

Rider's Rescues
S01E04 - Companionship

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FADE IN:

EXT. DRIVEWAY GATE - DAWN

Intro music plays.

As the sun rises and begins to shine on the Rider's Ranch sign, brief flashes of animals being rescued fade in and out, only a few seconds each.

Intro music fades. RIDER walks out of the driveway, into frame.

Looks into camera. Surprised to see us there.

Waves hello. Waves us back toward house, inviting us in.

Camera moves toward house.

INT. HOUSE - RIDER'S OFFICE - MORNING

Rider's at his recording station, working on a voiceover of PotenDogs.

RIDER

Quit following me around. I'm on an
important--

He glances to the side. Looks surprised.

RIDER

Mouse!

Goes over to the window, opens it.

RIDER

What are you doing in the window,
Mousey girl?

MOUSE

You promised we'd have a ride today,
Rider!

RIDER

I did, I did. But I'm working on...

Looks back toward the recording equipment. Thinks better of
it.

RIDER

You know what? You're right -- let's
go!

INT./EXT. - HOUSE TO HORSE STALLS - MORNING

Follow Rider as he goes from his recording studio through
the house, gets his boots on, through the back yard, to the
horse stalls.

EXT. HORSE STALLS - MORNING

Rider arrives at the horse stalls. Mouse and Dallas are
already waiting for him there.

MOUSE

There you are. Finally ready to live
up to your name. Let's go!

DALLAS

Yeah, let's go! Let's go!

Rider pauses on his way into the tack shed.

RIDER

Oh ... sorry Dallas. It's just me for
now.

DALLAS

I wanna go!

RIDER

But Emerson's at school. I can only

ride one horse, and I'm too big for
you, Dallas.

She stomps a hoof, frustrated.

DALLAS

I bet I could do it!

Rider laughs.

RIDER

Maybe, maybe. But don't overdo it.
Just wait until Em gets back from
school, then you'll get your ride.

He gets the saddle and bridle out of the tack shed, ready to
saddle up Mouse.

EXT. DRIVEWAY GATE - MORNING

Rider rides Mouse off the ranch and out along the street.

Dallas follows along the fence as long as she can. But she
has to stop at the edge of the property where the fence
blocks her.

She whinnies - she's *pissed* that she doesn't get to go.

EXT. SCOTT RD. - MORNING

Riding Mouse along the roadside.

She's enjoying it at first, but snorts after a while.

Rider leans over sideways to look at her face.

RIDER

What's wrong, Mouse?

Pause for a moment.

MOUSE

I really *do* want to go on a ride ...
but it's kind of lonely without
Dallas.

He pats her neck.

RIDER

Would it help if I told you a story?
It's about the loneliest elephant in
the world...

EXT. ELEPHANT ENCLOSURE - DAY

[Saving Kaavan - The Loneliest Elephant]

EXT. SCOTT RD. - DAY

Still riding.

RIDER

So finally, Kaavan was able to be
with other elephant friends again.

MOUSE

But at least he had a human friend to
be with him and sing to him while he
waited.

RIDER

Yeah, that makes it better, doesn't
it?

Leans close down over her neck.

RIDER

Ready to head back.

MOUSE

Uh-huh.

They turn around.

Just in time to hear the Pony Express sound.

RIDER

Hey! That's the Pony Express!
Somebody sent you some mail!

MOUSE

Let's go!

Mouse picks up the pace ... as much as Mouse ever picks up the pace.

EXT. HORSE STALLS - DAY

Dallas is already there waiting. Rider rides up on Mouse.

DALLAS

Come on! There's mail!

Rider dismounts in a hurry, leaving Mouse's tack on for now.

MOUSE

Where's it from, Rider?

DALLAS

Yeah, where's it from? Where's it from?

RIDER

Hold your horses, ladies.

He opens the mailbox, retrieves the letter.

RIDER

It's from ... Madison, Wisconsin!

Opens the envelope. Pulls out a video transition to:

INT. MADISON HOME - DAY

Hand-shot cellphone footage.

A teenage girl, TESHA sits on the couch with a dog (Nugget) and a cat (Molly) at her side.

TESHA

Hi!

She waves.

TESHA

I'm Tesha, and this is Molly, and this is Nugget.

She pets each of them as she says their names.

TESHA

Even though he's a dog and she's a cat, they *always* stick together ever since we got them from the shelter. They're best friends forever!

Hugs them both.

EXT. HORSE STALLS - DAY

Fade back to Rider, folding the letter back up.

MOUSE

Hi, Tesha!

DALLAS

Hi, Nugget!

RIDER

Hi, Molly!

Turns to camera.

RIDER

Thanks for sending that! And remember, if *you* guys at home want to send a letter about your rescued pet, just wait for the link at the end of the show to see how!

Turns back toward the horses.

RIDER

So, how'd you like that letter?

Horses looking excited and happy.

But Mouse's bridle jangles.

MOUSE

I think I'm ready to get this thing off, though!

Rider nods, starts working on getting her tack off.

RIDER

You know, this stuff can make real problems if it's left on for too long.

MOUSE

I believe it!

RIDER

Let me tell you about one horse who *definitely* had his on for too long...

INT. TRUCK - DAY

["2 Abused Skinny Mardi Gras Parade Horses Saved" clip. With emphasis on how the stallion's halter damaged his nose.]

EXT. HORSE STALLS - DAY

Mouse is naked and comfortable again. Rider's brushing out her fur.

MOUSE

Whew, yeah. I'm glad you take care of me better than that!

Emerson comes wandering over to the horse stalls.

RIDER

Oh hey, Emerson, you're back from school?

EMERSON

Uh-huh. But they gave me lots of homework!

DALLAS

Can we ride now? Can we ride now?

RIDER

(to Dallas)

Okay, okay. Hold on...

EMERSON

What did she say?

RIDER

Can the homework wait? Your pony
wants to go on a ride.

EMERSON

Okay!

EXT. SCOTT RD. - DAY

Rider and Emerson ride Mouse and Dallas together along the
same route as before, having a great time.

EMERSON

...And they rescued a whole horse?
How do you rescue a horse? They're so
big!

RIDER

Well, it's not easy, but it can be
done...

EXT. SHAMUS'S PADDOCK - DAY

["SMART Shamus Horse Rescue" clip.]

EXT. DRIVEWAY GATE - DAY

They're returning, almost home.

EMERSON

Wow, they really just lifted him up
like that?

RIDER

Yep. I actually know the guy who did
that. He does all kinds of awesome
things to rescue animals around Los
Angeles when they're stuck in ways
nobody else can help with.

EMERSON

Really?

RIDER

Want to meet him?

EMERSON

Yeah!

EXT. HORSE STALLS - EVENING

Rider has gotten Mouse's tack off. Emerson is still working on Mouse's.

RIDER

Almost done?

With great effort, Emerson gets Dallas's saddle off.

EMERSON

Done!

RIDER

Alright. Let me see if I can get him on the phone...

["video call" (probably not actually in real-time) - ask Armando about what he does with SMART, on the phone screen at first, then going to full screen. Maybe intercut with some images/very short clips of some of their more spectacular rescues.]

ARMANDO

Bye!

RIDER

Bye, Armando!

EMERSON

Bye, Armando!

EMERSON

Wow, that's so cool! I wanna go rescue animals on a zipline and stuff!

Rider laughs.

RIDER

Maybe when you're older. For now, can you start on getting these girls

brushed down? I've got to go make
sure the pups get to bed on time.

Emerson is already starting to brush Dallas.

EMERSON

Alright...

Rider heads for the house.

INT. HOUSE - BEDROOM - EVENING

Rider sits down next to the pups in their bed.

RIDER

Ready for your bedtime story, girls?

DEMI

Is it PotenDogs?

Rider nods happily.

DIXIE

Yay!

DELILAH

Yay!

RIDER

Okay, this is a special chapter,
about when Kai starts to realize that
maybe he *likes* being around
Wonseok...

EXT. KOREAN PARK - DAY

[PotenDogs clip of Wonseok and Kai playing in the park and
Kai having more fun than he expected.]

INT. HOUSE - BEDROOM - EVENING

The puppies are sleeping now. Rider pets them gently.

RIDER

Goodnight, girls. Now I've got some

ponies to go brush and take care of.

EXT. HORSE STALLS - EVENING

Emerson is brushing Mouse down. Dallas is already finished and stands nearby.

Rider comes up to them.

RIDER

How's it going?

EMERSON

I got Dallas all brushed and happy,
but Mouse is too tall. I can't reach
that high!

Rider picks up a brush.

RIDER

Don't worry, I'll get it.

From Emerson's POV: Mouse makes a low whickering sound.

EMERSON

What did she say?

RIDER

That it was more fun to ride when
everybody can all ride together.

Emerson jumps!

EMERSON

Uh-huh!

(pause)

Hey, wait a minute... You went on a
ride without me?

RIDER

Mouse wanted to go.

He shrugs.

EMERSON

Daaad!

RIDER

Didn't you have a bunch of homework
to do.

Emerson's suddenly dejected.

EMERSON

Aw...

RIDER

Well, maybe we can do *that* together,
too.

That perks him back up.

EMERSON

Okay!

INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - EVENING

Rider sits with Emerson (and maybe Moose and/or Elseigh) at
the kitchen table, with school books and papers laid out.
It's getting dark outside.

EXT. HORSE STALLS - NIGHT

Outro: tranquil music plays as Dallas and Mouse sleep
standing up in their stalls.

RIDER (V.O.)

(softly, to go with
the mood)

Be sure to come see us next time at
the Rider Family Ranch - 'Cus we're
having a *big* fire to celebrate
Rocky's birthday, and we're going to
meet some firemen who have a big
surprise!

Credits, acknowledgements, and links to get involved in
different charities or adoptions/rescues scroll by.