



"Gulliver"

EQUINE VOICES

RESCUE & SANCTUARY™

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Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary becomes first GFAS equine accredited sanctuary in Arizona

Accreditation establishes high standards of credibility and recognition for global sanctuaries

The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the nation's premier organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, announced Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary™ became the first Arizona equine rescue and sanctuary accredited to its standards and, thereby, recognized by GFAS, joining Habitat for Horses of TX and Angel Acres Horse Haven Rescue of PA in attaining equine accreditation. The accreditation signifies the implementation of clear and respected international standards, enabling the public, donors and government agencies to recognize credible sanctuaries that adhere to the true mission of providing safe haven and humane care for abused animals.

"Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary™ is exemplary in so many areas, it is hard to choose just one to highlight," said Patty Finch, GFAS Executive Director. "But clearly laudable is their work to help pregnant mares cruelly exploited for urine collection, used in the manufacturing of Premarin. Not only does Equine Voices rescue the horses that are victims of this ruthless industry and the cast-off foals created by the process, but they also work to educate the public and members of the medical community about the source of these estrogen-replacement drugs and the cruelty inherent in procuring them."

Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary™ is also known for its strong volunteer program, its training classes in "natural horsemanship" and the staffs' commitment to homeopathic treatments for these horses who have experienced much trauma before arriving at this safe haven. Equine Voices earned its GFAS accreditation after being confirmed as adhering to the GFAS standards for sanctuary operations, administration and veterinary and equine care. The GFAS executive director and a professionally trained equine inspector, certified by the University of Missouri, made two separate onsite visits to the sanctuary to analyze its operations, the animals' health and the quality of the sanctuary grounds. Equine Voices also completed a rigorous written application process, including sending key records, policies and financial statements to GFAS for an analysis by the accreditation committee, which includes two veterinarians.

"A great deal of our success is attributable to the community here, which truly cares for the animals. The people really show their support and compassion for the horses" states Karen Pomroy, President of Equine Voices. She is also the founder of Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary™, which received its 501(c)3 nonprofit status in February, 2005.

Pomroy explains, "I began by volunteering for a wild horse sanctuary in California, becoming part of the grass roots movement to help wild horses. The experience I gained from working with the horses, and being part of this new organization, was beyond my imagination. During this time, I learned about the plight of horses, all horses in America. I learned about the Premarin industry, the plight of Premarin mares and foals, and knew in my heart, that someday I would have a rescue and sanctuary to help the horses and to educate women about Premarin and natural alternatives to Premarin."

"We have no doubt that Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary™ will continue to be a strong advocate for the horses, and a safe haven for all the equines who enter its gates." said Finch. For more information on GFAS, please visit www.sanctuaryfederation.org.

About Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the sole purpose of strengthening and supporting the work of animal sanctuaries in the United States and abroad. The goal of GFAS in working with and assisting sanctuaries is to ensure they are supported, honored, recognized and rewarded for meeting important criteria in providing care to the animals in residence. GFAS was founded in 2007 by animal protection leaders from a number of different organizations in response to virtually unchecked and hidden animal exploitation of animals for human entertainment and financial profit. These founding leaders sit on the GFAS Board of Directors to continue guiding the organization's work in a collaborative manner. They represent top leadership from Born Free USA, The Humane Society of the United States, World Society for the Protection of Animals, American Anti-Vivisection Society, and International Fund for Animal Welfare.

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Patty Finch and Poncho

Marvelous Miracles: Making a Difference

by Carol Grubb

Every year, every fundraiser, I marvel at the miracles of the commitment from so many to make this event happen. The months of organization by our dedicated planning committee came to bloom with a wonderful event at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park on March 6, 2010. This was definitely our biggest and best event ever, thanks to hundreds of helping hands and hearts. Over 120 volunteers helped set up and ran the multiple attractions available at our "Very Special Horse Event." It was also a record for attendance with well over 1,000 people there! What a Day!

Thanks to the generosity and support of the Tucson community, over 600 wonderful items were available through the Silent and Live Auctions. Always a crowd pleaser, the Dessert Auction was a blast! Auctioneers Jerry Tucker and Martha Vazquez were quite the dynamic duo as they encouraged the bidding wars to \$300.00 for a decadent delight! Martha was also a knockout in the arena, sharing her many talents and skills announcing for the program. Special thanks to her for giving us her Saturday to help out the horses!



Carol Grubb, Gulliver and Allan Mardon

cruelty is a felony in the state of Arizona. Special friends Mike Duffey, Cruelty Investigator for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, Detective Therese DesChenes from the Pima County Sheriff's Department, and Karen Heider, all members of the Animal Cruelty Taskforce, were there to provide information and resources about how all of us can be involved to assist law enforcement agencies, and what to do when we see incidents of animal abuse. Our intent is to build a community of compassion where each and every one of us plays a part in making a difference for all beings. We were also very fortunate to have prosecutor Larry Wharton of Pinal County attend the event. Mr. Wharton was instrumental in prosecuting the case of animal cruelty against Kachina, effectively sending a message that animal cruelty is not to be tolerated.

Equine Voices also welcomed the Arizona Greyhound Rescue group, and the Humane Society of Southern Arizona at the event. The circle of compassion grows as more organizations band together to educate and involve the community in making the world a better place.

There was a particular part of the day that held a special place in my heart. At Gulliver's request, a very special someone, who is always honoring and acknowledging everyone else's efforts, was put in the spotlight. With the help of Nancy Chapman and Stella Lopez, we had a surprise tribute to Equine Voices President and Founder, Karen Pomroy. This special woman talks the talk, and walks the walk. Under her direction, Equine Voices has rescued over 300 horses since opening their doors. Dealing with the individual horses that come is a monumental deed in and of itself. Maintaining a cadre of support systems via hundreds of volunteers, donors, sponsors, law enforcement agencies, and a multitude of others needed to continue these wonderful services, is a never-ending challenge. She has never lost sight of the dream. Out of that dream rose a vision, and she turned that vision into a reality: a rescue and sanctuary dedicated to providing a place of safety, peace and love. Hats off and kudos to Karen from horses and humans! We love you!

In addition to our own personal recognition of her efforts and achievements, just days before the fundraiser came the announcement from the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries that Equine Voices had passed their stringent accreditation standards and site review, to become the newest of only three Equine Rescues in the United States to achieve this level of service, and the first in the state of Arizona. Karen, we salute you and all the wonderful volunteers who have been so instrumental in accomplishing this accreditation!

Of course, the real "stars" of the event were the very special horses whose stories of rescue, rehabilitation and recovery were shared with the crowd. Through their traumatic and terrifying experiences, they have given us who are privileged to work with and care for them, an opportunity to reach inside and find the goodness within ourselves, beautifully said by Roxanne Johnson:

"Perhaps our animals are really the angels, and they bring out the best in those of us that are blessed enough to be touched by them."

Thank you for sharing the vision.

As a fundraiser, the main objective is to generate revenue in order to continue the multitude of services to equines in desperate need. Originally developed to save mares and foals from the Premarin industry, Equine Voices has opened its doors to many horses; those used by drug runners-injured, abused and left in the desert, cruelty and starvation cases. How can we turn away with no other alternatives for these noble animals? The answer is, of course, we don't. If there is any way to sponsor a horse in need or a space that can be used, Equine Voices answers the call. Even in this tough economic climate, our donors, sponsors, and event participants helped. At the end of the day, close to \$32,000 was raised. This will pay the hay bill for a few months. The challenge of finding enough money to fund the needs is a never-ending task. Heartfelt thanks to everyone!

The other component of this special event is community education. Many times citizens see incidents with animals that they know are just "not right," yet do not know whom to call for help or advice, or are not aware that animal



Kachina and Carol Grubb

Ocho

By Sarah Harris

It was love at first sight. Standing with his mother in Canada, the picture of a young paint had caught my eye. I couldn't stop thinking about him and I knew I had to adopt him. Convincing my husband would be the hard part; we already had three horses and certainly didn't need another. I casually mentioned the idea of adopting him to Alan, and he gave me a much unexpected answer, "If it will save another



Ocho and Ella

horse, you can adopt him".

I anticipated his arrival for weeks, and when the day came I could hardly wait to see him. On the way to Equine Voices we went over names for our

newest family member, but decided to wait until we saw him to finalize. We walked over to the pen where the four babies were eating, not as scared as I had expected them to be. Our baby had a very large 8 shaved on his side. Alan said, "We should call him "Ocho."



Ocho, Sarah and Ella

Ocho has taught me many things, but the number one lesson is patience. By giving him the patience he required, he has quickly given us his complete trust. He is willing to do anything I lead him to, whether it is a gate he isn't sure he wants to go through or a new corner of the yard. With a little patience, he will follow anywhere. He is careful and calm around my daughter Ella, like he knows how much she adores him and how small and fragile she is.

Ocho is home, and I could never imagine him anywhere else. Although we didn't "need" another, we are so happy we decided to open our home to one more. He has become a permanent member of our herd, a very loving companion, as well as a teacher. We would like to thank everyone who worked with Ocho, and made it possible for him to come home so quickly. Thank you Karen for giving Ocho and all the horses at the ranch the chance at a life that they deserve.

Youth Corner

by Karen Pomroy

I've always said, Kids + Horses = Magic!

On May 14, 17, and 18th Equine Voices was fortunate to have 38 middle and high school students from the Basis School volunteer at the sanctuary.



Basis School Students

These young people were part of the volunteer program offered by the Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona. Since one of our goals is to educate young people about the plight of the PMU mares and foals and to provide physical activity away from computers and television, we were ecstatic! We always strive to teach responsibility, compassion, and establish the innate connection between nature, horses and humans.

We began the first day with safety training, horse tips and a tour introducing the ranch and the horses to the kids. When they met "Gulliver" and our new addition "Pirate" the kids were excited about returning to volunteer the following week. These kids were fantastic!! On Monday and Tuesday we put them to work and had them help with the various chores around the ranch. They busied themselves by cleaning the dusty halters and lead ropes, readying bricks for our community garden project, and spraying our fence posts to prevent rusting. They cleaned water troughs and made sure the corrals were manure free. The highlight of their day was learning to groom some of the horses and having their photo taken with Pirate, our rescued mini!

Thank you all and we look forward to having you back again next year!



Basis School Students

The Horses Called Out For Help

By Mo Grace



Anna Twinney's Reiki class

The Horses called out for help.

And Anna answered, "I hear you, teach me your ways".

The Horses prayed they could remain horses.

And Anna understood.

The Horses said, "Do not call me names or shout or scream at me".

And Anna whispered to them.

The Horses cried out, "Please do not harm my body or try to break my spirit".

And Anna offered her hand with patient gentleness.

The Horses asked, "Let our voices and thoughts be heard".

And Anna speaks with them, revealing to us their messages.

The Horses searched for peace and harmony within.

And Anna sends them healing love and energy.

Then Horses everywhere rejoiced, saying to Anna, "Go out into the world and share with other 2 legged ones the things we have taught you."

And that ever present voice inside beckons me-----Come, Hear, Live, the Language of Equus.

Save the rest of Mystic's herd!

Last year we sent out an appeal asking for help with saving the remaining PMU mares from Ranch One. Those of you who volunteer or have visited Equine Voices have had the pleasure of meeting Mystic, her herd, Wiley and many of the other horses that were rescued after the farmer lost his contract with the pharmaceutical giant. Due to our current lack of space, the five mares we saved last year are still being fostered in Canada. Right now, there are only 15 unfostered mares left at Ranch One. Our goal is to save the remaining mares, and space permitting, eventually relocate them here to the Sanctuary.

We are looking for individuals to help us save the lives of the last few that remain. Won't you help us help the rest of Mystic's herd?

For only \$75/month per horse, we can assist in giving the remaining 15 a new lease on life and prevent them from going to the slaughterhouse. This is their last chance! For more information contact karen@equinevoices.org or call the office at 520-398-2814.



Upcoming Events

What: Equine Voices Bedford Benefit

When: September 25, 2010

Where: Bedford, NY

For more information or reservations, please contact Cindy Marcotte at 914-234-6636, or email her at cpmarc@optonline.net.

What: Second Annual Equine Voices Open House

When: Saturday
October 2, 2010 -
11am - 3pm

Where: Equine Voices
Rescue & Sanctuary
1540 W. Dove Way
Amado, AZ



What: Fourth Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Gala

When: November 7,
2010 - 4:30 p.m.

Where: The Arizona Inn
Tucson, AZ

Cocktails starting at 4:30 p.m. and a full sit down dinner, live auction, silent auction, music by Becky Reyes, dancing, great local wines and local microbrews.



Order your tickets now by contacting Jeannette at (520) 398-9312 or evocesassistant@yahoo.com.

Gulliver's Fan Club Celebrates 1st Anniversary!

Will you be our 100th Gulliver's Fan Club member? Give Gulliver something special for his birthday! Join GFC for only \$10 per month, by marking the box on the enclosed donation form. You can pay with check or money order. Also PayPal. Or call us to setup monthly deductions on your credit card. For more information, call Jeannette at (520)398-9312 or e-mail her at evocesassistant@yahoo.com.

You'll receive a thank you, a GFC sticker and information to access Gulliver's exclusive blog.



IT'S JUST MY 'MAGINATION...

By Tom O'Neil

As the sun peeks through the bedroom window this warm July morning, we are reminded that it wasn't always like this...the high today will be about 102, a nice departure from the 112-115 degree Amado afternoons. As I pull on my worn boots, Karen and I can hear the piercing voice of our youngest rooster announcing, "It's another great day, get your lazy butts out of bed!"

I struggle to pry my eyes open with my morning friend, a strong cup of Bisbee java, and proceed to amble out toward one of our six 3 acre+ grazing pastures. The horses are munching on their habitual breakfast of natural grass nicely fortified by the automatic waterers, in part powered by one of our three artesian wells. We're so lucky! When we were in Amado, we used to have just one single well and fortunately that lifesaver never let us down, even in the driest of months. Now we have several wells, but then we have 85 horses here now! My, how things have changed! Who would have guessed in '10 how fortunate we would be to inhabit this beautiful 140 acre self-sustained ranch on the other side of the mountains?



Gulliver, Spirit, and company are watching my progress as I walk through the east opening of the huge covered riding arena where we hold our annual fundraisers now. I think we just had our 9th if I'm counting correctly. Our guests from Europe and other places, beautiful families who choose to spend one of their vacation weeks with us annually, graciously contribute toward the mild debt service we now have, thanks in large part to a huge donation that made this all possible. We now save about two hundred horses PER YEAR and pasture about 40 permanently thanks to the generosity of many and the ardent support of our huge loyal volunteer base, some of which have been with us from the beginning. For now, this international organization (we received that status back in '10 also) which thrives on a half-million dollar a year budget, has made some remarkable headway in the fight to educate women about the devastating effects of Premarin and the plight of our four legged friends, the innocent victims of corporate greed. Karen is carrying out her ultimate goal, to make this fight known to Congress and beyond in an effort to change the awful abuse that the animal world endures and enact laws that will protect these creatures in futurity. She has been recognized many times for her selfless and tireless devotion to the cause, and as this ranch attests, it shows.



Back in '11 some amazing things happened that changed our lives to the good forever, and we will be eternally thankful. Through some contacts of Madeleine Pickens and Anna Twinney came large donations enabling us to purchase this gorgeous 140 acre ranch just north of Sonoita. And the actor that came forth with millions, what can I say. And one of our best friends, Betty Hilton, who used to spearhead the Amado Inn, now runs the bed-and-breakfast, bringing people from near and far to experience her renowned warmth and hospitality while generating income for Equine Voices. Chef Charles, former owner of "Christophers" in Amado, runs our commercial grade kitchen and puts out some delicious meals, not only for our guests and the parties he caters for, but occasionally us! Anna Twinney now visits us 3 times a year and we pull interested horse lovers from all over the country and beyond for our now famous three-week events.

It has been an exciting ride the last "12" years with Karen, going from a ma-and-pa humble little organization on ten acres to one recognized worldwide, thanks in total to our huge support base. Jennifer had the idea of Gulliver's \$10 a month club, and with 800+ members, it now funds much of our monthly needs. And, oh yeah, as H.O.M. (Head of Manure) I finally got my backhoe, which makes dealing with their "No. 2" business my No. 1 priority! (thanks Dan!)

Well, hey! It's just my 'magination!

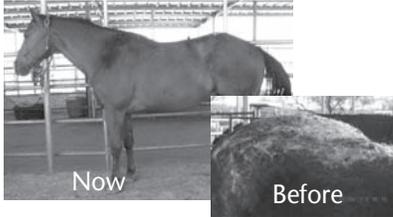
On a serious note, we need donations, it's a tough economy and a tough year. And, we need someone with a huge heart and huge appreciation for what we do. We need to find someone to contribute a huge chunk to saving America's legacy, the horse, so we can accomplish our goal together. We need a Madeleine Pickens, a Robert Duvall, a Sam Elliot, or a Tom Selleck to step forward with an unbelievable donation to get us to the next step. Do you know such a person? Think about it...it can happen, and it will, it's just a matter of time, and expanding our 'magination!

NICK IS ON THE MEND!

Remember Nick? He sustained life-threatening injuries in a barn fire. His wounds were left unattended for four years!

After being rescued by EV in '09, Mo, one of our weekend volunteers, found a remedy worth a try and Becky Greene picked up the ball. Becky provides nurturing every Tuesday and Thursday with this wound remedy and another, called Zymox (a case of which has been graciously supplied by Pet King brands.)

With time and care, Nick will someday be perfectly sound and a candidate for adoption, by someone who appreciates what a trooper this special horse is.



Available For Adoption

"Wiley"

Wiley is a gorgeous quarter horse gelding. Wiley is 3 years old and ready for the perfect home. He loves other horses, especially mares, has had basic ground work and is ready to be trained to ride. Won't you consider giving this fantastic horse a permanent, loving home?



Ways You Can Help

- Monetary Donations Are Desperately Needed
- Join Gullivers Fan Club
- Sponsor Your Favorite Horse
- Donate In Lieu of Birthday Gifts
- Shop At Gulliver's Store
- Sponsor One Month Of Fly Predators
- Give The Gift Of Stock
- Leave Equine Voices In Your Will
- Take Out A Life Insurance Policy Naming Equine Voices as Beneficiary
- Ask your friends and neighbors to help us
- Volunteer

Items Needed

Bermuda Hay, Bermuda Pellets, Black Sunflower Seeds, Beet Pulp, Rice Bran, Psyllium, Fly Spray, Fly Masks- (all Sizes), Fly Traps, Mucking Forks, Wheelbarrows, Vet Wrap, Special Spray for Nick's Burns, Window Air Conditioner, 4 seat Electric Golf Cart.

Can you please help our horses in need?

— EMERSON

“DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH MAY
LEAD - GO INSTEAD WHERE THERE IS
NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL”



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