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HARPS staff and community volunteers educate local law enforcement and emergency responders on how to work with horses in emergency situations.

## A Natural Partnership

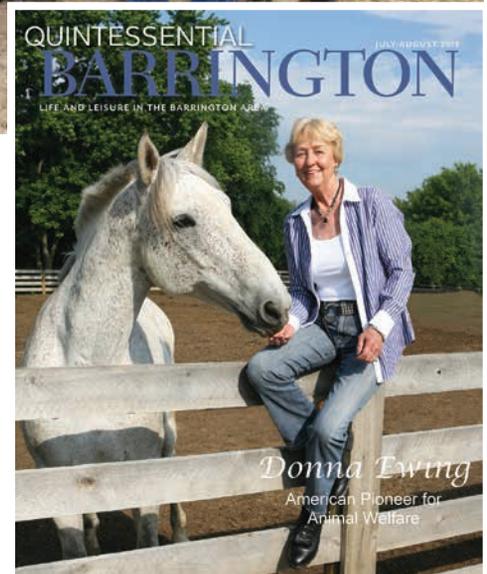
THE HOOVED ANIMAL RESCUE & PROTECTION SOCIETY  
AND BARRINGTON HILLS FARM TEAM UP TO BENEFIT LOCAL  
LAND, ANIMALS, AND US

THE HOOVED ANIMAL RESCUE & PROTECTION SOCIETY (HARPS) was founded in 2001 by Donna Ewing and her daughter, Ronda Ewing, as a nonprofit organization. Yet Donna Ewing was busy for the past 45 years rescuing horses and changing Illinois law—which led the nation—to protect all hooved animals. Her experience and devotion is the foundation for HARPS, along with Ronda's expertise, to save animals needing rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption. Along with a team of Barrington area community supporters and volunteers, HARPS is an essential resource for horses, their owners, and law enforcement.

Each year, HARPS hosts a police and firefighter education clinic to demonstrate how to halter and lead a horse, as well as how to calm a horse in

emergency situations. In Illinois, HARPS has jurisdiction to investigate abuse and neglect complaints for all hooved animals. HARPS' rescues range in scope from one horse to a rescue of 172 head of quarter horses from a property in Huntley, Ill.

HARPS will host summer campers, humane groups, and The Garlands of Barrington residents this summer for seminars about the HARPS rescue operation, and how they bring a starving horse to a full and vibrant level of health. Educational opportunities now include internships for students in veterinary school or a university equine management program. For new horse owners, education on topics that include feeding, water, fencing, pasture, barn, and other necessities is available. HARPS is now offering tours that begin at its historic dairy farm location on Oak



Donna Ewing, a pioneer in animal welfare legislation, is featured in the July/August 2013 issue of QB. Ewing recently earned a 2018 Barrington Character Counts award for her service and leadership.

Knoll Road in Barrington Hills where people can meet some of the rescued horses, learn about animal husbandry, and then travel a short distance to Barrington Hills Farm, a HARPS partner facility, for a nature walk and a tour to learn about organic farming on the farm's 700 acres.

Learn more about the many environmental and health benefits of Barrington Hills Farm at [www.barringtonhillsfarm.org](http://www.barringtonhillsfarm.org). Visit HARPS at [www.harpsonline.org](http://www.harpsonline.org).

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To help with leading horses in difficult situations, an obstacle training course was created using ground poles.



HARPS helps rescue animals at a farm hit by the Des Plaines River flood in July 2017.



Donna Ewing educates children about animal welfare at the HARPS farm.



HARPS' rescued animals are available for children's education.



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Barrington Hills Farm is 700 acres of pristine, undeveloped land located at Haegers Bend and Spring Creek Roads in the northwestern most corner of Barrington Hills. The rarity of Barrington Hills lies in its open space, fresh air, clean water, and abundant wildlife. The land is precious and delicate and in constant need of stewardship to keep it that way.

– Dawn M. Davis, President of Barrington Hills Farm