



"Gulliver"

EQUINE VOICES RESCUE & SANCTUARY™

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2011 In Review.....Whew!

The future of Equine Voices can be propelled by something very simple, and we can all contribute by keeping our eyes and ears open – if someone you know or meet wants to help us grow, and isn't sure what they want to do or how to do it, keep it simple! Have them call us with a credit card number, assure them of privacy, and they can become a proud member of Gulliver's Fan Club for ten dollars per month, and, the good part, it can be debited automatically and they have NO HASSLE! It's clean, it's simple, it's quick and easy. They even get a nifty sticker!



Our membership increased last year to about 62 members – our goal is 1000. Ten dollars a month with 1000 members brings in \$10,000 a month, which is about what it takes to fill the barn with hay. Help us get there by referring friends and acquaintances!

Our fifth annual Equine Voices Wine & Dine Gala event was a major success as anyone who attended can attest, and most of the credit goes to our thankless and tireless volunteer force without which we could not survive. The Historic Arizona Inn was again the perfect location, and special guest and honoree was artist extraordinaire, Mr. Allan Mardon. Spread the word – this year will be even greater! In case you haven't noticed, the event gets bigger, better, and more fun every year! Much of the success this last year was due to our new auctioneer Leticia Frye to whom we are eternally grateful.

Thanks to our Grantwriter Cynthia Dagnal-Myron, we received many grants in '11. Among these gift givers was Equus, the ASPCA, Arizona Horse Lovers Foundation, some private individuals, and several private foundations. While volunteers are the cornerstone of the physical side of Equine Voices, grants represent the majority of the monetary side. Without both selfless acts, we could not do what we do.

When people bought property at Rancho Resort

in Sahuarita Arizona, they probably didn't intend on purchasing "horse property", but sometimes unexpected "big" things come in "small" packages. Well, I guess the word "small" is relative. The "Band of Brothers" as they were ultimately dubbed, decided nice green grass was much better than mesquite trees and cactus. Four young



The Band of Brothers

colts, half Gulliver's size, found their way to temporary paradise on the lawns of Rancho Resort and proceeded to munch their way into the hearts of many of the residents but not the management company who saw lawsuits written all over the colts' faces! Rudy, our official Arizona Livestock Inspector who graciously attended our Wine and Dine Gala, aided Equine Voices in the removal and transportation of the colts' new journey to horse heaven – Aravaipa canyon, a two hour drive north of Tucson. Steve & Jane Turcotte, and David & Joyce Rychener, giving of their time, energy, and space, were kind enough to allow these young hay-burners to experience what most horses would only dream of, if they could – thousands of acres of ranch land and permanent freedom to run and play as horses should.

On another note, the "The Shining World Compassion" Award and grant was presented to Karen and Equine Voices, a very loving and humane gesture by the Supreme Master Ching Hai of Asia whose presentation over a two day period was accompanied and filmed by KVOA news anchor and reporter Brandon Gunnoe. We were not honored personally with her presence, but were very thankful that her assistant took her valuable time to MAKE a very personal appearance to make the presentation which included a monetary amount and a beautiful glass award. The recognition is given very selectively



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"Until he extends the circle of compassion to all living things, man will not find peace"

- Albert Schweitzer

to people and organizations around the world who exhibit unparalleled selfless love for animals of all kinds, and we were fortunate Equine Voices was deemed a worthy recipient.

Brian Williams, NBC Nightly News anchor, gave us a huge shot-in-the-arm by broadcasting nationally and quite unexpectedly in July a five minute narration of our past and recent activities, our attempts to change forever the status and therefore the future of our furry four legged friends, and our never ending mission to save as many horses as humanly possible from slaughter, the drug industry, and the all-encompassing economic downturn. His report that evening exploded into many national incoming calls to Equine Voices beginning on the east coast and moving across the country in a wave of activity that resulted in many new contacts and interested donors who, prior to the broadcast, were unaware of our organization and its critical work. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to NBC and Brian for introducing our organization to so many new people. If you haven't had a chance to see the video, log on to our website at www.equinevoices.org and click the link under "Newsflash".



Six of the Magnificent Seven

The Creme de la Creme for Karen was the rescue and arrival of six of the Magnificent Seven in late December. We were proud to be among those who contributed in this organized effort to save 15 foals and their mothers in total from a former PMU farm in Canada. This was accomplished through Anna Twinney founder of Reach Out to Horses, Celine Myers of the Arkwatch Foundation, and Frank Weller, Equine Angels, and Ray of Light. Equine Voices committed to taking seven of the foals, one of which was immediately adopted resulting in six beginning their long trek across the country to the Sanctuary. Starting in Canada, then over to North Dakota, northwest to the state of Washington, south to California, and safely journeying to Amado Arizona where we impatiently waited. Filmed again by Brandon Gunnoe of KVOA, many anxiously paced at the gate searching longingly for the huge semi and confirmation that they were safely coming down Dove Way, at the end of their tiring journey but at the beginning of a new life. These foals, without this extraordinary intervention, would almost certainly have gone to slaughter.

Behind the scenes, in addition to the many horses we have saved and those to whom we give harbor here at the ranch, activities take place weekly which never get attention but which have a lasting effect on many four-leggeds. Many lives are saved, horses that we personally never see or touch, and are ultimately placed in forever homes due to behind the scene efforts. Karen may not be in view quite as much anymore, but that is because so many rescues take place through communication and follow-up, rescues which take an extraordinary amount of time and coordination between groups. Equine Voices has a vision, a goal to rescue as many horses as humanly possible from mental and physical cruelty, and place them in

loving, forever homes. Accomplishing this goal always comes down to raising the funds needed, which currently averages , approximately \$25,000/month to run Equine Voices. Eventually we envision a facility that would allow us to create more programs, allow us to save more lives, where we could allow many of the rescues to roam as they should on many acres of pasture. One where people from around the world would come to enjoy, learn, and leave with a new sense of purpose. From this facility we could continue our goal of legally changing the status of horses from "livestock" to "companion" animals and to help women realize there are natural alternatives to Premarin, which might ultimately save their lives. From this facility we could have annual fundraisers, establish a bed and breakfast for our guests, and train our new four legged friends so that if adopted, they would stay in their new homes and have forever loving caretakers. This all takes money, huge hearts, and the determination to continue creating the dream.

This journey has to march on. We can't do it without you, without your friends, and without your invaluable word-of-mouth. Spreading the word of our work will someday reach that Tom Selleck that Robert Duvall, or that Paul McCartney who will open his heart and give us the means to have this facility. But right now it's time to do your part, to write that extra check to secure the future of the horses. We hope we are providing you with an enjoyable, simple, and informative newsletter, one which doesn't pummel you with ads and detract from the goal – to encourage you and enlighten the public as to our mission. We will always need your help to continue, and know that your help, your giving, and your big hearts will forever be received with great appreciation.

Foal Gentling at Equine Voices in Amado, Arizona



Lloyd with Neptune

The Foal Gentling in Arizona was so beautiful. Six innocent beings were entrusted to six humans in hopes of gentling them and giving them the skills necessary to make them adoptable. Anna was, of course, masterfully involved in keeping the course on track while working with each foal and student in just the way necessary to take them to the next level in their training. Every foal and student spent six days in sessions designed to give them just what they needed. Regardless of the task or the outcome of the lessons it seemed that everyone had an intimate relationship with their foal that was life changing for the horse and probably equally for the human. It was wonderful to go away knowing that we had influenced these babies lives in way that brought them closer to trusting people and certainly gave

them a greater chance to be adopted into their forever homes. It was an experience for me that changed my life, for now I can honestly say that I trained a horse as I did train my foal to recognize respect and kindness from a human and I learned from him to hear the whispers and the language of Equus. In gratitude and thanks for all that you do for the horses, Lauren Munger.

I had the extraordinary opportunity to work with Anna on gentling a PMU foal at Equine Voices Rescue in Amado AZ. This class challenged me to apply everything I had learned in Anna's modular foundation class and introduced me to the unique world of young, untouched horses. With Anna's coaching and demonstrations, I was able to help a PMU foal find value in human interaction, develop confidence in himself and set him up for success when he continues his training. Working with Karen and the volunteers at Equine Voices was both an education and a revelation. We were welcomed with open arms and had the chance to see how a well run rescue operates. Karen's vision is from the heart, and her execution shows her business savvy and her creativity. She is a role model for anyone wanting to help those with no voice.

Jan

To Read more testimonials and to learn more about Anna Twinney log on to www.reachouttohorses.com

Rancho Resort Wild Horse Rescue, Chapter 2, the Saga Continues!



Blaze

Once again a call came in from the management at Rancho Resort, a small community in Southern Arizona, asking for help to remove a wild horse that made his way to their grassy lawns. This little two year old stud colt decided to make Rancho Resort his home, and casually grazed on the lawn and basked in the

sun on the sandy volley ball court.

Initially, back in late '11, Equine Voices was summoned by management at Rancho Resort for help in relocating six wild, young horses that found their way to greener pastures – the lawn of Ranch Resort. While this is not our normal mission, Equine Voices with the critical help of Rudy Acevedo, Arizona livestock inspector, came to the rescue and removed two groups, the first of which was dubbed "The Band of Brothers".

Fast forward to late February, 2012, we arranged and aided Rancho Resort who again asked for help to remove a potential lawsuit threatened by one of its residents. It seems the new colt, who had been befriended by several of the residents, tried to nip one of them, and we, again with officer Acevedo, came to the rescue. Rancho Resort erected a temporary 4' structure as a small catch pen and with food attempted to entice the four legged trespasser into the enclosure. After a few days, this cute little stud colt found his way through the makeshift entrance and was safely captured. Rudy was asked by Equine Voices to

pick up this horse and move him to a holding pen in Nogales, where we requested he be gelded to avoid future procreation prior to coming to his new temporary home at Equine Voices.

On March 5, 2012, the little bay gelding arrived at the sanctuary where he will be cared for and worked with until a forever home is found. Since he is wild and untrained, considerable effort and funds will be necessary in order to ready him for his next and hopefully last family.

Equine Voices is looking for individuals to sponsor this little guy, as we have been saddled with the vet bill, and the feed bill totaling \$400, and future costs. Rancho Resort management, who has called on us more than once to help them with their problem, has thus far refused to pick up the tab we have incurred even though the approximate costs involved were relayed to several Rancho Resort representatives prior to and after removing what now totals 7 horses. Although they offered some help, they seemed to feel the majority of the financial burden should be shouldered by us. Unless the residential community of Rancho Resort steps up to the plate and takes responsibility for the newest cost incurred, we will no longer be a valuable resource to assist with their problem. To consider sponsoring this sweet little guy please contact us at info@equinevoices.org or call 520-398-9312.

Sonny

Dear Friends & Family,

Monday, February 27th our beloved rescue horse Sonny underwent a successful penile amputation and was gelded by Dr. Taylor of Arizona Equine Medical & Surgical Center of Gilbert, Arizona. Dr. Taylor did the remarkable surgery at a special rate for the benefit of Sonny and Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary. Thank you Karen Pomroy and all those supporters of Voices who pledged and donated and helped every step of the way!



Sonny and Jeff

On Thursday Sonny was picked up in Gilbert and transported to his new rehabilitation home by Melissa and Paul Ambrose of Atlasta Home Horse Rescue in Chino Valley, Arizona - another great pair of people.

Last Saturday afternoon, Carol and I made a post-surgery visit to Sonny at the Ambrose's ranch, the first we had seen him since Ruthanne of

Arizona Coalition for Equines had picked him up and transported him to Gilbert the previous Saturday.

Sonny was obviously stiff and sore and not as spry as he usually is, but he was also happy to see us and was his usual affectionate self. His change in physical appearance was dramatic. For over a year I walked and talked with him and carefully soaked his fully extended penis. The poor boy was weighted down with a heavy pendulum of scar tissue between his legs, flopping around anytime he was at all active.

Perhaps the most noticeable thing about the outcome of his surgery to me was that it did not look anywhere near as severe as I had envisioned. The entire length of penis is gone, and Dr. Taylor brought the sheath and urethra together in what appears to be a very natural fashion where the penis exited his abdomen. There is no big wound to treat and Sonny can pee from a natural male posture. It really is amazing.

All of you who have followed Sonny's story, please let take one more minute of your time. Equine Voices and Dr. Taylor have done remarkable work, and Sonny will soon be able to "run like a real horse." If you can, please make a contribution to Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary - specify it is for Sonny's surgery. Every gift helps cover the costs of this life-saving, spirit-enriching rescue. Together, we change the world one-horse-at-a-time.

Thank you! Jeff Kirkendall, Paulden, AZ

Make your donation to:

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Three Sulphur Mares

In early February, three Sulphur Herd mustang mares were safely delivered to their forever home at the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary in South Dakota after a long, difficult battle to rescue them from a precarious situation in Utah. You might say that hope, persistence, and collaboration saved the lives of these three lucky mares. Had it been anything less they would have ended up at an auction in Utah and eventually on a truck headed to slaughter in Mexico.



Brownie

The heroic story of their rescue began in November 2011 when Equine Voices and a number of other equine rescue organizations received an urgent email plea from a woman in Utah claiming that she had two 7-year-old mustangs that

needed new homes. She said that the mares had been given to her and they were too difficult for her to manage. Furthermore, she could no longer afford to feed them. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had captured the mares in July 2006 from the Sulphur Herd Management area of Utah, a vast, unpopulated region of alternating high desert basins and expansive mountain ranges. According to the woman, they'd been used as brood mares since their capture.

One of the mares, named Brownie, was described as shy and occasionally aggressive; the other mare, named Sasha, was untouchable. The woman said she'd brought in a "famous mustang trainer" who was able to ride Brownie but declared both horses dangerous and recommended the woman "get rid of them." Attached to the email were several photos of the forlorn

mares including a disturbing image of Brownie lying on her side, front legs bound together by a thick rope. The "famous mustang trainer" was sprawled over the horse's side.

Karen, of Equine Voices, immediately responded to the woman's plea stating she wanted to help and would reach out through her network of rescue colleagues and contacts. She didn't have room for the mares at Equine



Sasha

Voices because of the arrival of six foals from Canada in late December but knew many mustang advocates throughout the country. Karen forwarded the email and photos to her colleagues and held her breath.

One of the recipients of the forwarded email was New York-based equine photographer Karen Tweedy-Holmes and my collaborator on a forthcoming book about equine rescues and sanctuaries. Without hesitation Karen T.H. forwarded the email to Susan Watt, Program Director at the Institute of Range and the American Mustang, Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary (BHWHS) in South Dakota. For years she had looked for an opportunity to connect Karen and Susan because of their outstanding and selfless rescue work, and she knew that Susan would be especially interested in the fact the mares were from the Sulphur Herd. The BHWHS recently launched Spanish Mustang Spirit of the Black Hills, a preservation program to promote and educate the public about rare Spanish and Portuguese equine bloodlines that exist in American mustangs. The sanctuary is home to nearly fifty rare Spanish, Kiger, Sorraia and Sulphur mustangs.

The photograph of Brownie in bondage was all Susan needed to see. Outraged, she responded to the email, agreeing to give the mustangs permanent sanctuary. "If her feet are bound her spirit is broken; she's hopeless, helpless and heartbroken," Susan says. "Is this the way we should treat the icon of our American freedom?"

Thrilled that the mares had a new home lined up Karen sent a message to the woman in Utah with the good news. She contacted Jen Reid of Best Friends Animal Society (Kanab, UT), and Celine Myers of Arkwatch Foundation (Los Altos, CA), asking for help with the rescue in Utah. Bob Hubbard Transportation, the same transport company that delivered the six foals to Equine Voices, agreed to pick up and deliver the mares to South Dakota with Arkwatch Foundation providing a generous grant to pay for the cost. Everything seemed to be coming together and Karen was confident the mares would be at BHWHS by Christmas. Then without warning, the woman and mustangs disappeared.

For days, Karen tried in vain to contact the woman by email and phone. Celine Myers scanned the Internet for clues and eventually found a Facebook post that revealed the location of the mares. They had been moved to a rescue in Cedar City, Utah, which would have been acceptable had it not been for the fact the person caring for the mares was not able to handle them and feared for her safety. She wanted the mustangs off the property.

Sensing the mares were in peril, Karen tried contacting someone at the rescue organization. After several days of calling she

finally reached the founder but it was not the conversation that Karen expected. The woman was angry and verbally abusive; she demanded that Karen take the mares off her hands immediately or they would be sent to auction. Shaken, Karen hung up the phone. How had this seemingly perfect rescue effort taken such a rotten turn? Karen took several deep breaths to calm down and re-strategized. She knew she had to handle the woman with care if she was going to get the mares out of Utah.

Karen called the woman at the Cedar City rescue again. This time she firmly (but gently) told her that she and others were trying to help and she pleaded with the woman to keep the mares until the truck arrived. She finally agreed but Karen wasn't convinced that the mares would be safe until they were on the truck heading to South Dakota.

In the mean time, Karen learned through another phone conversation with the woman who sent the first email that there was in fact, a third Sulphur Herd mare and she was also being held at the Cedar City rescue. Initially, the woman had planned to keep the pretty buckskin but she decided against it after the mare had a bout of colic just days before Brownie and Sasha were relocated to the Cedar City facility. The woman couldn't afford an expensive vet bill so she sent the buckskin mare off with the other two mustangs.

Karen had a strong feeling that the buckskin's bout of colic was not a random incident. Her intuition told her that the illness had been a reaction to the mare's anxiety over the potential separation from her friends. "She didn't want to be left behind," Karen says.

She returned to the rescue organization's website and saw that the mare was up for adoption. Concerned for her well-being, Karen discussed the situation with Jen of Best Friends Animal Society who agreed that the three mares must stay together as a family. They had been through too much and deserved nothing less than a lifetime together. Once again, Karen reached out to her colleagues and once again they responded with support. Yes, BHWHS would take the third Sulphur Herd mustang.



Three Sulphur Mares

Days later, Jen and several friends retrieved the mares from the Cedar City rescue and delivered them to a nearby BLM holding facility. With the kindly help of the facility manager, the mares received Coggins tests and routine health checks then, waited for six days until Bob Hubbard Transport arrived. At last, they were on the last leg of their journey to freedom.

On February 1, the truck pulled on to the long drive leading to the BHWHS, several miles outside of Hot Springs, South Dakota. Susan noted that the mares were in satisfactory condition but much thinner than they had been in the first photos sent by the

woman in Utah. They were stressed and tired but settled in near the edge of the Cheyenne River, dunking their noses into the generous piles of hay. "This will be a permanent sanctuary for these Sulphur mustang mares," says Susan.

The mares were kept in a paddock for two weeks before being released in to a group of horses that share their Spanish bloodlines. According to a heartening update on February 24 from the staff at BHWHS, they're adjusting to their environment with help from the other horses in their group, and all the healthy eating is putting much-needed pounds back on their thin frames.

There were so many obstacles between the mustang mares and their place of sanctuary; it certainly took a generous dose of hope, dogged tenacity, and collaboration to make their rescue happen. But the happy outcome of the story proves that almost anything is possible. We might remember this when feeling overwhelmed by the untold number of equines in need; one call, an email, a mention to a friend can spread the word around the globe at lightening speed. Then, throw in determination, courage, and optimism and there isn't a challenge that can't be met and overcome.

Allison Milionis



Our Government Betrays Our Equine Friends..AGAIN!

On November 18, 2011 Barack Obama signed a spending bill lifting the ban on horse slaughter in the US.

Our equines, once again will be subjected to cruel and inhumane practices of slaughter for the European and Asian markets. Yes, once again, our beloved equines will be

slaughtered for human consumption abroad. The majority of the people in the US are adamantly opposed to the slaughter of equines, but three of the four members of the conference committee that voted on the massive funding bill, aren't. Thanks to Senators Herb Kohl, D-Wisconsin, Roy Blunt, R-Missouri and Jack Kingston, R-Georgia, it is legal to kill equines in the US by use of the captive bolt, now, with the passage of this new bill, without any inspectors overseeing the process.

The closing of the last slaughter plant in 2006, in Illinois, came about because the funding for inspectors was cut, making it illegal to slaughter horses in the US. Five years later, years of hard work to close the slaughter plants, years of letter writing, campaigning and caring, have been for not.

We have posted, on several different occasions, the Myths vs. Truths behind the slaughtering of equines. The pro-slaughter, pro-breeding organizations have also been hard at work betraying our beloved equines. What they don't tell you are the real reasons behind their wish to slaughter these sentient beings. Why shouldn't breeders take responsibility for the number of horses they put out on the market? Why are we killing equines in the U.S. for HUMAN CONSUMPTION ABROAD when we don't eat horse meat here? When are we going to realize that equines should no longer be considered livestock, but should

instead be re-classified as companion animals? When are we going to change the level of consciousness and realize these four legged companions are falling through the cracks? When are we going to see that slaughter is NOT humane euthanasia? When are we going to wake up and listen to our inner voices, not those of the politicians, whose pro-slaughter ulterior motive is to drive those people who are only in it to make a buck? When are we going to wake up and say "enough is enough?" Our equines need us now more than ever, it's time to be their voice. Are horses really bred for food or are they bred for friendship?..... only you can decide.

What You Can Do:

Write to Barak Obama, Senators Herb Kohl, D-Wisconsin, Roy Blunt, R-Missouri and Jack Kingston, R-Georgia and let them know you vehemently oppose the slaughter of equines in the US.

TAKE ACTION - It is vital that we renew our push to pass the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act (S. 1176/H.R. 2966) that will prohibit horse slaughter from returning to the U.S. and end the export of American horses for slaughter. Please make a brief, polite phone call to your two U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative, urging co-sponsorship of the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act. To find your Senators and Representatives go to www.whitehouse.gov, www.senate.gov, or www.house.gov.

Successful Adoption

I lost my beloved horse, Denver (who was given to me 20 years ago by my now husband instead of an engagement ring!) Denver was a rescue that we took on. He was such a great horse and a good buddy. Our horse Starr has been almost more distraught as me in the emptiness of Denver's absence. Larry and I knew we had space in our hearts and lives for another horse. We began our search. I remembered seeing Equine Voices in the Arizona Daily Star newspaper and went to their website to poke around. The horse that caught my eye was Jamie. I was raised in the St. Louis area and I'm familiar with the Budweiser Clydesdales. I called Karen and scheduled an appt. to come to Equine Voices to see their facility and let Karen meet us. We were received graciously and given a full tour of the wonderful facilities. The entire staff were so incredibly dedicated. The horses are all well loved and cared for. While there we met Jamie and she was everything I had imagined, but we weren't expecting to fall in love with 2 horses. Wiley came up and stole our hearts. We went home and decided to try to adopt both. We have plenty of acreage and enough stalls for everyone. The day that Equine Voices agreed to the adoption I literally whooped for joy when Karen called with the good news.



Wiley, Jamie, Julia and Larry

We welcomed Jamie and Wiley into our lives on my birthday, February 27, 2012. It was such a great day! Wiley and Jamie are settling in nicely and Starr is loving his new buddies. I can't wait until I am able to turn them all together out to pasture

and watch them get a good stretch of their legs. Stay tuned and happy trails.....

Update March 2, 2012..... We turned Jamie and Wiley and Starr out into the north pasture today. It was really cool to see the horses look out and around and then they just took off running. They ran off and on all day. There is nothing more beautiful than seeing horses run over open ground. They explored every little nook and cranny, hill and dale, every wash, every bush and every tree. On Sunday we introduced them to the barnyard paddock and their barn stalls. We've been feeding them in their stalls now. It's funny to watch them play musical stalls. They are positive that someone else is getting something better in the next stall over.



Starr, Wiley and Jamie

On Tuesday they will be getting their feet trimmed. It's amazing how well they have adapted and fit into our routine. Wiley and Jamie are such sweet horses. We are all going to have so much fun together. I'm hoping to have them under saddle by the end of the summer. More to come.....

Julia & Larry

Our Volunteers, Thank You!

On January 29th, 2012 over seventy volunteers along with staff and the Board of Directors of Equine Voices came together to celebrate another year of appreciation. Great food was served by Chef Charles at his very own Kristofer's Cafe and Bistro. Awards were again given to those dedicated volunteers for many hours of service. Two plaques were awarded; one to Kristin Carrington who logged 2,294 hours and Gina Jaime with 1,000 hours. Over 17,000 hours were logged by our volunteers in 2011 which, if we had to pay a staff, it would result in hiring eight full time people. Jean Welch's video was the hit of the party again this year, and so was the game "Pin The Tail On Gulliver". We ended the evening sitting by the bonfire and listened to singer/songwriter Janice Deardorff play her wonderful music. Thank you all for another wonderful year of service!

Hay Prices Continue To Soar

Many individuals and organizations are struggling today to feed their horses. Due to the economy, a shortage of hay and rising fuel prices, horses are finding themselves in peril. Hay prices have almost doubled since 2010, and there is no relief in sight. Today we are paying close to \$20/per bale which amounts to \$200/per day not including supplements for our half dozen "special needs" horses.

We are always striving to control expenses, however, rising feed costs are expenses beyond our control. Your donations are desperately needed to help with feeding our forty eight residents. No amount is too small and we thank you for your support!

To donate to our feed fund, Please log on to www.equinevoices.org or contact our office at

520-398-9312.

Checks can also be mailed to:
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THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

Horses for Adoption

My name is Toby. My owner was diagnosed with cancer and faced losing his home, his life, and ...me. Equine Voices stepped in to help us. I had lost my trust in humans. Since my stay here, I've been back under saddle and I lead and load well. I'm still a little shy, but ready for a new home. If you're a loving and experienced human and fancy a gorgeous, registered brown and white Paint gelding, I might be the one for YOU!



Mom and daughter looking for a forever home! After spending years pregnant on a urine collection line in Canada for the Premarin drug industry, I wound up at an auction in Texas. Pregnant and terrified, I was rescued by Equine Voices. I'm **Little Miss**, and my beautiful daughter, **Joy**, was born at the Sanctuary in 2005. We're looking for a forever home where we can stay together. With stunning looks and movement, (which she got from me) Joy has it all! Are you ready for a dynamic duo? Come and meet us at Equine Voices.

Most of my life was spent pregnant and tied on a collection line, my urine harvested to make the drug Premarin. In 2007, I was rescued by Equine Voices. Since living at the Sanctuary, I have learned how to trust humans again, had some basic ground training, and been under saddle several times. They tell me I am fairy-tale beautiful, so they named me **Mystic**. I'm ready for a new home. Won't you consider adopting me?



If you're looking for a beautiful dapple-gray mare, I'm the girl for you! I'm **Angelina**. I spent many years standing on a urine production line before coming to Equine Voices. I know the basic foundation ground skills and have been ridden a few times. I need patient handling and I'm very willing to learn lots more. I would be a terrific horse in the right home. Do you have room in your heart and home for me? Oh, did I mention I'm beautiful!

Horses to Sponsor

Hi! I'm **Nicholas!** In October of 2009 I came to Equine Voices. I was in pretty rough shape. The lone survivor of a barn fire three years ago, my back was completely burned and the wounds were never treated. I'm very happy in my new home as I am loved and well cared for by lots of wonderful people. Would you be my sponsor for \$50 a month and help with my care?



Howdy! My name is **Solo Vino**. You may have heard of me as I was in the news. Someone in Phoenix smashed my head causing a 3 1/2' gash, and then left me to die. Equine Voices stepped in and took care of me. I needed surgery and many generous people helped pay my medical expenses. Now I live at Equine Voices, safe and happy. You can help pay for my hay by sponsoring me for \$50 a month.



Hello! I'm **Smokey Joe**. When I was rescued in July 2009, I was in really bad shape. I was severely underweight and my hooves were so long I couldn't stand straight. I had almost given up on people. But then I came to Equine Voices and my life has changed! I am so grateful now for the kindness and love that surrounds me. Will you please be my sponsor to help take care of me?



I'm **Taylor**. I came within hours of being sent to slaughter. I was found at a killer buyer's house in Phoenix with a broken leg. Equine Voices took me in and paid for my surgery. It has been a slow recovery for me, but I thank my lucky stars that I am still alive and in such a wonderful place. Please support Equine Voices and my recovery by sponsoring me.

Sponsoring a horse is a wonderful way to help if you have limited time, space or finances and can't commit to a life time of horse care.

For only \$50 a month, you will receive a beautiful picture of the horse you have chosen and their story. For an annual sponsorship you will also receive a beautiful Cowboys Collectible horse hair keychain.



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The Humane Society of the United States Offers Reward in Burro Killings on Federal Land (March 20, 2012) — The Humane Society of the United States is offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of six wild burros – five of whom were shot and a foal who died when her mother was killed. This reward is in addition to the \$2,500 being offered by federal officials.

The Case:

On Tuesday, March 13, rangers found six dead burros within the federal Bureau of Land Management's Lake Pleasant Herd Management Area, northwest of Phoenix in Maricopa County and southern Yavapai County. News reports indicate that other animals may have been shot recently in the area.

Animal Cruelty: Getting the serious attention of law enforcement, prosecutors and the community in cases involving allegations of cruelty to animals is an essential step in protecting the community. The connection between animal cruelty and human violence is well documented. Studies show a correlation between animal cruelty and all manner of other crimes, from narcotics and firearms violations to battery and sexual assault.

"In addition to the obvious callousness of this act, these animals are protected under the Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act," said Kari Nienstedt, Arizona state director for The Humane Society of the United States. "We are hopeful that this reward will bring forward anyone with information about this heinous crime."

The Investigators:

The Bureau of Land Management is investigating. Anyone with information about the case is asked to call 1-800-637-9152. Resources: The HSUS Animal Cruelty Campaign raises public awareness and educates communities about the connection between animal cruelty and human violence while providing a variety of resources to law enforcement agencies, social work professionals, educators, legislators and families. The HSUS offers rewards in animal cruelty cases across the country and works to strengthen laws against animal cruelty. To see information on statistics, trends, laws and animal cruelty categories, go to humanesociety.org. -30-

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Follow The HSUS on Twitter. See our work for animals on your Apple or Android device by searching for our "HumaneTV" app. The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's largest animal protection organization — backed by 11 million Americans, or one of every 28. For more than a half-century, The HSUS has been fighting for the protection of all animals through advocacy, education and hands-on programs. Celebrating animals and confronting cruelty — On the Web at humanesociety.org.

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A Very Special Horse Event "Building a Community of Compassion"

to Benefit Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

When: Saturday March 31, 2012

11:30 am to 3:30 pm

Where: Brandi Fenton Memorial Park

3482 E. River Rd. Tucson

\$5.00 Adult Admission Includes 1 Raffle Ticket

Kids Under 13 Free

Special VIP Guest KGUN 9 News Anchor Jennifer Waddell

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Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary "Holiday Open House"

Where: Equine Voices

1540 W. Dove Way

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When: December 8, 2012

11:00am - 3:00pm

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When: October 28, 2012

4:00pm -Wine tasting and
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