

TWISTER

a "forever horse"

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Cindy's Promise – Rescue and Rehab Inc is a registered horse rescue in Whittlesea, VIC. Founded and run by a vet nurse of more than 20 years experience in the industry – this rescue centre takes on many critically emaciated, sick and injured horses.

One of these very special residents is a gorgeous little standard bred called TWISTER (affectionately named for his gorgeously twisted face).



Twister is a sweet standard bred who caught our attention in the saleyards back in May of 2016. He should have still been with his Mother but was in a scary saleyard. At that time he was a tiny, sad, 6 month old foal with a facial deformity. He was very shy, confused and quite terrified when he arrived to us.

Twister has a condition known as Wry nose (pronounced rye nose). Wry nose is a reasonably rare congenital deformity – meaning he was born with it. There is still little known about this condition and there is no evidence that it is hereditary.

There is also no hard evidence on what causes the deformity, though most veterinarians believe it is the result of bad positioning in utero. A horse with Wry nose

"I'm a forever horse.

Not an "until" horse.

I'm not an "until you get bored with me" horse.

I'm not an "until you get another boyfriend" horse.

I'm not an "until you have a baby" horse.

I'm not an "until you have to move" horse.

I'm not an "until you have no time" horse.

I'm a forever horse.

If you can't give me forever – I'm not your horse.

It's really that simple."

(sometimes called Wry mouth) is born with the upper jaw and nose deviated to one side. There are varying degrees of seriousness. Many foals have such serious deviation that they are unable to nurse, graze, eat or breathe well and need invasive re-constructive surgery or they will die. As a result, many are euthanised at birth. Thankfully our Twister has a fairly mild form and has no real issues living a normal, happy life.

He has to have more regular dentals to ensure his incisors (front teeth) are kept filed so that he has no issues grazing. He has the potential to suffer heat stress if he is exercised heavily in the heat given that one side of his airway (nostril) is partially occluded. But he is such a chilled out, lazy bum that is near impossible.

Twister lives a very happy life in his herd here at Cindy's Promise. He runs, plays, swims and rumbles with his young paddock mates. He has no problems eating at all.

Essentially – with the right care – he is a normal horse who just, looks different. He is the most adorable and affectionate boy who has no idea of personal space and thinks he needs to be in your face or on top of you and lives for cuddles and scratches.

He loves everyone and everything. He doesn't have a mean bone in his body. Not even the tiniest one. He is a very special little man who is so adored here at **Cindy's Promise** (and just a little too spoiled)! And adored by our supporters, who we are thankful for.

"Until one has loved an animal... a part of one's soul remains unawakened." Anatole France



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We have over 30 horses, at any one time, who need meals (twice daily), vet appointments, farrier appointments, medications, bedding for stables and without donations we simply could not provide the healthcare and personalised treatment that these beautiful horse are so worthy of.

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