



Star (left) and Tucker (right)

Pony Ambassadors in Orangeville

It was an old photo

from the 1980s that charted Daureen Murphy's destiny with Newfoundland Ponies. It was a picture of a roaming herd being rounded up with trucks. "When I snapped a picture of it with my phone and zoomed in, I could see what was actually happening," she said. Sadly, it is a piece of history that bears witness to what happened to so many ponies.



Daureen, who is a retired social worker in Orangeville, Ontario, was thinking about what to do next. She spent 35 years working with horses. In addition to a social work degree, she did Equine Studies at Humber College. She qualified as a Dressage Canada judge (Basic) and judged Ontario Championships, as well as many other school, provincial, CADORA and pony club shows and clinics.

She began reaching out to Pony owners in Newfoundland and Ontario and NPS. At the time she was thinking mainly about breeding, given her horse facility and experience. She also has 2 Hanoverians. As luck would have it, an ad popped up on a buy and sell site listing two Newfoundland Ponies for sale: Tucker and Star. "I called and the next day, the boys were in my barn. No vet check. I did it knowing exactly what I was getting myself into," she recalls.

Majestaview's "Tucker" is 20 and is a big burly red roan radical changer 12.3 hands high. His full brother, Majestaview's Shining "Star" who is 19, is light bay at 11.3 hands. Knowing equines, Daureen knew that the ponies needed a job. And what better job for them than to be ambassadors greeting visitors for the art show she was hosting at her property with fellow artists?

As for the future and what she will do with her senior Ponies who are inseparable (they even share a stall), Daureen is busy making plans. At next year's art show she will tell their story through her beautiful art. The vet who lives nearby has taken interest in them; she has offered her horse trailer and they plan to venture out to local senior's homes to share their joy. "These ponies are a chance, a small window of opportunity, to make right a past injustice," she says.

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