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Remington found a forever home.

## A Forever Home for One Lucky Horse

**Eddie Mrozik and Nancy Van Wie, Co-Founders,  
Crane Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, Westport, N.Y.**

We found Remington waiting patiently for a new home with a family who would love that he nickers when he sees you, and follows you around like a dog. He had a special look in his eye that said, "Pick me, pick me." What he didn't know was that the people bidding on him were "kill buyers." Remington was hoping for a warm blanket, a comfortable bed and apple treats. Instead, what was waiting for him was an overcrowded, slippery stock trailer, with freezing rain to sting his eyes and chill him to the bone. Remington's miserable journey would be nice compared with the destination—a slaughterhouse, where he would be hung upside down by his back feet while still alive, to have his throat slit to drain the blood from his body before being butchered. Fortunately for Remington, we had the ability to outbid the meat buyers.

On December 12, we delivered Remington to the warm barn, comfortable bed and caring home he was dreaming about at the auction. It was a secret mission—Remington was a surprise Christmas present for 12-year-old Corinne from her parents. When she saw Remington, there were tears and hugs all around. On Remington's stall hung a Christmas stocking with his name, a bow, and a sign that said "Merry Christmas, Corinne." Remington knew he was finally home. ■

## Donating the Gift of Life

**Chuck and Mary Danielian, Naples, Fla.**

Thor, a Doberman Pinscher, was about 3 1/2 when we adopted him from the Lee County, Fla. Animal Control. His family had lost their home in Hurricane Charlie; they were living in a shelter and had to give him up. Because of the storm, the animal shelters were overcrowded, and they had put time limits on how long they could keep an animal. Our vet called to say that a client had seen a beautiful male Doberman at the shelter who was just two days from being euthanized. We took one look at Thor—and the rest is history.

We saved Thor, and we wanted him to help save others. We took him to the local Emergency Pet Hospital to see if he would qualify as a blood donor. Thor was a perfect candidate, and he donated blood until about two years ago, when he was diagnosed with a fatal heart condition. In spite of the efforts of the best canine cardiologist in Southwest Florida and a cocktail of eight different heart medications, Thor succumbed on August 4, 2008.

In losing Thor, we lost a truly beloved family member. Several months before Thor passed away, we adopted Kiki from Doberman Rescue. Last night, the Emergency Pet Hospital called to say they had a three-year-old female Border Collie who needed a transfusion, and would we be able to bring Kiki down? We're gratified that Kiki was able to donate her first unit of blood to save the life of someone else's pet—and in the process, carry on Thor's proud legacy. ■



Thor, beloved pet and canine blood donor

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