

YOUNG STALLION RECEIVING CARE AT CROSSKENNAN LANE ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Cooper is a young stallion whose life was saved by the quick action of a local Keady resident who witnessed the defenceless animal being doused in petrol and set alight by thugs. He has now been placed in the care of Crosskennan Lane Animal Sanctuary (CLAS) in Antrim, which is the only equine welfare charity based in Northern Ireland.

The sanctuary has named the horse Copper, after the vet who treated him following his ordeal, and has begun a tailored re-feeding schedule.

Lyn Friel, founder and manager of CLAS, says, "Although his burns are not life threatening, they are being treated daily. He is very malnourished and will need months of care to bring him back to health."

Unfortunately the volunteers at CLAS see this side of the horse world all too often, receiving an average of six calls daily, asking for help or reporting neglect or abuse. The sanctuary is now full to capacity, having direct care for over 70 horses and has had to rent other isolation stables for the new horses.

Where possible after a suitable period of rehabilitation CLAS attempts to re-home the horses and ponies, after an application and home check procedure. Some of those needing homes are featured on this website. We are also appealing for experienced people to work with some of the young unhandled stock in preparation for potential homes.

After rescuing 24 mares and foals from a Mallusk farm and 15 ponies in another rescue last year, we need help with all aspects of our crucial welfare work.

If you can help us by making a donation, becoming a volunteer or by fundraising, contact us on 028 9446 5384 or by email on crosskennan@hotmail.co.uk