

Famed artist helps horse rescue group

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St. Petersburg, Florida - With her distinctive style, a [P. Buckley Moss](#) horse is recognized around the world.

"To be honest with you, I think they're very sexy," says the artist from her St. Petersburg studio.

And while Pat Moss sometimes works from her imagination, the painting taking shape right now under her sweeping strokes of color depicts a place where horses truly do come alive.

On this day, a young Arab mare canters along a fence line, eager for her noon feed and hay.

Mariah is one of the newest residents of [Casey's Place](#), a horse sanctuary in Hernando County. She and another horse Tess were rescued just days before they were scheduled to be euthanized by Hernando County Animal Services. They'd been confiscated by the country from a neglectful owner.

"Her teeth are bad, hooves are bad, she's underweight," says sanctuary founder Debra McPherson of Tess. But given time, McPherson says the health of both horses will improve.

McPherson says with the down economy, her phone is ringing off the hook. But Casey's Place, a not-for-profit that runs on volunteer power, is also struggling.

"We could do more than what we're doing right now, if we had more volunteers and more donations," says McPherson.

While some horses are unsuitable for adoption and will remain at Casey's Place for the rest of their lives, the sanctuary's goal is to get horses back in shape and to find them loving homes.

"A forever-loving home is what we're looking for," says McPherson, who emphasizes that she does background checks on prospective owners and follow-up visits too.

A stay at Casey's Place can work wonders. The before-and-after photographs on the group's website attest to that.

And that's why Moss wants to help. She's creating a special painting and prints to sell at a March 12th fundraiser for Casey's Place. This famous artist is giving her time and talents, because she believes all horses should be as happy as the ones she creates.

For more information on Casey's Place and the fundraiser [click here](#). You can also get details by calling [The Finn Gallery](#) at 727-894-2899.

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