

Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary @ Jumpin' Jack Ranch

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Equine Voices Caps Off 2005

With Its Largest Rescue to Date—43 Horses!

There is an **URGENT** need for additional funding and homes for our new horses.

Dear Friends of Equine Voices,

Thank you all, especially our volunteers and financial supporters, who have made 2005 such an amazing year at Equine Voices. Our organization would not exist without the dedication and hard work of all of you!! In our first full year of operation, we grew by leaps and bounds on every front. In total, we rescued 125 horses, most of them PMU mares and foals.



We capped off 2005 with our latest rescue, saving 43 PMU mares and foals. By far our largest rescue to date! This rescue would not have been possible without the generosity of Sally Maxwell, owner of *Mi Sueno Ranch*, who has kindly offered her land as a satellite facility to Equine Voices. With its three beautiful corrals spread among eight acres, *Mi Sueno* will provide a safe haven for 20 Equine Voices' mares and foals awaiting adoption.



Sally Maxwell, owner of *Mi Sueno Ranch* and her puppy Merlin.

On the downside, donations to Equine Voices declined toward the end of the year perhaps as a result of Katrina "donor fatigue." Katrina hit the Gulf Coast just as we had committed to this large rescue. Although helping the victims of the Katrina disaster is important, let's not forget your local charities. We are **URGENTLY** in need of money as hay prices are at an all-time high. Our goal for the first quarter of 2006 is to raise \$20,000 which will secure enough hay to see us safely through the first six months of 2006. Excess funds will be used for additional veterinary costs incurred by this latest rescue.

Our fundraising efforts include our second annual fundraiser, "Rescue, Recovery, and Rehabilitation" being held February 18, 2006, in Tucson, AZ. In addition to our stated financial needs, our main focus will be on our adoption program. Finding permanent homes for these new horses is imperative, as we cannot save any more mares and foals until loving homes have been found.

Tragically, yet predictably, slaughter in the US rose 24%. In 2005, 125,000 American horses were slaughtered, largely due to the downsizing of PMU farms, as Wyeth has

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

~ Emerson

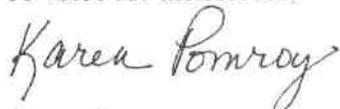
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cancelled hundreds of Premarin contracts. Prior to 2003, over 400 PMU farms operated in Canada and North Dakota, today less than 100 are in operation. There are more horses than ever awaiting a horrible fate. As much as we have been able to accomplish, we must make every effort to save each and every horse that we can in 2006. Together, we can accomplish this!!! With your help, we will continue this very important work. Please support us by keeping Equine Voices in the forefront of your minds, by volunteering, adopting a horse, and assisting us financially. If you are in search of inspiration, just spend time with these horses, and you will find a treasure trove of motivation. The kind, gentle look in their forgiving eyes says it all.

Happy New Year and together let's make 2006 a stellar year for our equine friends.

A Voice for the Horses,



Karen Pomroy



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In Balance Ranch Academy Makes One of Karen's Many Dreams Come True!

When Jesse and Missouri came to Equine Voices from Canada, Karen, our energetic founder, dared to dream that once their foals were born, all four might live together as a family as they had back on the PMU farm in Canada. But was this too much to ask? Careful what you ask for! You just might get it!

Watching over Karen and her mares were the angels at the In Balance Ranch Academy near Tombstone, Arizona. The ranch, which is an in-residence program developed for young men in search of substance abuse recovery, emotional growth, and developmental maturity, not only adopted the two mares and her foals but are now fostering two fillies, that were recently rescued by Equine Voices.

The following is a letter from Shannon Dexter, the Clinical Director at the In Balance Ranch Academy, describing the blessings and benefits of her organization's collaboration with EV.

Our collaboration with Equine Voices began several months ago when we asked if we could help the program during our Saturday community enrichment projects. In talking with Karen Harkson, the idea formed to see if the students had an interest in raising money to adopt a rescued mare. The students loved the idea and set to



In Balance Ranch participants with Missouri & Baby Sioux.

work. They made posters, gathered the supplies and manned several car washes in Sierra Vista. Their enthusiasm was so contagious they raised a significant amount towards the adoption of a mare and her foal! The students then spent a day helping out at the Equine Voices Ranch and grew ever more excited to have a part in raising and fostering horses from the rescue program. Several parents of our students raised more funds and we have now adopted two mares and their foals and will be fostering two yearling fillies from the recent rescue in Canada.

Adopting the two premarin mares and their foals has added a whole new dimension to our therapeutic program. Through their interactions with the horses, the students learn about patience, compassion, parenting, boundaries, relationship building, trauma recovery, trust, and the list goes on and on. These profound and crucial life lessons are learned so naturally from these beautiful animals, who offer instant and honest feedback to those around them. We look forward to many years of collaboration with Equine Voices, helping to rescue and rehabilitate horses, and enjoying the many blessings they bring to all of us at In Balance Ranch Academy.

Very Sincerely,

Shannon Dexter, LCSW, LISAC

Clinical Director, and Equine Program Director

www.inbalranch.com

NEW GULLIVER'S STORE ON E-BAY
All proceeds help the horses in our care!!
<http://stores.ebay.com/Equine-Voices-Gift-Shop>

Horse of the Quarter Feature:

Tubac and Blue: Slow but steady progress...

Tubac, a beautiful registered Blue Roan Paint, and her adorable filly Blue came to Equine Voices from a Canadian feedlot, just one step away from slaughter. Tubac was very thin and would



Tubac and Blue.

not let anyone near her. Blue followed her mom like a shadow, wanting to trust but not knowing how. Clearly, both had been traumatized and would need to come around at their own pace. After months of careful and steady attention from Karen and the volunteers, real progress has been made by both. Today, Tubac lets Karen and the volunteers gently stroke her and she even whinnies when familiar faces approach. Blue, now in a halter, is an incredibly affectionate little filly who loves people. Tubac and Blue are up for adoption as a pair and will need a patient person or family who will continue to "gentle" them in a loving, thoughtful way.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2nd Annual Fundraiser

"Rescue-Rehabilitation-Recovery" will be our theme on Saturday, February 18, 2006. Our 2nd "Very Special Horse Event" will be held to raise awareness and money to support the efforts of Equine Voices rescue and placement. This event will focus on hope, recovery and education. Come join us for live entertainment, silent and live auction, food, raffles, tack sale and take your photo with "Gulliver"!! The event is **FREE**, so come meet our special equines and support us in this extremely important effort!!

"Reach Out To Horses" with Anna Twinney Natural Horsemanship Clinic

April 7th, 8th, & 9th

Private lessons available April 10th & 11th in Green Valley, AZ...contact 520-398-2814 or email at info@equinevoices.org 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!

For more information on Anna Twinney, log on to www.reachouttohorses.com. To purchase her DVD level 1 & 2, contact us at info@equinevoices.org - \$35.00 each.

First Annual Holistic Animal Seminar Series

March 24th, 25th & 26th — We will bring together the most gifted group of specialists in their field. Six half day sessions will be held at Jumpin' Jack Ranch home to Equine Voices. Come and learn how to communicate with your animals, learn about Equine Nutrition, Natural Equine Dentistry, Equine Massage, Saddle Fit and much more!!

Sign up for one or all classes. Don't miss this incredible event!! For more information contact us at info@equinevoices.org or call 520-398-2814.

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Equine Voices on PBS!

Beginning in January 2006, public television stations across the United States will air a segment on Equine Voices produced by "America's Heartland," a national series hosted by Paul Ryan. Please check your local listings for the exact time and date of the broadcast in your area. For more on the story, go to www.americasheartland.org. Thanks from EV to producer Corita Gravitt.

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Natural Horse Magazine

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Actors Endorse Efforts of Equine Voices

Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary is pleased to announce that two of America's most respected actors, Frances Fisher and Kathy Najimy, have endorsed the effort by Equine Voices to save Premarin (PMU) mares and foals from slaughter. Ms. Fisher is also lending her support to EV's educational outreach program, which provides women with information regarding the dangers of Premarin, PremPro and PremPhase and the plant derived, synthetic drugs, and natural remedies available to women as alternatives. Ms. Fisher released the following statement in support of Equine Voices: "I wholeheartedly endorse what Karen and Equine Voices are doing. It is terrible to torture mares in this way, and to not take care of their offspring is so inhumane. Premarin is NOT a good choice for women who now have so many alternative natural and synthetic hormone replacement therapies available to them. Because every woman is unique, and should be treated as such, she needs to have specific tests done that show her exactly what her own body needs." — Frances Fisher

Karen Pomroy, the founder of Equine Voices expressed her gratitude for the endorsement. "I can't thank Frances Fisher and Kathy Najimy enough for lending their support to this important cause. Their support will raise the profile of Equine Voices and help us to educate the public about the plight of these horses and the horrible truth behind Premarin and its negative effect on women. As one united voice, we can make a difference for the horses and women."

Both Ms. Fisher and Ms. Najimy have enjoyed distinguished careers in theatre, television and film. Ms. Fisher is best known for her memorable performance as Kate Winslet's mother in "Titanic," which garnered her a Screen Actors Guild nomination as part of Best Ensemble Cast. The film went on to receive 11 Academy Awards. Ms. Najimy is known internationally for her portrayal of "Sister Mary Patrick" in the blockbuster hit "Sister Act." She has appeared in over 20 films throughout her career.

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Equine Voices Needs In 2006

Operating Expenses	\$45,000/Annually
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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The Adoption Story



Kerri Reeves
and Spirit

My name is Kerri. I was raised on a dairy around tons of animals. We had many horses growing up but none like Spirit. One day I saw an advertisement in a Sunday newspaper for rescue horses. I looked up Equine Voices on the internet and saw a little paint. He was gorgeous and I fell in love with him. After what seemed like an eternity, I finally got Spirit home. He was scared and pretty much wild. He was thin, had cuts from head to toe, overgrown hooves

with cracks up to his cornet band, and warts on his beautiful face. Every time I would look at him it broke my heart to think someone out there let him get like this. He wouldn't let me touch him for a few days, but when he finally came around he proved to be a loving gentle horse.

Karen, the angel who has helped many horses like Spirit, will forever hold a place in my heart. She is kind and doesn't turn any horse away. My experience was great with the adoption, so good in fact, that I am expecting a buddy for Spirit at the beginning of the year. Karen has the patience of a saint and truly finds the perfect horse for anyone. Her ranch is incredible, the horses in her care are immaculate. Without people like Karen, Premarin use would be on the rise instead of decreasing. No human would put themselves through what these mares and foals go through. Why are we allowing it to happen to them? Hundreds of mares are being kept in appalling conditions. Tons of horses are dying terrible deaths in Canada and in the US, if not from neglect, from slaughter. Every living thing deserves a chance at a good life. Next time you have a chance, browse the websites for PMU horses, look into their eyes and you will see how they feel. I am helping through adoption—how will you help?

Saving the Horses; Following Your Heart

The Personal Story of Karen Pomroy, Founder, Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

Now Showing at the Women's Gallery – Women in the Lead at the Global Dialogue Center

We are very excited to share *Saving the Horses; Following Your Heart* with people around the world. We chose Karen Pomroy's inspiring story because it exemplified such a courageous response to a call-for-leadership, while putting a spotlight on one of the critical issues of women's health today. It is a moving story of what many of you may be dreaming about: *following our heart*. We extend a warm invitation to visit our new Women's Gallery at Women in the Lead online at the Global Dialogue Center to see still another perspective on the important work of *Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary* and the visionary leadership that brought it into being. *Saving the Horses; Following Your Heart* includes a self-learning visual exhibit, a 3-part audio/podcast interview with Karen Pomroy and other related resources.

The Global Dialogue Center is a virtual gathering place for people throughout the world with a focus on leadership, professional and personal development. Women in the Lead...a unique resource center for and home of our new Women's Gallery, is the newest "wing" of our virtual facility. The link to this site is: <http://www.globaldialoguecenter.com/new/womens-gallery-menu.html>.

Debbe Kennedy, President, CEO and Founder
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