little Horse Big Medicine](#) - directed by: Susan Edwards (USA) - 4:14 min

Specialty Horse - directed by: Flo Knoyle (UK) - 2:00 min

A Backcountry Recovery - directed by: Ben Masters (USA) - 6:00 min

Walk On - directed by: Vincent DeLuca (USA) - 9:26 min

[Operation Mustang](#) - directed by: David Glossberg (USA) - 6:00 min

A Pony And His Boy: The Story Of Berry & Josh - directed by: Julianne Neal (USA) - 23:00 min

INTERMISSION - 15 minutes

Film Program: BLOCK 2

Healing With Horses - directed by: Jeffrey T. Morgan & Amber Elliott (CANADA) - 17:00 min

[When The Dust Settles](#) - directed by: Glenn Sweitzer (USA) - 45:00 min

WHAT IS DOWNS SYNDROME?

In every cell in the human body there is a nucleus, where genetic material is stored in genes. Genes carry the codes responsible for all our inherited traits and are grouped along rod-like structures called chromosomes. Typically, the nucleus of each cell contains 23 pairs of chromosomes, half of which are inherited from each parent. Down syndrome occurs when an individual has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21.

This additional genetic material alters the course of development and causes the characteristics associated with Down syndrome. A few of the common physical traits of Down syndrome are low muscle tone, small stature, an upward slant to the eyes, and a single deep crease across the center of the palm – although each person with Down syndrome is a unique individual and may possess these characteristics to different degrees, or not at all.

Source: National Down Syndrome Society <https://www.ndss.org> - Telephone: 800-221-4602 - Email: info@ndss.org

ABOUT THE EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL

The sixth annual EQUUS Film Festival took place November 29 – December 2, 2018 in New York City and is the first event of its kind to offer a home to the storytellers of the horse world, with films, documentaries, videos, commercials and shorts from around the world and cultural elements of fine equestrian art and literature.

Founded in 2013 by Lisa Diersen, Director/Organizer, an avid equestrian, who has spent her life in the company of horses. The festival was joined by Diana De Rosa, and international equine photographer and journalist in 2015, as Co-Organizer of the NYC Festival. The EQUUS Film Festival highlights and rewards the diverse and creative efforts of those who pay artistic homage to the horse.

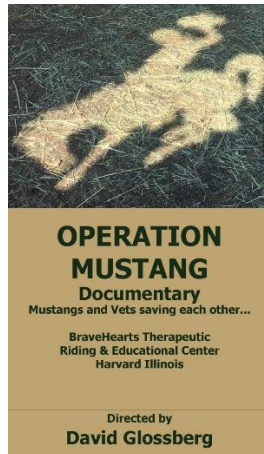
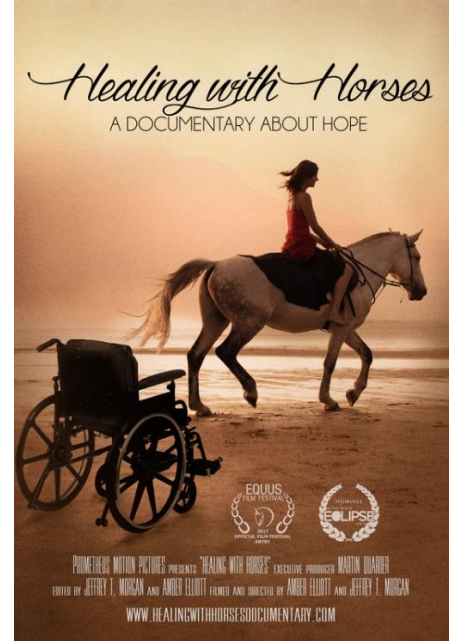
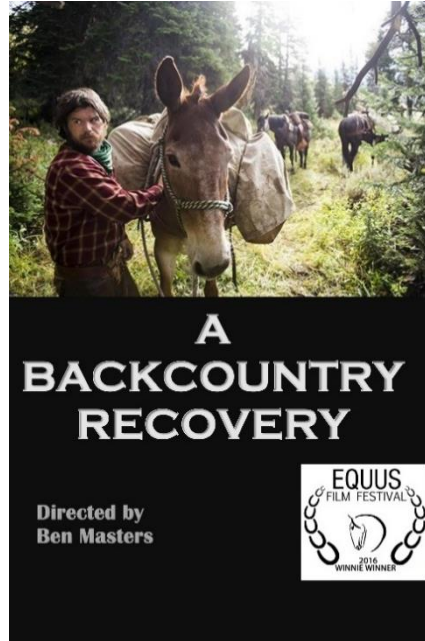
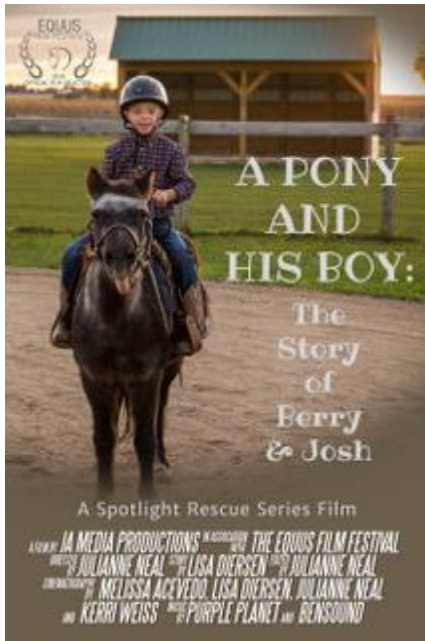
Lisa’s mission is to show the world how horses can bring everyone together regardless of race, age, gender, abilities or disabilities. She presently raises, trains and loves Lusitano horses in Maple Park, Illinois.

The EQUUS Film Festival is now available ON-DEMAND, streaming to all your devices.

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