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PET OWNER: PATRICIA MCGILL

LOCATION: BLOCKHOUSE, NS

Patty runs a therapeutic riding facility for children with mental challenges. In addition to her 3 therapy horses, she has two rabbits, two goats, a house-trained miniature horse and a St. John's certified therapy dog. Needless to say, this involves a lot of care (and clean-up). With all of this work, in addition to caring for the kids when they come to ride, Patty took in a Great Pyrenees who was too much for his owner to handle and has cared for him for the past 2-3 years. Then, last year, Patty heard of a farm that was found in Cape Breton where its owner had died leaving 2 rare Morgan horses unadopted. They were wasting away. One male was emaciated and had a severe hoof problem. A beautiful 7-year old female was basically wild. Regardless of what it was going to cost the farm, she took in both horses. Where some would have put the male down due to severe bone penetration through the hoof, she cared for them both, providing food and companionship while the vet and farrier worked to save the male. She then got on-line funding to transport the male to his birthplace in the US who wanted to save this best example of the rare breed. The female is still at Hinchinbrook and is being trained to be more comfortable around people. The story was captured in Atlantic Horse and Pony Magazine and can be read at this link: <http://hinchinbrookfarm.com/quietude-vermont-in-atlantic-horse-pony>.