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## She is simply, Kachina

By Tom O'Neil

Seventeen hundred pounds is larger than average for a horse, and this mare was every bit of that and more. The 6' X 12' chute she was positioned in was claustrophobic to be sure, she was probably used to a much larger area. Her temporary guardians weren't very kind, and felt that it was easier to poke her and prod her to get what they wanted rather than show any kindness to achieve their goal. Yet, this is exactly what this mare needed, kindness, for she had endured an ordeal that makes most of us sick.

Eight months before, a hundred miles or so north, a despicable ordeal had taken place, something that makes the stomachs of animal lovers churn. This beautiful animal, apparently with a mind of her own, was not doing what her cruel owner had wished, so it was decided the best solution was to show her who was boss. Fortunately for this equine, a county sheriff arrived in the nick of time to witness and eventually stop the cruelty that was taking place. In an effort to make this mare move, Gordon Bates wasn't about to be patient. Wearing a noose around her neck and hooked up to a steel chain, Kachina was being dragged behind his pickup truck. Bates' 13 year old daughter willingly observed and eventually participated assaulting Kachina by beating her with a PVC pipe Bates later retrieved from his truck. Can you imagine teaching your daughter to discipline an animal by dragging her and then beating her with a PVC pipe? Becoming involuntary road kill would be too kind a fate for this pair.



*Kachina*

Nearly being choked to death, the gorgeous red roan appaloosa ended up with gashes, abrasions, and road rash, and surely a large case of hate for humans. Knowing this, Carol Grubb and I anxiously drove to the loveless holding pen in Marana to assist and bring this girl back to a safe place, a place for mental and physical recovery, a place where visitors and volunteers alike would revel in watching her heal.

As we approached the temporary enclosure, Kachina was antsy and showed her obvious displeasure with the pending attention not knowing what was to come next. After what she had been through, who could blame her? If we could only explain to her that where she was going was to a great place, a place where no one would lay an unkind hand on her, a place where she could run and act like the horse she was meant to be. But, alas, the recovery was not meant to begin just yet.

The heavy handed steel-faced owner of the ranch began by poking Kachina in the neck in an effort to turn the mare around to face the opening of our trailer rather than simply allowing her to turn on her own, after all, "we're wasting time here!" The lady told us she was a kicker. Compared to Carol, I know little about horses but enough to know that the approach we were watching was not the right one for this animal. After mentally and physically jousting with this dulled human, we appeared to alienate the woman enough to force her to leave in disgust, making Carol and I feel much better. For several minutes I watched as Carol introduced the mare to mild pressure with the Parelli aid, allowing Kachina to make the right choice easy. After six or eight quiet but guided attempts, she followed me up and into the trailer with me wondering if being squashed by our newest rescue was to be my ultimate end. Here I was in the front of our four horse trailer with a nervous mare I didn't know who had the reputation of being a kicker and the weight of Trek! Ah, and of course Murphy's law, the tailgate door was stuck on the wire fence and refused to be closed! Alas, Carol wrestled it free and with a thud, there I was in the dark enclosure on wheels!

After anxiously exiting through the escape hatch from a surprisingly calm Kachina, I drove the 60 miles in thoughtful anticipation. This beauty could have crushed me, or, at the very least nailed my skinny butt to the trailer wall with a well aimed kick, but she didn't. I was anxious to let her out and see if she was as sweet as she appeared. I certainly

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

**~ Emerson**

hoped so because she had had a bumpy existence so far and I felt strangely obligated to aid in her recovery, not knowing exactly what or how long that would be.

We allowed her to plop out of the four-horse into the turnout on her own, to assimilate and relax quietly in her new surroundings, new smells, and friends. In an equal mixture of curiosity and appreciation, I brought grooming tools to her new abode, and, to my surprise, she allowed me to immediately brush and touch her all over. She didn't kick or even threaten—can you imagine? After what she had been through, any resistance or anger would have been expected, but I found her to be kind, willing and calm. It seemed the only person she was interested in kicking was her past temporary guardian, and after witnessing her nasty attitude, I could see why!

The sad truth is that unlike Kachina, many of these incidents go unnoticed. The plight of back yard horses and other animals for that manner, has been well documented. We have all driven by the lone horse, standing quietly in his stall, looking thin and question his fate, but what about the ones we don't see? We all need to be vigilant and speak up when abuse is obvious, we need to act not just observe. Equine Voices does not need more horses at the moment, but if they come, we will find a way to help them. The only thing bigger than Karen's ten acres is her heart. EV has grown exponentially since its inception and it is not by accident. Good things are and continue to happen here, thanks to good leadership and GREAT volunteers. Go take a proud look at Kachina, Diamond Rio, or Dolce...and relish in the recovery of Solo Vino...think about the love shown by Chocolate. Yes, life has many subtle rewards.

Cruelty, especially to animals and children, sometimes knows no bounds. In August of '08, allegedly, a Florence resident and his 13 year old daughter apparently became frustrated when their 10 year old draft cross mare wouldn't load fast enough in their trailer, so they attached a noose around her neck, and dragged her down the road, beat her in the face and head area with PVC pipe. A Pinal county sheriff's deputy, who witnessed the incident after receiving a 911 call from a third party, watched as the 13 year old kicked the horse in the head while the mare was being dragged. Pinal County Sheriff spokesperson Michael Minter said his deputy also saw the impressions left in the dirt by the helpless mare and the two were arrested on the spot on suspicion of animal cruelty. Fast forward 7 months to the recently concluded trial in which a jury of 12 "humans" found insufficient evidence and deemed Gordon Bates, a geriatric nurse not guilty, even with a deputy witnessing the horrible event.

## Successful Adoption

**By: Susan Jung**

When something has a big purpose, it needs a big name. That's the thought that went into naming Acicita (A key chi tah) which is Sioux for "soldier" or Keetch as we call him for short.

My story with Keetch starts long before I had an opportunity to meet him. I had no intentions of rescuing another horse; I'd already rescued two which came to me from 300 miles away. Keep in mind that I live in the city and was already boarding the colt and filly I had rescued the previous year. Well, I happened to be looking on line for some unrelated item when I ran into Karen's web site. I was amazed at the extensiveness of the information she listed in regards to Premarin mares. I couldn't stop reading – I was saddened and appalled by the information I read. At that point, I began to look at the horses Karen had rescued and read each one's story. I cried at some of the things I read. I knew at that moment I couldn't just do nothing with the new information I was given through Karen's caring heart and efforts. One colt in particular seemed to stand out – he had arrived recently from

Canada. His name was Apache. I immediately called my partner and told him to look on Karen's website. I knew I was already beginning to formulate a plan on how to bring him home.

I live in Minnesota, which is approximately 1800 miles away from Karen's sanctuary. Somehow, that wasn't even an issue. I knew I had to call and get more information about Apache, which I did. The next thing I knew we were on a flight to Tucson to see him in Green Valley. Of course, I knew, at that moment, with blind faith, that he would be coming



*Acicita*

home with me when all the arrangements could be made. He had already found a place in my heart. He was adorable! When we arrived at Karen's, I was so excited to see him. He was standing in the paddock with the other mares, colts, and one filly that had been rescued. At that moment, I knew I was going home to make arrangements to bring him with me! I didn't have a truck, much less a horse trailer, but I had enough blind faith to know that all of that would be provided for him. And provided for him it was! Karen was able to find someone to do the first leg of his journey to a town near Phoenix. After that, someone I met on the telephone through a friend provided him a ride to Minnesota. They "just happened to be in Arizona for the winter." Keetch arrived in five star accommodations – a huge stall with bedding and his own cabin lights! I was thrilled with how everything came together without much effort. I believe that it always does with faith and love. I believe there are no coincidences in life, only opportunities for us to grow and give love.

My daughter and I have been blessed on a daily basis by Keetch's love, his kindness, his intelligence and his gentle nature. He knickers in his deep little voice when he sees us – I believe he's glad to be here with us as well. I recently asked someone who does readings if he was, she was amazed with what she saw about him. She said, "he has a star shining over him" and that "he came directly from Heaven; he's very spiritual." She said, "he is an incredibly special horse" – by the way, Keetch has a star on his forehead. When I told her about the star, she said, "Of course he does, it's a representation of the star shining over him!" If you noticed in the picture of him he has a profile on his back hip. He truly has graced us with his presence! By the way, Keetch is a little more than a year old and is already over fifteen hands tall! Thank you Karen for allowing him to have a chance in life and to join us in ours!

I am currently in the process of acquiring a place to allow kids that I work with, that are at risk of being placed out of their homes, an opportunity to spend time with and heal with the animals I have rescued. I believe that horses have a special way of bonding with us and assisting us in our healing. Karen, the animals you save are truly blessed by your kindness. I can't thank you enough for all that you do! You matter greatly to the horses you have saved and all the peoples lives they have blessed! We'll keep you updated about his journey and blessing others with his grace!

## Horse of the Quarter



**Angelina**

Angelina is a gorgeous dapple gray percheron cross draft PMU mare. Pregnant, Angelina was rescued from a PMU farm in the fall of 2007. Angelina gave birth to Durango, a gorgeous paint in the spring of 2008. This sweet mare is looking for that perfect, forever home.

*If you are interested in Angelina, please contact us at 520-398-2814. For other horses available for adoption please log on to [equinevoices.org](http://equinevoices.org) and click on our adoption page.*

# Anna Twinney - "Another Successful Clinic!"



Jamie & Anna

This year's workshop and private lesson with Anna Twinney was my fifth since she has been coming to Equine Voices. The training exercises with timing and handling at Sunday's workshop were very effective and clearly demonstrated how we frequently give the horses the wrong cues and use negative reinforcement - then wonder why they don't seem to get what it is we are asking. From an individual standpoint, over the years Ana has helped me to overcome my nervousness and lack of confidence by helping me with energy, focus and visualization. I have learned to use natural horsemanship techniques that have helped me to be a better leader in the herd of two with each horse I work with, particularly Little Miss. In both the private lesson and the workshop, Little Miss and I accomplished things I hoped she could do, but never dreamed she'd do with me - she learned how to "touch" things with her nose on command and also to complete an obstacle course of things she had never seen before. She did this without fear or distrust, without swinging her butt around or giving me nasty face! She went with me wherever I asked with soft eyes and a calmness that let me know she trusted me to take the lead and keep her safe. Getting to this place for me and Little Miss was an incredible experience - there was a bond of trust and leadership there that has taken a very long time to attain, for both of us. Anna is an amazing teacher and guide. I feel blessed and honored to have her guidance and support in my journey with Little Miss and all the horses at Equine Voices. I am so looking forward to next year!

Marianne Banes McNamee  
Tucson, AZ

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I am so fascinated with Anna Twinney's classes and I try to attend as many as I can.

I am a 66 year old grandma with a lousy memory and if I can learn a fraction of what she teaches I will be elated. I feel I have learned so much already.

Anna is a wealth of knowledge and a treasure to the equine world. She has a wonderful way of teaching her students as well as the horses in her gentle and understanding way. One cannot help but enjoy these classes, while learning so much.

It is well worth the 276 mile drive from my home in Heber, AZ to Amado. I highly recommend that anyone interested in horses, or animal communication with any animal, should take a class with Anna, you will be so glad you did!

Linda Eddy  
Heber, AZ

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What an amazing, breathtaking experience it was for me when I spent time with Anna learning about providing Reiki to the horses to help their healing. It was decided that I would try to work with both Kachina and Chip. We began the journey with Kachina during which time Anna asked Kachina

to come over to her and she did what was asked and gently came over to Anna. Anna then walked across to the other side of the corral, again asked Kachina to come over and she gently obliged. The next big WOW occurred for me when I asked Kachina if I could give her Reiki to help her in her healing process and she said yes! She then patiently allowed me to place my hands on her and she also told me when she wanted me to change position and when she wished me to stop. To follow this, Anna gave me further guidance to provide Chip with Reiki and just as Kachina had responded to Anna, so did Chip. What a mind blowing, delightful experience this was! I then asked Chip if he would allow me to provide him with Reiki to aid in his healing and he said yes. To my surprise, he leaned into my hands to enjoy the experience and just as I had with Kachina, I thanked Chip for allowing me to provide this healing work. You may be thinking that this story is all about me, but it is not. It is about learning that we can help heal these magical creatures and that the knowledge Anna provides during her private lessons and classes are teachings that have a lasting effect for us and the animals.

Barbara Willoughby  
England

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I was able to attend all three of Anna Twinney's classes. Anna really worked her magic in every class. I saw a side of that was caring and warm, but firm, with a heart as big as you can have. She has a special way she presents each subject that draws you in and holds you in awe. The confidence and knowledge I gained through this experience is a like time gift I will treasure.-----  
-----I am looking forward to next year!

Sandy Crowe

## Upcoming Events

**When:** November 4th

**Where:** To be determined

**What:** Third annual wine tasting - Come join us for great food, great wine and music!!



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**When:** November 14th-16th  
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Where:** Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary  
Amado, AZ

**What:** Reach out to Wisdom - "Just three days away from your destiny"



For workshop details, log on to [www.Equinevoices.org](http://www.Equinevoices.org)

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**Fall 2009 - New York Benefit, to be determined  
Please check the website for more information.**

# Desert Springs Equestrian Center



Desert Springs Equestrian Center (DSEC) is located at 9200 W Ghost Ranch Trail in Marana Arizona. DSEC was purchased in 2005 by the current owners, Lorilei Peters and John Duncan. The incredible team at the facility is creating a magical place for humans and animals. In the past year we've many upgrades from a picnic area to full restrooms and covered parking. As you walk the property you're welcomed by life size statues, white picket fencing and our permanent residence, Socks, Jack and Chompie.



We are a satellite facility for Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary and are caring for ten of their rescued horses. Our hearts are open to helping horses that otherwise would have nowhere else to go. Of our 10 rescues, 6 have been rehabilitated and are ready for a forever loving home. Last week we were given a gift, a precious filly was added to our gang shortly after her mom and another mare and one gelding were found by livestock. These three "strays" were all malnourished, covered in sores and found by Livestock after painfully carrying drugs across the border. Hope, the other mare is due to have a foal any day.



Rescued mare and new filly

DSEC keeps a full calendar with horseshows and clinics scheduled throughout the year. We hold a hunter jumper practice every month. We also have dressage clinicians and regular horse driving practices. You can get more information on Desert Springs by contacting Kim Herman or by going to our website at [desertspringsec.com](http://desertspringsec.com).

## Solo Vino

By: Gwen Cleary (Foster Mom)

I would like to thank all of you wonderful caring people who have been so devoted to saving the life of Solo Vino!



Solo Vino

Solo Vino's recovery and his emotional and captivating story.

When a woman who lives down the street contacted me about Solo Vino, I did not know what to do. How could I help this big, beautiful thoroughbred that was in obvious need of extensive medical attention? I knew about Equine Voices and thought I would go out on a limb and call to see if they could assist. While I felt there was no hope, I called and spoke with Karen who immediately offered to help. I didn't know the extent of Solo Vino's head injuries, but being a nurse, I knew they were serious.....This was the beginning of

We put out an appeal, contacted East Valley Equine Veterinary Hospital, and in a few days Solo Vino was being transported to the hospital where the seriousness of his injuries would be revealed. At this point his injuries were at least two weeks old. As the media ran the story about Solo Vino, the story of Solo Vino swept the country and people from as far as Hawaii, Alaska and New York came forward offering financial help. Solo Vino spent two weeks in the hospital where his head wound was treated daily, and daily doses of medicine were administered for his severe case of ringbone, (defined as a bony proliferation on the pastern bones). This painful condition, and in Solo Vino's case, severe condition of both high and low ringbone is caused by either tension to the outer covering of a bone, osteoarthritis of the pastern and/or coffin joint, or direct trauma to the surface of the bone.

I have witnessed his progress first hand, from the first day that he arrived at my home to today. His spirit has been revived and his heart has been lifted

by every single person who contributed to his survival. When Solo Vino arrived at my home on March 3rd, he could barely walk, was incredibly weak and exhausted, suffering for weeks, unable to gain enough strength to fend off the infection which was eating away the inside of his skull. Solo Vino's courage and determination, and the determination of all the people who helped him, saved his life. From the day we took him to the hospital, and during his two week stay, he allowed humans to treat his painful wound, and although it was a human, or humans that tragically beat him, leaving him to die, with a skull fracture 3 1/2 inches deep and a skull shift of 5", Solo Vino was brave enough to allow us to help him.

I want to share the story of Solo Vino with all of you, because this young 6 year old horse speaks for all of the horses that are being tortured, starved, beaten and left to die in the desert. Although Solo Vino is still recovering, he continues to amaze me with his sweet personality and desire to live a normal life, one every horse should have a chance to experience. This horse has inspired me in so many ways, and I feel grateful that he is in my life.

Solo Vino's long term care continues to be extremely costly. If you would like to donate to the Solo Vino Veterinary fund please contact Equine Voices or log on to [equinevoices.org](http://equinevoices.org) and visit his personal page and make a donation via paypal. Thank you all for caring!!

## Sahuarita High School Art Class

By: Vanessa Oros

Some art students from Sahuarita High School took a trip to Jumpin Jack Ranch. I was surprised to find out that most of the horses were at one point abused. It was incredible to see the amount of love and care that is given to these horses from such wonderful people. Our hosts educated us on how these poor horses were abused and how there are many companies that are continuing to abuse these horses. One treatment for menopause, believe it or not comes from horses urine. In order to get the urine the way they need it, the horses are dehydrated and miss fed. Once we got situated then we started to draw these beautiful horses, I particularly remember the horse called Tatiana. This experience was both educating and eye opening. I was never aware of the amount of abuse that horses experience. My class went to Jumpin Jack Ranch empty handed and left with knowledge of what can and does happen to these horses. We were able to get some portraits of the horses and enjoyed it.

Each piece of artwork the students produced was donated to our fifth annual "Rescue-Rehabilitation-Recovery" fundraiser.



Sahuarita Art Club

## Become a member of Gulliver's Fan Club

By: Carrie Gayne

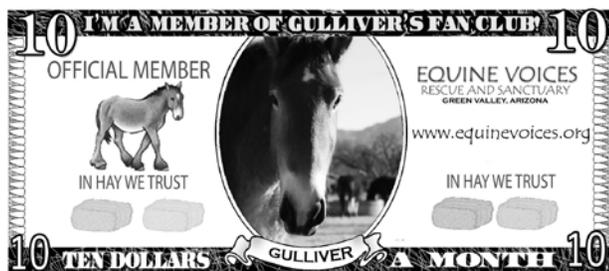
He's tall, he's handsome, and now he has his own fan club. That's right! Gulliver, Equine Voices' beloved mascot, is so popular that we've decided to create a club for him. You can become a member for only \$10 a month! Formerly the \$10 A Month Club, Gulliver's Fan Club is an easy and inex-

pensive way to contribute to Equine Voices' whopping \$4,000 monthly hay bill. \$10 may not seem like much, but it does make a big difference. At the time this newsletter was printed, there were 50 Gulliver's Fan Club members. That's one-eighth of that huge bill! A little goes a long way!

In addition to helping keep Equine Voices horses strong and healthy, joining Gulliver's Fan Club has several advantages. By signing up, you'll receive a thank you and a special "I'm A Member Of Gulliver's Fan Club!" sticker. (Those of you who have already joined will receive one as well.) You'll also receive a link to the Gulliver's Fan Club blog that is exclusive to members. Each month, Gulliver will type a special message to his fans updating them on the latest developments at the sanctuary.

Become a member of Gulliver's Fan Club by going to the Equine Voices home page and clicking on the "\$10 A Month" PayPal link or sending a monthly check (make sure you write "Gulliver's Fan Club" in the memo). Call (520) 398-2814 to arrange different forms of payment.

Show Gulliver how fabulous you think he is by joining his club!



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## Record Attendance at Annual Fundraiser

By: Carol Grubb

The 5th Annual Fundraiser for Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary welcomed a record number of attendees on March 14, 2009. Close to 950 people joined us at our new location at the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park in Tucson, AZ. This beautiful park with a huge open-air hay barn that offered a shady cover for the incredible art work and hundreds of items available at the Silent Auction. Thankfully the clouds parted moments before the event began, and stayed clear until gusty spring winds threatened to blow everyone away later in the afternoon!

In the months before the fundraiser, our nation watched as the economic stability of our country sank to frightening levels, resulting in overwhelming and fearsome challenges for humans, and for the animals we love. In addition to existing needs for animal rescue services in general, this situation would certainly increase the potential for growing numbers of horses ending up neglected, abused, and/or sent to slaughter. The increased support at this year's fundraiser has helped Equine Voices not only continue their important mission of saving PMU mares and foals from slaughter, but helping rescue, rehabilitate and re-home horses that need a simple, second chance.



*Equine Voices Fundraiser 2009*

Several weeks before the event during the extensive news coverage of the economic crisis, I heard a reporter describing an interview he had conducted with Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates. Well-known for his philanthropic giving to charitable organizations, he had asked Gates if he was planning to curtail his donations based on the current economic crisis. Mr. Gates replied that instead of decreasing his donations, he would most likely increase them and that in times of great need, those who were able, should give more, not less, as this is the time when the divergence between those who have, and those in need, becomes the greatest.

I thought of those words of wisdom frequently as the fundraiser grew near. Our desperate need for support is best told by the horses themselves. The "Very Special Horses" selected to be at the event had each been given a second chance at life because someone had cared enough to support their rescue. Gentle Giant "Gulliver", making his fourth appearance as mascot of Equine Voices, demonstrated the amazing potential of the survivors of the PMU industry to be phenomenal companion and performance horses. I thought back on his first appearance as a lanky, wide-eyed two year old, thrust into the spotlight bearing the huge responsibility as a "voice for the voiceless" who suffer in silence. It has been a special journey watching him grow into his job as Ambassador. What a magnificent horse he has become.

Although the financial need of the organization is paramount, "giving" is not just about money, kindness, compassion, love: all qualities and treasures that are learned and earned by the act of giving them away. Heartfelt thanks to all who supported our event: to our donors and sponsors, the wonderful volunteers who gave the gifts of time and labor, and every participant who went away with a better understanding of what the gifts of compassion and love can do for every living and sentient being. Live Auctioneer Extraordinaire Jerry Tucker, did a superb job of energizing the crowd as bidding battles developed over the delectable desserts donated by some of Southern Arizona's most talented pastry chefs. Thanks for a job well done, Jerry!

Even with the harsh reality of difficult economic times, there was a 4% increase in the money raised from last year, making it the most successful event ever!

In closing, again a heartfelt Thank You to all of you generous and caring people, especially the Planning Committee for the many months and hours spent in preparation of this special event.



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## PROGRAMS

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### APRELA – The New Osteoporosis Drug



In our last newsletter we announced the marketing of the new drug Aprela. This HRT drug, disguised as an osteoporosis drug, will be making it to the doctor's offices and on prescription pads this summer. Only having been tested by the FDA for two years, this drug, which is derived from Conjugated Equine Estrogen, will be marketed as the latest and the greatest in helping men and women with their bone density problems. Osteoporosis drugs account for 8.9 billion dollars in sales globally. How will this drug affect people and horses? It can take up to ten years to know whether a drug will have long lasting and devastating side effects, how do we know the real affects of Aprela when it's only been tested for two years? As of now there are 5,600 mares peeing for the pharmaceutical giant in approximately 73 PMU farms in Canada, those numbers will increase significantly, and with a 95% success birth rate, thousands of foals (the by-product) will find themselves helpless, in feed lots and slaughter.

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