

# Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

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## AS FUEL PRICES SOAR, SO DOES THE PRICE OF HAY, AND EQUINE VOICES FINDS ITSELF IN CRISIS MODE...

If we conducted a poll, we would quickly realize that all who have had the pleasure of meeting the mares and newborn foals, would say they enjoyed this special experience. For the first time, since starting Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary, rescuing PMU mares and foals may not become a reality this year. We thank all of you who continue to support us through your generous donations. Raising the funds to continue helping PMU mares and foals in need, is becoming increasingly challenging. As we all know, gas prices have spiked, which affects each and every one of us. Hay has doubled in price since inception; what was once \$165 per ton is now \$300 per ton, and the prices will not be going down ever! In fact, our hay growers and haulers are telling us that the cost will continue to climb, dramatically!!! In the world of supply and demand, land is disappearing and the demand is increasing!

I'm appealing to all of you to think about a sponsorship of only ten dollars per month. Ten dollars per month, every month, sent automatically would allow us to know the horses in our care will never go without food!! That's it! This is the key, and the good that it will do for Equine Voices is overwhelming. So far this year, we have paid \$35,000 for hay which amounts to \$4,375 per month right now. The scary part is that the horses have to eat every day whether there is enough money in the till or not, and the hay prices are going up, up, up! If you take the time, the energy, and your big heart, to sign up for an automatic withdrawal from an account of your choosing, or send a monthly check of only ten dollars, together we can do this! We can set a goal of 300-400 good Samaritans, like yourselves, donating regularly every month and we can breathe a little easier.

We have volunteers who give of their time, helping with the daily care of the horses, raising funds by writing grants, organizing fundraisers and asking for donations. But now, during hard times, we need to do more. We have come so far in 3 1/2 years due to all of you who continue to support us, and in order for us to continue to fight for the horses, help end horse slaughter and continue our programs we need your help! Only ten dollars a month....will you hear our plea.....and consider going to your bank for an automatic withdrawal or send us a check today?



## Other Ways You Can Help!

**SPONSOR A PMU MARE & FOAL** - \$75/month will subsidize the feed cost for a mare and foal. Again, log on to [www.equinevoices.org/sponsor.php](http://www.equinevoices.org/sponsor.php)

**SPONSOR A HORSE** - for \$50/month you can sponsor one of our special rescues. Each sponsorship donation helps defray the feed cost for the horse you have chosen. Check out [www.equinevoices.org/sponsor.php](http://www.equinevoices.org/sponsor.php) to personally pick out a horse to help!

**SPONSOR A MONTHLY HOOF TRIM** - \$35/month will sponsor a hoof trim!

**JOIN OUR \$10 A MONTH CLUB AND BE A HERO**

**ADOPT A HORSE** - we have many beautiful horses available for adoption. Go to [www.equinevoices.org/adoptablehorses.php](http://www.equinevoices.org/adoptablehorses.php) and pick the love of your life!

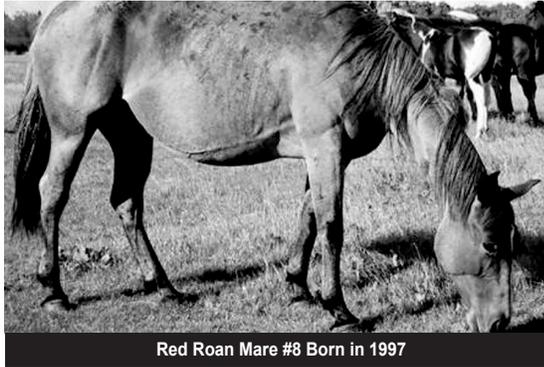


"Do not go where the path may lead -  
Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail"

~ Emerson

## Canadian Horses Need Help Sponsor a Mare

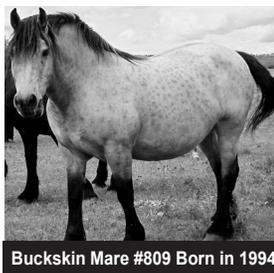
We can help the horses that are out of work and still on the PMU farms. We are working with the same farmer this year as we did last year, and have purchased five mares. They will live in Canada until we can bring them home. By sponsoring any of these horses for \$75/month we can prevent these mares from going to slaughter. These are the five mares we are rescuing.



Red Roan Mare #8 Born in 1997



Black Mare #505 Born in 2000



Buckskin Mare #809 Born in 1994



Mare #17 Born in 1997



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We are always looking for creative ways to raise funds. There are dozens of ways people can help, some are listed below. Please take a moment and look them over and possibly one will feel right for you and PLEASE HELP. If you have other suggestions or ideas send us an email and we will include them in future communications.

### Do you need to give or send a gift to someone?

Birthdays, anniversaries, special holidays or instead of a flower bouquet or basket, send a donation to Equine Voices. We would be pleased to send the recipient an acknowledgment of your donation.

### Do you like to bake?

A bake sale, car wash or any other event you might be interested in organizing is a great way for kids to learn how to plan an event and teach about the value of giving back! The proceeds will go directly to the horses in our care, or wherever you wish!!

## Horse of the Quarter - "Kodi"



This gorgeous yearling PMU colt is looking for the perfect home. Kodi is sweet and needs a special experienced person that will work with him and help him get over his fear of people. Kodi was rescued in October 2007 and is Mystic's colt from last year. For more information or to view other horses available for adoption please view our website [www.equinevoices.org](http://www.equinevoices.org)

## Equine Voices Cookbook

Gulliver and friends need your help! As hay prices continue to climb, we need more funds and plan on issuing the first EQUINE VOICES COOKBOOK. The book will be sold as a fundraiser and all profits will go to the horses at Equine Voices. Carrie Gayne, one of our volunteers, has graciously offered to take on this task.

One section will be devoted to vegetarian recipes which may be dedicated to past or present pets. Another section of the book will be devoted to vegetarian pet treat recipes and pet food recipes. If you wish, you can add your pet's name and photo for inclusion in the cookbook.

This is an easy way to help raise money, and you don't even have to leave home! Please, share your wonderful recipes for a great cause!!! Simply submit your recipe (or recipes) to Carrie at [carriemarr@yahoo.com](mailto:carriemarr@yahoo.com).

If you have special talents such as writing, editing, illustration or graphic design skills, please contact Carrie by email or call her at 520-647-9950.

*A big thank you to those of you who have already made submissions!*

## Upcoming Events

The Amado Territory Inn and Equine Voices would like to invite you to our second annual wine tasting and silent auction fundraiser.

**When:** October 10, 2008 from 6pm-9pm

**Where:** Amado Territory Inn, Amado Arizona

**What:** Featuring wines from local wineries; Colibri Vinyards, Keith Joshua Winery, Sonoita Vinyards and select wines distributed by Republic distributing. Live music by Becky Reyes, fantastic food by Zona 78, silent and live auction, raffle and much more. **GRAND PRIZE:** Signed guitar donated by The Doobie Brothers. Take your picture with Gulliver, our mascot and symbol of rescue.



**For reservations and directions call 520-398-2814 or email [karen@equinevoices.org](mailto:karen@equinevoices.org)**



**November 2008 – Second annual fundraiser in Bedford, NY. Please check the website for more info.**

# Successful Adoption

## A letter from Lilly



**Dear Karen & Friends at Equine Voices,**

This is a "Thank You" note for all you did for me and most of all for my beautiful baby. She is such a joy in my life, and if you had not rescued us, we would not have had this past

wonderful year together. You were there at her birth to make sure that she became a "people horse" and did not have the fears that I struggle with. You found us a large, loving family who have made us a part of their lives and given us a both an abundance of love and affection.

Her given name is Desert Truffle, but the family calls her Charisma. We lived in a large paddock with a box stall until she was over six months old. During that time she grew so fast and learned so much. Nicole, now 17, is her official owner, so it was up to Nicole to teach her all the things she needed to learn. I could tell it was all for Charisma's benefit, and she so loved the attention, so I quietly stood by and watched my baby grow. During that time she learned to wear a halter and fly mask, to lead, had baths, learned to tie, stand still to be groomed and have her feet cleaned and had her first foot trim. The ferrier said she did very well for the first time. I was so proud!

By the time she was six months old, she was standing in our feeder eating most of the alfalfa, leaving me only Bermuda hay, dipping into the grain bucket to get most of the grain before I had a chance, and still nursing. I didn't scold her, but I have to admit I was a little relieved when the family decided that it was time for her to take the next step in life and be weaned.

Charisma was moved to a large paddock at the other end of the barn. We could still see each other, but our stable mates were in between. At first she was next to the tall Thoroughbred the family calls "Q". He later told me, quite proudly, that his registered name is Charm Again, so I told him that my baby's real name is Desert Truffle and mine is Lily of the Valley (I made that up, but the grandmother does call me Lily of the Valley). Anyway, that sort of put him in his place. He is 10 years old, but I think he got stuck on 3. All he ever wants to do is play and tease all of us. Charisma was not too unhappy we were separated, but she called for me a lot, and I always answered so she knew I was there.

I was next to a black gelding called Blackjack. He was raised a wild stallion and never quite got over the idea he should have a herd. Well, I didn't want any part of that so we fought a lot.

When we nearly kicked down the fence, the family decided a move was in order. Blackjack was put next to Charisma. I couldn't believe how good he was to her. He stood beside her most of the time, licked her face and generally kept



her from being lonesome. I changed my attitude and was very grateful to him. Q, of course, was put next to me. I grudgingly put up with his nonsense, and when the family decided Q needed to go back to the bigger paddock next to Charisma, I decided it wouldn't be so bad to have Blackjack back. Now Q and Charisma play and Blackjack and I have settled into a comfortable friendship. He has told me he will always look after Charisma and me. He's 20 years old and has arthritis in one knee so I doubt he would be a lot of help, but I thank him and tell him that we appreciate that. He really is a good old horse after all. He's very interesting. The family says he is "street wise", whatever that means, but I will say he knows a lot of ways to open a gate or stall door. I even saw him crawl under his stall guard one time. He's showed me a couple of tricks like banging on the stall door to loosen the latch. The family figured that out and makes sure the latches are securely fastened now.

Anyway, life is very interesting and comfortable here. Charisma and I are turned into a large arena to play together. We have a great time running and stretching our legs. She has grown into a beautiful, very loving, yearling filly, learning her lessons well. I have no doubt that she will be a great credit to me, Equine Voices, Nicole and all of our family.

*With all our love and thanks,*

**Lilly & Charisma (Desert Truffle)**

## Florence Rescue



Last week we sent out an emergency plea for help in the rescue of two horses in Florence. They were owned by an elderly man who could no longer care for them. He had contacted our local Livestock Officer, Brad Cowan, who in turn contacted us to see if we could assist in this situation. With the donations and financial support from many kind

people who responded to our request, we were able to fund the rescue, transportation and medical care for this mare and colt. As you can see in the pictures, they both needed Veterinary care, some TLC and groceries, in addition to a new home.

To all of our wonderful supporters, we extend a heartfelt thank you. As you look in to the eyes of these horses, please know that each of you share a part of their new life.

Thank you to Karen Pomroy and Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary for handling the many details of this rescue.

"An old man walked a deserted beach at dawn, picking up stranded starfish and returning them to their home in the sea before the morning sun drained the life from them. A young man walking on the beach approached and asked, "Old man, why do you spend so much energy doing what seems to be a waste of time? There must be millions of starfish. How can you make any difference?"

The old man looked down at the small starfish in his hand, and as he threw it back to the safety of the sea he said,

"I make a difference to this one."

***Thank you for sharing our Vision.  
Changing the world, one life at a time.***

***With heartfelt thanks for your support - Carol Grubb***  
Advisory Board Member; Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

## Harley's Heritage Heartbreak and Hope Not One Moment More

I have only seen one other horse more emaciated than Harley. A mare, so weak she could only raise her head high enough off the ground to drink from the bucket of water that was offered to her as she lay in the depression made by her body. She had struggled to get up, probably for weeks from the looks of the dirt mounded around her body. Lying in the filthy mud, every bone in her body was visible. Head and neck resting flat out on the ground, she somehow managed to pick up bits of hay in her mouth and chew. It is an image I had hoped to never see again, and also knew I would never forget. The image returned today. The Tucson Police Department had responded to an emergency call about a severely malnourished horse. With the officers now on the property, the owner stated he had "tried lots of different feeds and hay but just couldn't bring the horse back." He also stated he did not have the finances to now euthanize the horse or provide veterinary care.



With Law Enforcement now involved, the owner was willing to relinquish the horse to a rescue organization. The officer was seeking immediate care and assistance. Could Equine Voices please help?

Thankfully, Karen Pomroy had a vision, a fund to provide assistance to owners financially unable to provide a dignified and painless end of life for their equine companion. This is how the Equine Voices Euthanasia Fund was born.

Racing across town to meet the officers, the owner, and the Vet, every moment at every stoplight was used to write the transfer of ownership to the Sanctuary. With that done, decisions in the best interest of the horse could be made. A medical evaluation and a look in to the horse's eyes would determine if recuperation might be possible, or if it was time for a dignified and painless end.

Based on the police officer's description, I tried to mentally prepare myself before I arrived. The directions from the officer were clear, look for "the hideous" stable off of X Street. Even with mental preparation I had to swallow the lump in my throat as I walked in to his pen.

An old sorrel gelding stood stoically in his own waste in a corner of a dilapidated, filthy, fly infested hellhole of a place someone dares to call a stable. Approaching from behind, I remember thinking I had never seen such an emaciated horse actually standing up. Every bone was visible. Matted and dirty, he

bore the scars of ill-fitting saddles, evidenced by two large white spots on either side of the wither. Flies swarmed in both his eyes, and the lower lids were droopy and swollen. He was frightened but settled as I stroked him and told him how beautiful he was. His name was Harley.

The prognosis was very, very poor. Based on Harley's physical condition and his age, the Vet felt it would be best to put him down and I would now have to decide Harley's fate.

There was no hesitation. As the Vet made preparations, I stroked his matted coat and apologized to him for human ignorance, and hoped that his next encounter with humans would not be so difficult to endure. This was the heartbreak of Harley. He had seen and experienced the best of the worst in the human race. How long would it have gone on if someone had not called the police?

A tranquilizer was given to calm Harley before the lethal injection would be administered. I walked him over to a shady spot by a tree, away from the filth of his pen. Even in the last moments of his life, plans had to be made to have his body accessible for removal from the property. He was calm as I stroked his muzzle and rubbed his neck while the Vet injected the lethal dose. It took only a moment. The Vet skillfully guided Harley's body down for his final rest. He left us peacefully, without a struggle, and with dignity. I knelt beside him and kissed his muzzle, telling him to go gallop off to greener pastures as I stroked his soft ears. Tears fell on Harley's face and neck as I wept for the suffering he had endured.

Harley died better than he had lived. He died surrounded by people who cared; a stranger from a Sanctuary, a compassionate police officer who went to the effort to find and ask for help, and a caring Vet. This is the hope of Harley's Heritage. There are people who care. Someone called in about Harley's condition. The generosity of people who donated to the Euthanasia Fund, and assistance from the Art for Animals Foundation met Harley's last needs.

The very next day- another phone call, another request for help with a horse that was crippled, rapidly losing weight, and going downhill. Could we please help? It was almost prophetic after Eight Belles demise on the racetrack. Here was another racetrack tragedy: a five-year-old gelding who got hung up in the starting gate at his last race. The left front knee was rigid and inflexible with a terrible injury, along with a misshapen jaw with the lower front teeth jutting off in obscure angles and crossing over each other. The horse was given to the current owner with the hopes of recuperating enough to become a saddle horse. He was now caught in a broken family situation, crippled from his racing days, and left in the hands of a family member who "doesn't even like animals". A "friend" had suggested sending the horse to Mexico to be slaughtered. Thankfully, the owner had instead called for help. Now the funds to answer the call must be found.

It takes money to provide help in these situations. Working together with law enforcement, Equine Voices is helping define where best to assist in tragic situations



like these. When the calls come, will we be able to answer yes? You can help Equine Voices with our commitment: Not one moment more of unnecessary suffering, hunger, or inadequate care. The Euthanasia Fund can assist when there are no other options.

***Donations to Equine Voices may be designated for the Euthanasia Fund and are tax deductible.***

***Thank you for sharing our vision:  
Not one moment more.***

## Whoa There Human



My name is BoJangles, I now live at Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary in Amado Arizona. I am blind, and my previous owner was going to shoot me! Equine Voices saved me and they need your help to rescue as many of us as they can. Personally I sure would appreciate it if you would send me some unopened B2 vitamins from the health food store. I have an 11 year old angel who bought me a classy red halter, her name is Stacia. On Tuesday July 3, 2008 three Tucson veterans, they are over 30, were chauffeured by Steve down to the ranch, twas great grooming they gave me, I sighed and basked in their love. I closed my eyes, perked up my ears, you see Sunshine was kicking and screaming in the stall behind me, she must be pretty, I can't see her. I heard Karen, my sweet new owner say that Sunshine was choosing to stand there with the geldings and scream "get away from me!" Check me and the others out at [www.equinevoices.org](http://www.equinevoices.org). We hay eaters sure would whinney for joy if you would be so humane as to set up an automatic bank draft/check to help with buying gas. We horses are lucky enough to escape from our past lives in Canada and parts of the US to Arizona. Oh, by the way, Avon skin so soft keeps the flies away from us, our skin loves it! Some of the stuff they make for horses gives us a rash, Owee!!!

Love,  
BoJangles  
(Written by Jamelle, Veteran Participant)

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The FURminator is a great new deshedding tool created by a professional groomer and her husband. It is a unique tool with a stainless steel

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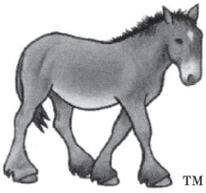


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### **WISH LIST** **We need funds for:**

- Vet bills
- Training – so we can adopt more horses to new homes, resulting in more future rescues.
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- Supplements, fly sprays, ointments, general health care products.
- Avon skin so soft.
- Diesel for the tractor.
- Larger wish list items: golf cart for our Veterans Program, more land, permanent fencing.
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## *In Memory*



### Dear Friend and Father,

Life is a speck in time. It's hard to believe that you were here, healthy, vibrant and full of life. The love you had for motorcycles and the open road, meeting people and helping the less fortunate, whether two legged or four. Your illness took you so quickly, it's hard to believe you are gone. My memories of you are priceless, riding on the back of your bike, feeling the wind on our

faces as we cruised to Naples to buy our favorite grape pies. Your generosity, sensitivity and passion for what you believed in drew people to you. You were loved by many, and are missed so much! With much love, respect and sadness, you have left footprints on my heart. "I will always remember you!"

### Karen

To all of you who supported Equine Voices in memory of Jerry Gardiner, WE THANK YOU!



### Zoola

We have sad news. At 6:00 am this morning, August 11th, Zoola crossed over the "rainbow bridge".

She died as she lived---in love with life. We were preparing to take her and Annie for a walk and the excitement was too much for her weak heart. Zoola loved everyone and everything, especially walks, little treats, big hugs and a good place to sleep. She leaves us with wonderful memories and will live forever in our hearts.

Kathy, Annie, Jerry



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