

Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary @ Jumpin' Jack Ranch

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Letter from the President

On April 8 our last rescued PMU colt was finally delivered. We've waited since October of 2005 to complete our largest rescue to date. Forty-three horses, pregnant mares with foals at their side, foals who had been weaned from the moms and mares without their babies. I can only speculate where their newborns have gone. These horses are safe now, and this phase of the most challenging rescue since Equine Voices began is finally complete.

Running a sanctuary has its rewards, but the day-to-day operations can be extremely intense. From the time we agree to saving these lives, to the time they are adopted into their new homes, I find myself holding my breath, hoping all the hard work and frustration is making a difference.

For Amado, one of our draft cross yearlings, the difference we've made for him is obvious. He arrived with his friend Bambi Bay. Their mothers were not with them, so they became fast friends during their stressful trailer ride from Alberta, Canada. Amado arrived with pneumonia and a 106 degree temperature. We all wondered if this innocent foal would make it through his illness. Days of vaccinations, 24 hour care and the help of our dedicated volunteers, gave him the will to live. Today, Amado is still not 100%, but with special attention, care and supplements, he will be ready for his new home very soon.



The day-to-day challenges have taught me to believe, and to trust that this work is more important than ever! Currently 74 PMU farms remain active, all in Canada, and the Hormone Replacement drugs Premarin and PremPro continue to be manufactured. Thousands of pregnant mares continue to be forced to stand in "Pee-Lines," in stalls only 4½ ft wide, too small for the mares to lie down, with urine collection cups strapped to them. Many of the mares are draft horses that weigh 1700#, and can barely move. Water is withheld from them on a regular basis so the urine will be more concentrated. While these mares stand, day after day, their young are standing in feedlots, waiting to be poked, prodded and transported to the closest slaughterhouse. Some are being sent over the border to the U.S. and sold at auction, 95% ending up in slaughter for human consumption.

Despite the decrease in the number of farms using horses for the production of Premarin, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals made \$266,000,000, a 23% increase in profits for the first quarter of 2006. How can this be? Over 40,000,000 women are being prescribed or are on Premarin today.

As loyal friends of Equine Voices, we are reaching out to you and asking for your help. Now more than ever, we are in **DESPERATE** need of funding for hay and veterinary costs. With gas prices soaring, the impact of rising costs for feed, shelter



Deanna & Amado

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

~ Emerson

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improvements, vet bills and the overall expenses of running the sanctuary is being felt in all areas of this operation. Every dollar counts...if **EVERYONE** contributed a **MINIMUM OF \$10.00**, this small amount would generate enough funds to purchase hay to feed the 50 horses in our care for over 6 months! Your generous contribution is tax-deductible and goes directly to the care of these beloved horses who have served the drug companies and women for years. Every dollar counts...we are asking...this month...instead of purchasing a Starbucks coffee...a lunch or dinner out...a car wash...ten lottery tickets...or a movie...to **PLEASE DONATE** to Equine Voices instead. If you would just stop what you are doing and send us your \$10.00 donation today...collectively we would raise over \$40,000 (\$10 x 4,000 newsletters).

Your help is **DESPERATELY** needed in order for us to continue this very important work.

Thank you for your support.....

A Voice for the Horses,

Karen Pomroy
President/Founder
Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary



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Equine Voices Needs In 2006

Stock Trailer (New or used)	\$10,000-\$12,000
Dually Truck to pull trailer (New or used)	\$35,000-\$50,000
Hay	\$35,000/Annually
Farrier fees	\$12,000/Annually
Vet fees	\$15,000/Annually
Quarantine Area- Portable panels	\$5,000
Shelter/Barn	\$10,000-\$12,000

**Additional land to expand our operation

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Make a Bequest

Why not consider putting Equine voices in your will, or leave a legacy by donating land to the cause. Or, make a beneficiary designation of stock (no tax penalty and you will receive a deduction), IRA or 401K, life insurance policy, commercial annuity or charitable gift annuity. Such preparation can be made with advice from an estate planning professional. Any of these gifts will help us continue this very important work, and secure the future of the Premarin mares and foals who need us most!

SPIRITED VOLUNTEERS ANSWER THE URGENT CALL AT "MI SUENO" IN TUBAC

At the end of 2005 when Equine Voices rescued 47 PMU mares and foals from Alberta, Canada, we instantly doubled our horse population and as a result doubled our need for donations, volunteer and administrative help. You read in our last newsletter how Sally Maxwell, owner of the Mi Sueno ranch in Tubac, graciously stepped forward and offered her ranch as a sanctuary for our newest friends, but that was just the beginning. This rescue stretched our resources, both in personnel and facilities, to the max! We immediately needed volunteers to provide care for the horses, including feeding, mucking, medical attention, training and lots of loving. Until this point we had help from several people including Mike and Jan Ranck of Rio Rico, Donna Culver, Jody Storm, Frances Causey and Cathy Marrero. We needed more help! Donna volunteered for this task and before we knew it, the team tripled in size! Becky Castaneda is currently leading the Horse Care Team with daughter Alejandra and good friend Patricia Heffelman.

These regular volunteers at Mi Sueno and our main facility at Jumpin' Jack Ranch represent the ideal Equine Voices volunteer. They are consistently dedicated to the horses and consider it a privilege to offer their time to care for them. They all love being in the presence of such majestic creatures. It's addictive! Our volunteers recognize the critical importance of their service because after all these are living, breathing creatures and their needs don't stop when a volunteer fails to show up.

Equine Voices currently needs funding to employ a part-time ranch manager to help with the workload, but we will always need the dedication and commitment from our volunteers. So far, we have not been disappointed!! Its unanimous...all the volunteers at Mi Sueno and at Jumpin' Jack Ranch agree that the horses in our care give us MUCH more than we ever give them. If you want the experience of a lifetime become a volunteer!

For more information on our volunteering opportunities, please log on to our website at www.equinevoices.org and complete the volunteer information form and we will contact you!

To all of you who have helped the horses since our inception, we want to THANK YOU!!



Volunteer • Adopt a PMU Mare or Foal

**"Reach Out to Horses"
with Anna Twinney
Natural Horsemanship Clinic II**

October 6th thru 10th, 2006

October 6th: 5pm to 9pm – Animal Communication Introduction Evening

October 7th & 8th: 9am to 5pm – Hands On and Auditing slots available

October 9th & 10th: Private Lessons with Anna

Come learn and experience "The Language of Equus." Don't miss this opportunity to meet Anna and watch her take Natural Horsemanship to another level!! This second level course will focus on long lining which has been described as "riding from the ground." Here is your chance to learn about bridging the communication from the body language to the mouth.

For more information on Anna Twinney log on to www.reachouttohorses.com. To purchase her DVD level 1 and/or level 2 contact us at info@equinevoices.org.

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Special Thank You To:

- ✓ **Diana Madaras** for sponsoring our second annual fundraiser.
- ✓ **Andy Hersey Band** for donating their music to our second annual fundraiser and for hosting a "country dance" fundraiser in April.
- ✓ **Horse Haven Equestrian Park** for donating the facility for our second annual fundraiser.
- ✓ **Scotter Grubb of Scotter Shoots** for donating all the photos of the fundraiser.
- ✓ **Rick McCallum** for donating professional photos for the newsletter and brochure.
- ✓ **George Bass** for donating Spalding Lab's fly predators.
- ✓ **All of our Sponsors:** Mindy Kear, Joan Marum, Julia Faltin, Marianne Banes, Dikki Van Helsland, Minor Kelso, Judith & Ken Stark, Cindy & Don Marcotte, Rosiland Kluever, Kim & Frank Bland, Thomas & Cynthia Atha, Karen Diller, John Swiencicki, Barry & Denise Christy, Annette Gaynes, V.R. Davis, Marleigh Freyenhagen, Mary Howard, Vivian Barbosa.
- ✓ **To all of the individuals, businesses, vendors and volunteers who contributed to making our annual fundraiser a success.**



Equine Voices Fundraiser

February 18, 2006

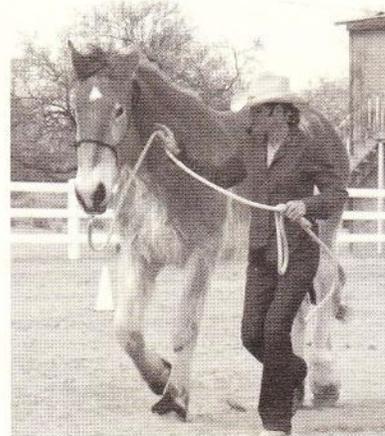
A beautiful day with a clear sky and lots of sunshine greeted the huge group of volunteers who arrived early at Horse Haven Equestrian Center to set up for our second annual Fundraiser. After months of planning and preparation, it was an overwhelming experience watching everything come together, carried along by the huge wave of energy from everyone involved. A great big heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped, donated items or services, attended, sent best wishes for a successful event, and most of all opened their hearts and wallets in response to our plea for help for the horses.

Approximately 680 people attended, captivated by the stories of the wonderful horses who "strutted their stuff." Gulliver, mascot of Equine Voices, made his debut and took his job as Ambassador for stopping horse slaughter very seriously! He played the crowd as Karen gave her presentation, describing how she met Gulliver in a feed lot, bound for slaughter. Although the event was deemed a huge success, the need for continued funding goes on as the number of horses in desperate need increases.

On a personal note, this event was significant in many ways. It provided an opportunity to highlight the personal stories of some wonderful horses. I was privileged to help prepare Gulliver for his debut at this event, which was indeed an honor. At the time, I didn't know it would be the finale for a beautiful horse named Lailah. She was indeed a "star," and loved doing demonstrations of clicker training. As our representative of "senior" horses, she was the epitome of a true friend and teacher. We said good-bye on March 9th. Hopefully, our Fundraiser event will strengthen the resolve of each one of use to ensure that every horse has a chance to enjoy a life full of dignity, respect, and love. Please continue to help us make that happen.

See you next year.

Carol Grubb
Event Coordinator



Gulliver and Carol Grubb



PROGRAMS:

Adoption Program • Foster Care • Sponsorship Program • Volunteer Program
Youth Program • Equine Voices Child Therapy Program • Education



Successful Adoption Story

This is an Adoption Story
with a Very Happy Ending



Betsy McKellar and Happy

On January 2 we adopted Happy, a 13 year old PMU mare. Just weeks before our older mare had died, and our remaining horse, Princess, was moping her way into deep depression.

Right from the beginning Happy was a friendly, affectionate horse. She had only been in the corral for 5 minutes before she was eating out of my hand. Ever

since she has been the kind of horse that every little girl dreams of (okay, so some of us have grown up since then) she nickers whenever we open the back door, and comes right up to us whenever we walk into the corral—searching our pockets for treats.

As soon as we had her feet trimmed up and the go-ahead from vet and farrier we tried riding her—Eureka! We got lucky! This horse must have been ridden some time in the past as I was riding her within 2 weeks around the corral, and within a month out in the woods on trails along with Princess. (This seemed to deepen the bond

between them.) I admit, she still doesn't have power steering, but we're thrilled that she has come around so fast and fits so well into our family.

It's wonderful to see Happy and Princess playing together, napping together, and generally hanging out together. It's fabulous that we can use her for trail rides already. We're really happy with Happy!

Betsy McKellar, Flagstaff

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Adoptable Horse of the Quarter

Skipper is a gelded yearling, who was rescued with his dam (a registered Paint), from a Canadian feedlot. He has a gorgeous, streamlined conformation, beautiful head and moves like a show horse. Sweet-tempered and inquisitive, Skipper is also very intelligent. He is looking for a loving home with an experienced owner, or one who is willing to



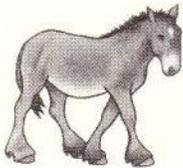
Skipper

work with a trainer. His adoption fee is \$1,350. He is a must-see. Contact Karen at Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary at 398-2814, or email info@equinevoices.org.

*Featured in "Pet of the Week" Arizona Daily Star
May 2, 2006.*

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