

Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary @ Jumpin' Jack Ranch

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Winter 2007

Happy New Year to all of you!

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2006 was an amazing year for all at Equine Voices, especially our equine friends! At the beginning of the year, I thought saving more horses this year was out of the question. Our sanctuary was full due to rescuing forty three horses at the end of 2005. I knew we had our work cut out for us if we were to save more lives!

Audrey Caprio, a new volunteer who started in February 2006, expressed interest in becoming our Adoption Coordinator. What a gift this was to Equine Voices! She jumped in and began working with prospective adopters to find loving homes for our rescued mares and foals. Audrey worked diligently at all aspects of the adoption process; from updating and managing the adoption section of our website, along with our posting on the national pmurescue.org site, securing a position in the Arizona Daily Star's "Pet of the Week" section and handling the difficult job of finding the right match for both horse and human. The commitment and dedication Audrey has shown over the past year goes beyond any expectations I had!



Hope & Audrey

By November, 2006, we had enough space to accept a small number of new horses. We knew that fall is a dire time for PMU horses, as the mares go back to the pee lines and those no longer being used, along with the babies, are sent to auction. Time was of the essence, and we wanted to save more than we could possibly bring to Equine Voices.

The answer came when Audrey teamed up with the United Pegasus Foundation, and we spread the word about the mares & foals at Ranch One in Manitoba who needed immediate homes. A group of slaughter-bound yearlings and two year olds also needed help, as they were standing in a nearby Canadian feedlot awaiting slaughter. Working hard, we hoped to secure enough adoptive homes in Southern Arizona to warrant bringing a truckload to Tucson. The result was not one – but TWO truckloads, and a total of 29 horses (4 of them pregnant mares) saved!

The first load of 5 mares and 10 foals arrived at Santa Rita Arabians in Tucson, where owners Rita & Jim Brown generously donated their facility as the drop-off point. All of the horses from this load were pre-placed, except for 2 foals and one pregnant mare, who currently reside, and are available for adoption at Equine Voices.

On December 21st, the second load arrived at Rock Creek Ranch, the designated drop-off point permitted by another amazing and caring individual – owner Tom Ellinwood. This load consisted of 14 more horses, the two last foals from Ranch One, and twelve of the feedlot horses. All but two were pre-placed. Equine Voices took one feedlot yearling, who has since secured a wonderful home in Sedona, and the very last filly, known as Hope, has made her way into the hearts of all at Equine Voices.

I am pleased to announce that in 2006, a total of 62 mares & foals have been placed in permanent, loving homes by Equine Voices! In addition to thanking Audrey, I would like to express my appreciation to all who participated in these rescues, especially to those who opened up their hearts and homes to these amazing creatures, giving them a second chance in life. It is because of you that we can continue our rescue efforts.

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

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Our incredible volunteers, who are behind the scenes mucking, caring for the horses, and helping with running the sanctuary are also crucial to the success of our rescue efforts.

On another note, 2006 also had its difficult times. We lost our precious Newfies Pride to a sudden illness at the young age of 5. Additionally the horse slaughter numbers were at an all time high. The anti-slaughter bill sailed through Congress, but was stalled in the Senate. We must now begin the process all over again. Meanwhile, thousands of horses are finding themselves at the hands of slaughterhouse workers and being killed for human consumption abroad. Last year alone, over 104,000 horses were slaughtered in the U.S. More than 34,000 additional horses from the U.S. were sent to Japan, Mexico and Canada for slaughter. The numbers for 2006 totaled 138,000!! My desperate hope this year is that we can finally end this travesty. Please contact your Senators and Representatives and ask for their support of the newly introduced bills HR 503 and S 311.

On behalf of myself and the horses, I thank you for your generosity, caring, love and ongoing support you all continually provide to Equine Voices. Let's make 2007 a year of change for our equine friends!

A Voice for the Horses,

Karen Pomroy

Karen Pomroy
President/Founder



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Special Thank You

Thank you Manos Gallery, Rogoway Gallery and Becky Reyes and Scott Mullm for making our first "Hearts and Hands for Horses" fundraiser a huge success. With the support of the local Tubac businesses, artists and visitors, we raised \$6,459.67. Thank you to the participating galleries: Manos, Rogoway, B. Kniff Dental, Tumacookery, Feminine Mystique, Accent on Mexico, Red Door Gallery, Josef's Salon, Artist Palate, James Culver, Mariah's, Susan Walsh, Cloud Dancer, Yard Woman.

A special thank you to Dikki VanHelsland for creating an original "Gulliver" batik painting, t-shirts and posters.

Gulliver was a huge hit and will appear again the first weekend in November, 2007. Come visit the village of Tubac and enjoy live music, art and Gulliver!

Get Involved!
Volunteer • Adopt a PMU Mare or Foal



**Great Gift Idea -
Sponsor a Mare or Foal**

Exclusive Article - Due March 2007

**With Anna Twinney & Equine Voices, Tucson, Arizona
By Marie Claire, France**

October this year was a very exciting month. Not only did I spend time at my second home in Arizona, but Karen and I were joined by 2 remarkable ladies – Elisabeth and Elena! These wonderful ladies flew in to join us to conduct a week long interview on Equine Communication for the major French Magazine – Marie Claire. Not knowing what to expect Karen and I were open to whatever the universe wanted to deliver. My first thought was: "What on earth am I going to share with them for 6 days?" I had never heard of an interview lasting so long...My fears were soon allayed and we could not have asked for more! Elisabeth and Elena fitted right in and it felt as though we had known them forever. For our first evening together we had an animal communication introductory class planned. More than 20 enthusiastic people turned up to enhance their intuition and connect to their animal companions. Poor Elisabeth about fell asleep with jet lag...and there I was thinking it just wasn't her cup of tea!

The next 2 days were spent conducting the Natural Horsemanship clinic, followed by private lessons and a photo shoot! The week flew by and I never saw Elisabeth's pen stopping. She made copious amounts of notes, even during dinner! Elena on the other hand, kept a sharp eye out for THE most wonderful shots, some of which can be viewed on my website, www.reachouttohorses.com, under the 2-week Holistic Horsemanship Certification Course. My neurotic tendencies to have "real live" photos and no staging, was only matched with Elena's patience and understanding. I thank them both for choosing Karen & I to share our special messages. I am privileged to have got to know them, for they are women with vision!



Elisabeth jumping, with Gulliver

During the weekend we thought it would be imperative for Elisabeth to have a hands-on experience "talking to horses." Pictured at left is Elisabeth – literally dancing – with EV's Mascot Gulliver. I have never been privy to such energy and ability. You will only see my hand in the

picture, as I haven't experienced laughter like it...I was useless! Bent over, speechless & in stitches, witnessing Elisabeth doing airs above the ground!

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A little bit about the ladies:

Elisabeth Alexandre has a Masters in Psychology, she has been a script writer for TV for more than ten years and is currently a senior reporter for the French magazine Marie Claire. Elisabeth spends much of her time traveling and experiencing the wonders of the world! She has written a book together with Elena.

Elena Dorfman is an international photographer who works for many national and international magazines, and is a frequent contributor to the French MC. Visit Elena's website www.eleadorfman.com for more info!

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Successful Adoption Story

Jean Welch and Scout

I had absolutely NO intention of adopting a horse. After stumbling upon the fundraiser back in February, I felt compelled to write a story about the plight of the PMU horses for my Club newsletter.

As I toured the Equine Voices Facility with Karen, I felt drawn to one youngster in particular. His name was Scout. There was just something about him that tugged at my heart.



Jean Welch & Scout

During the weeks that followed what I like to call "my day of awakening," he somehow managed to find his way into my thoughts and dreams. Clearly I was obsessed, or maybe possessed.

Whatever you want

to call it, I believe he was destined to become part of our family. Since his arrival in June, he has brought us so much joy, enrichment and fun into our lives. Best of all, he gets along great with my other two horses. He seems genuinely happy to spend time with me. His willingness to try new things and his gentle disposition help make our training sessions interesting, fun, and very rewarding. No need for constant repetition here—he gets it the first time.

I took him to his first horse show in November, where he won a blue ribbon in the In-Hand Trail Class. We also enjoy going to groundwork clinics at the J-Six in Benson.

The whole experience with Equine Voices has been a real eye-opener for my husband and I, and we feel truly blessed to have Scout as part of our family.

Upcoming Events:



"Gulliver"

Support Horse Rescue
at
"A Very Special Horse Event"
to benefit
Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

- * Meet Gulliver, Mascot and Symbol of Rescue
- * Live music by Andy Hersey
- * Training Demonstrations using Natural Horsemanship
- * Silent and Live Auctions * Tack Sale
- * Artwork by Diana Madaras and other local artists
- * Food by "Quesadillas and More"
- * Information and Resource booths on Equine Care

Free Admission
Saturday, March 3, 11:00 to 4:00 PM
Horse Haven Equestrian Center
4885 S. Houghton
r.s.v.p. or additional info 520-749-4026
program details www.equinevoices.org

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Anna Twinney Returns! Animal Communication & Natural Horsemanship Clinic/Fundraiser March 23rd thru 27th

Anna will be back for her fifth natural horsemanship clinic and fundraiser!

For those of you who have met Anna, you must agree that we are privileged to have her come back for another clinic. Early bird special by February 28th!!

Animal Communication Classes March 23rd. Natural Horsemanship Clinic March 24th & 25th.

Private Lessons are also available March 26th & 27th.

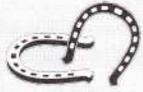
Please contact Karen or Mary at 520-398-2814 or info@equinevoices.org for more information.

Equine Voices is featured in the January/February issue of *me* Magazine*.

Subscribe to *me* Magazine* during January or February and they will contribute \$5.00 to Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary.

For more information about this exciting new publication for women over 40, log onto www.memagazine4u.com.





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To Our Horses who have passed – In Loving Memory

Poetry in motion,
Flight without wings
Mystical, magical, soulful eyes
In graceful movements, do they sing.

Courageous and noble
Peaceful warriors are they
Teaching us to be strong yet gentle
Is what these creatures convey.

All horses are sent from heaven
A precious gift, but for a season
To take our burdens upon their backs
To give us love without reason

And when their lives end here on earth
Surely we must realize
On Pegasus' wings do they return
Where an eternal pasture lies



Newfies Pride

In tears of sorrow, we release them
Memories – a moment in time
Lessons learned, devotion bestowed us
Will forever remain behind

And God sends us reminders
Of beloved horses passed
Within the roll of thunder
Is heard, their hoof beats across the grass

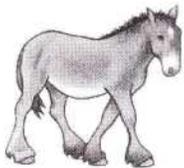
– Audrey Caprio

Until we meet again...

On January 13th, Equine Voices hosted a volunteer appreciation gathering as a thank to all our volunteers for all that they do!!! Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Shop at: www.CountrySupply.com - 5% of the proceeds will go to supporting Equine Voices
www.aspectgifts.com - 10% of the proceeds will go to supporting Equine Voices

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Urge Delta and American Airlines to stop shipping horse meat to Europe and Asia**



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