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**EQUAL'S "CHRISTMAS AT THE STABLES" RETURNS THIS DECEMBER WITH
A CHRISTMAS MARKET AND IMMERSIVE ENCOUNTERS WITH THERAPY HORSES**

*Event proceeds go towards EQUAL's animal-assisted programmes for persons in need,
as well as the care of the charity's herd of retired, rescued and rehomed horses*



a celebration of sustainability, circularity and community-building

Singapore, 22 November 2024 – **Christmas at the Stables**, one of Singapore's most unique year-end experiences, returns for its third edition this 5 to 8 December. An annual fundraising event by EQUAL—a charity organisation that supports the well-being of persons in need through animal-assisted programmes—the four-day event will feature immersive encounters with therapy horses, festive performances, tractor rides, games and workshops for all ages, as well as a Christmas Market featuring pop-ups by well-loved retail and F&B brands. Ticket sales and event proceeds go towards supporting the charity, ensuring their animal-assisted programmes remain affordable for their beneficiaries, as well as the well-being of their animal partners.

EQUAL partners a herd of miniature horses and retired polo, riding school and racehorses to provide animal-assisted programmes for a wide range of beneficiaries. Their programmes include "Horse-ibilities", a programme that builds resilience, confidence and socio-emotional life skills in children and youths, "Horses by Your Side", an initiative where their miniature horses visit and bring joy and comfort to bed-bound seniors in nursing homes, as well as "At Home with Horses", an equine-assisted programme for children with adverse childhood experiences, including those in children's homes and institutions.

Christmas at the Stables is a unique opportunity to experience the therapeutic and transformative power of interacting with horses. EQUAL will also be hosting beneficiary groups at *Christmas at the Stables*, ensuring that they too have a chance to partake in the year-end festivities alongside EQUAL's animal partners.

Immersive equine experiences

From guided tours at EQUAL's stable to meet-and-greet sessions with the horses, ticket holders will get a glimpse into how EQUAL's programmes support the well-being and development of social, emotional and communication skills of children and youth, persons with special needs, and the elderly. For an even more in-depth and hands-on experience to understand how EQUAL cares for these horses, who in turn provide care and healing for those in need, there are "Behind-the-Stables Experiences" to walk with the horses, brush their manes, pick their hooves and even feed them.

Sustainable festive fun for all ages

Adding to the magic of the experience, the EQUAL stable and grounds will be lit up with repurposed Christmas lights from Orchard Road, thanks to the support of Singapore Tourism Board, Orchard Road Business Association and Q's Advertising.

Other highlights include art workshops involving old horseshoes, recycled and nature-based materials, tractor rides, games and a communal art activity for all to join in.

Community-building and giving back at the Christmas Market

The *Christmas at the Stables* Christmas Market will feature pop-ups by homegrown brands including Birds of Paradise Gelato Boutique, Common Man Coffee Roasters, Brotherbird Bakehouse, Quan Shui Wet Market, City Sprouts, Rough Beauty, and more. These partners are donating part or all their proceeds in support of EQUAL.

EQUAL will also be launching a series of postcards and sticker sets during *Christmas at the Stables*, featuring artwork by 15 artists including Angee Neo, Puffingmuffin, OAK & BINDI and In Warm Regard. Each artist had illustrated one of EQUAL's horses in their own style, and these collectibles be available for a limited time only.

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Christmas at the Stables by EQUAL takes place from 5 to 8 December 2024. An annual outreach and fundraising event, event proceeds go towards providing the best care for EQUAL's animal partners and keeping its animal-assisted programmes accessible for their beneficiaries, which include children and youth, persons with special needs and the elderly. *Christmas at the Stable* will feature stable tours, guided interactions with EQUAL's equine partners, games, workshops and a Christmas Market. Limited tickets are available via Klook at <https://bit.ly/EQUAL-Christmas2024>

Those unable to attend *Christmas at the Stables* may still extend their support by making a Christmas donation via <https://www.giving.sg/donate/campaign/christmas-at-the-stables-2024>. These gifts will help EQUAL to reach more beneficiaries in need with their animal-assisted programmes.

For more information, please read:

- **[Annex A: Christmas at the Stables 2024](#)**

Images may be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/EQUAL-Media-Images-2024>

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About EQUAL:

EQUAL is an Institution of a Public Character (IPC) charity established in 2015, dedicated to improving the social, emotional and mental well-being of persons in need through animal-assisted programmes. EQUAL is the pioneer in equine-assisted learning in Singapore, and has developed a range of signature programmes to meet the evolving social needs of children, youths, persons with special needs, families and seniors.

To find out more, visit www.equal.org.sg

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ANNEX A
EQUAL | CHRISTMAS AT THE STABLES 2024



CHRISTMAS AT THE STABLES

5 to 8 December 2024
10am - 7pm
EQUAL, 100 Jalan Mashhor, S299177

Standard Entry + Stable Tour: \$30/person
Group Entry + Stable Tour: \$100/group of 4
Behind-the-Stables Experience + Stable Tour: \$100/person

Tickets available on Klook; platform fees apply. All proceeds in support of EQUAL.

Activities: Stable tours, Christmas market, Horse activities, Festive performances, Food and drinks, Workshops and games.

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Behind-the-Stables Experience + stable tour: \$100

Tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/EQUAL-Christmas2024>, and are subject to Klook's platform fees.

Website & socials

<https://www.equal.org.sg/event/christmas-at-the-stables-2024/>

<https://instagram.com/equal.sg>

Celebrate Christmas at the Stables with EQUAL's therapy horses!

Experience one of Singapore's most unique year-end events, "Christmas at the Stables", by EQUAL—a local charity dedicated to supporting the well-being of persons in need through animal-assisted programmes.

Returning for its third edition from 5 to 8 December 2024, this meaningful festive fundraiser is a special opportunity to meet the EQUAL herd, which comprise miniature horses and retired polo, riding school, and racehorses.

Discover the therapeutic power of these animals through stable tours and meet-and-greet sessions. For an even more hands-on experience with the horses, the "Behind-the-Stables Experiences" offers opportunities to brush their manes, pick their hooves and even feed them—showing how EQUAL cares for these horses, who in turn provide care and healing for those in need.

Adding to the magic, the stables and grounds will sparkle with repurposed Orchard Road Christmas lights, generously provided by the Orchard Road Business Association—bringing festive cheer in a sustainable way.

Enjoy tractor rides, music performances, games, workshops, and the specially curated Christmas Market. Don't miss pop-ups by Birds of Paradise Gelato Boutique, Common Man Coffee Roasters, Brotherbird Bakehouse, Quan Shui Wet Market, City Sprouts, Rough Beauty, and many more!

Ticket sales and event proceeds directly support EQUAL's mission to keep their programmes affordable and accessible to more people in need, while ensuring the best care for their animal partners.

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Christmas at the Stable is supported by the following partners:

<p><u>Christmas Lights</u> Orchard Road Business Association Q's Advertising Singapore Tourism Board</p> <p><u>Food & Beverages</u> Able Bagel Birds of Paradise Gelato Boutique Brotherbird Bakehouse Common Man Coffee Roasters D'Legacy Pizza Keenway (SG) x Tran Pizza (VN) Marymount Bakehouse Quan Shui Wet Market Roti Fifi Uncle Didi</p> <p><u>Performances</u> Feiyue Senja Ukelele Club Paco & Friends EQUAL Strings</p> <p><u>Workshops</u> City Sprouts Sculptable Wildlife Warriors</p>	<p><u>Christmas Market</u> Apricot & Co. Baremetalco City Sprouts Digicam Diaries Dalisaymeraki Le Petit Society Knoette.Co Plantitude Quan Shui Wet Market Rags to Peaches Rough Beauty Sabi Tattoos Sage & Ylang Sculptable Saor Leather The Curious Meeple</p> <p><u>Partners</u> GoRental! Hua Hng Trading Co Lek Kwong Electrical RDA Singapore Sunray Woodcraft Construction Klook</p>
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