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Happy New Year, and... Yes, We Are Thrilled It's 2009!!

It's the beginning of a new year and we are so glad our stormy days of 2008 are behind us!! We bring in the New Year with some wonderful things and good news!! Two of our youngsters have been adopted and are getting ready for their new homes!! Beautiful Kodi is moving to California (as soon as he lets us geld him!) and big, black, gorgeous Strider will be moving to Sahuarita. Both will be living with incredible young individuals who will love them, train them, and give them the home they deserve!! As all of you know, adoptions are critical to the success of our mission, which is rescuing horses!!

Working with livestock, the Pima County Sheriff's office who takes in custody starvation and abandonment cases, and individuals who can no longer care for their horses, is truly a test of strength and teamwork. Pulling together to help the horses that would otherwise go to the auction and slaughter, reaffirms our commitment to the horses that come into our lives. Our mission will always be to help the out of work PMU mares and foals, but today, as more animals are "dumped", we need to come together to help those who have nowhere else to go.



Diamond Rio

Diamond Rio, a six year old gelding came to us the first week in January after I accidentally called livestock. I was actually looking for Rudy our backhoe guy, not Rudy the Santa Cruz County Livestock Inspector. While I was on the phone with Rudy, I took the opportunity to wish him a Happy New Year. At this point, in his not so gruff, but raspy voice, he said to me, "ah, so, Karen, can you take a horse?" He told me Diamond Rio's story and I could not say no!! Rio had been wandering alone, thirsty and tired in the desert when a rancher discovered him. I was told that this handsome and proud horse was most likely used for running drugs across the border. He had suffered a severe injury to his front right leg and knee, and was left in the "forest" to fend for himself. (This is a story we are all familiar with, that of our special horse Jack!) After all, if he didn't come here, where would he go?

Our country is going through an exciting and positive transition, and as excited and optimistic as we all are, we can't forget that there are still many challenges facing us and horses today. Although gas prices are down, feed costs aren't!! With the five pregnant PMU mares in Canada and the horses in foster care, Equine Voices is at capacity and responsible for fifty horses!!! And there are plenty of other horses out there that need our care and attention, just like Diamond Rio!!



Next to the constant financial challenge, our biggest challenge facing us this year is Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. As many of you may remember from our last newsletter, Wyeth is adding a new drug to its CEE (Conjugated Equine Estrogen) family of drugs. Disguised as an osteoporosis drug, APRELA will not only target women, but also men!!! They should just call it "Premarin for Men"!!! Do we need to ask how this will affect the PMU mares and foals?

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

~ Emerson

We've appealed to you in the past. We've asked for all of you to look at your budgets, give up a car wash or a Starbucks coffee and donate \$10 per month. Only \$10 per month!! Many of you have heard our call, and we thank you! In these difficult economic times, we realize \$10 per month might be a stretch. Today, I am asking for all of you, each and every one of you that is reading this newsletter right now, to look at your budgets, and if you can not donate \$10 a month, would you consider a donation of only \$1 per month. We know things are difficult. With today's economy there are so many uncertainties, and I know many of you think, how can only \$1 per month really help? If all of you donated only \$1 a month, this would raise \$7,600 each and every month!!! Not only would this help with our feed bill, but it would ensure that for every horse we rescue, they would have what they need in order to have a better life. With your monthly donation, whether it be \$10 or \$1 a month, we would always be able to ensure that horses like Diamond Rio would have all the special veterinary care and special supplements they require. You have always answered our call, will you answer this one?

From all of us at Equine Voices, especially the horses, thank you and may you have a very happy and prosperous 2009!!!

Karen, Gulliver and Friends

Horse of the Quarter

WILEY



Wiley is a gorgeous yearling colt who needs a forever home! Wiley came to Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary from Canada in November of 2007, and was rescued from slaughter. He is sweet, lovable and eager to learn. Wiley leads, loads and knows basic ground manners.

If you are interested in Wiley, or any other horse available for adoption, please contact Karen at 520-398-2814, karen@equinevoices.org or log on to www.equinevoices.org.

Legislation

STOP INHUMANE HORSE TRANSPORT

Double decker trailers are designed for short-necked species, such as cattle and hogs, not horses. However, current federal law allows horses to be transported in these trailers to any destination especially slaughter plants.

Since these trailers are not meant to carry horses, frequently the top deck of the trailer will collapse, resulting in horrific injuries and even death. Just last year, a double decker trailer carrying 59 young Belgian horses overturned on an Illinois highway, killing 17 horses and injuring dozens of others.

Fortunately, Representatives Kirk (I-IL) and Cohen (D-TN) introduced, H.R. 305, the Horse Transportation Safety Act, to ban the use of double decker trailers for all horse transport.

TAKE ACTION

Please make a brief, polite phone call to your U.S. Representative to urge support for H.R. 305 to prohibit double decker trailers for horse transport. You can reach your representative through the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121.

After making your call, fill in and submit the form through email to your U.S. Representative. Remember to personalize the email message by expressing your opinion in your own words; it's much more effective.

Successful Adoption

Marlo, Mr. Pritzl & Donkey Friend



Wow, I can hardly believe it's been over a year now since adopting Marlo from Equine Voices! As I reflect back I remember just how she came into me and my husband's lives. We had, just prior to obtaining Marlo, rescued a donkey from a bad situation and wanting a companion for her, I started searching ads, and the internet

for a horse. It was the first time that I came across Equine Voices and one picture kept popping out at me. It was Marlo.

I kept going to other web sites and seeing so many horses that I could freely chose from, but I for some unexplainable reason kept going back to her picture. It was as if she was calling out to me. I knew nothing about her but there was that picture of her with eyes that spoke more than some horses seem incapable of. I continued taking the time to search the other many horses available but to no avail I just kept coming back to the Equine voices web site. My husband even questioned my behavior as living in Flagstaff there were many horses within a 30 mile range to pick from. I told him I didn't know why but I think Marlo is the one.

So we bought her sight unseen and drove down to Green Valley and brought her home. She was an eager learner and very smart. We fell in love with her immediately. The donkey loves her big, strong guiding nature and she treats the donkey as one of her own babies. They both vie for our attention with healthy jealousy.



Marlo & Friend

Marlo has an uncanny way of letting us know how much she loves us and her new home. When she runs on the five acres she calls home, her rearing up and fast speed that is performed with such grace and beauty stops traffic just to watch her. She has reminded us all just how important freedom is and no matter what abusive situations they may come from, a forgiving and trusting heart comes out with just a little kindness and love. I believe she indeed was sending me messages to buy her and am so happy I paid heed to her calling out to me and listened to her "equine voice".

Thanks to Equine Voices.
Merry Christmas and continued success in 2009.

Sincerely,
Geri Pritzl

Upcoming Events



SUPPORT HORSE RESCUE AT:

"A VERY SPECIAL HORSE EVENT"



TO BENEFIT

Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 2009

11:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

BRANDI FENTON MEMORIAL PARK
3482 EAST RIVER ROAD, TUCSON

\$5.00 ADULT ADMISSION INCLUDES 1 FREE RAFFLE TICKET

16 AND UNDER FREE

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OR VISIT WWW.EQUINEVOICES.ORG



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and are tax deductible.

Auction items: call Kazz at 520-559-0732
or Susan at 520-577-4915

Tack Sale Donations: call Rene at 520-975-7007

To Volunteer at this event,
call Jennifer at 520-343-1437

- ⊗ Meet Gulliver – Mascot of Equine Voices
- ⊗ Silent and Live Auctions
- ⊗ Tack Sale
- ⊗ Raffles: Grand Prize: Weekend for two at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch
- ⊗ Carriage Rides by Armour Carriage Co.
- ⊗ Training Demonstrations with Rescued Horses in Recovery
- ⊗ Food by Quesadillas and More, Eege's and Kettle Korn
- ⊗ Artwork by Diana Madaras and Other Local Artists
- ⊗ Straight From the Horse's Mouth: Equine Dentistry with Bert Lambert, ACEQD

Anna Twinney is coming back to Arizona!!

When: April 16th - 20th, 2009

Where: Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

April 16th & 17th - Private consultations: Natural Horsemanship lessons, Energy Healing, Animal Communication.

April 18th - Holistic Horse Day - Demystify the Round Pen, Muscle Testing and Animal Communication.

April 19th - Simple Solutions: Watch, participate and learn simple solutions to your horses' behavior through understanding intuition and reading the horse's body language.

April 20th - Foal Handling: New!!

For more information log on to www.EquineVoices.org, www.reachouttohorses.com or contact karen@equinevoices.org or anna@reachouttohorses.com

Benefit in Bedford, New York. For more information, please check our website at www.EquineVoices.org.

An Evening of Humble Gratitude?

By J.H. Welch

We all know that the horses here at Equine Voices are always treated with the utmost love and respect, and are given the best care possible to ensure their time spent here is a healing and healthy experience. We also understand that maintain-



ing this high level of care would be close to impossible, if not for our crew of hard-working Volunteers who selflessly give so much of their time and energy for the sake of the horses.

As a way of showing our deep appreciation, Karen and the staff here at E.V. host an annual Volunteer Appreciation Party. This gives everyone the opportunity to meet others who help out at the Sanctuary on different days of the week. It's also a great time to make new friends, and to share our thoughts about the common passion that connects us all, which is to help these noble animals live a life free of fear and abuse.

Because we have been blessed with an increase of Volunteers over the past year, we have actually outgrown the Visitors Center, which is where we've held the party in years past. We needed to find a new, larger venue that was close by. Thankfully, Charles, owner of Kristopher's Café graciously offered his place to us, and we knew it would be a perfect fit. Charles, Chef "Royale" did a tremendous job preparing an assortment of delectable dishes and desserts. From the bruschetta to the chocolate fountain, it was truly a feast for the senses. (By the way, the meat eaters in the crowd, there was chicken!!)

The evening was a fun filled affair, with Jerry Tucker as MC. He kept things running smoothly, interjecting humor during the on-going raffle drawing, and made us all laugh. Is he hired? YES!! . There were many wonderful items donated, from paintings to jewelry to gift certificates, and just about everyone went home with something!!

Over 20 Volunteers received recognition, boisterous applause, and a really cool Gulliver Pin for reaching incredible volunteer hour milestones. 10 people received a Bronze pin for reaching 250 to 500 hours. 4 received a Silver pin for 501 to 700 hours, and 6 received a Gold pin for reaching the 751-1000 hour mark. Additionally, 11 plaques were also given! Now that's what I call dedication! Thanks to you, over 10,000 volunteer hours were collectively logged just for 2008 alone! Wow! You (the volunteers) should all be very proud!!



As the evening began to wind down, Jerry made an announcement that there was still one more award that needed to be given. He called Jean Welch up to present Karen with a special scrap book. Inside its pages were filled with pictures of the volunteers and their heartfelt stories, all explaining how volunteering at Equine Voices has enriched their lives. It was the first time most of us have ever seen Karen speechless! (No Joke!!!)

This party has always been a gift from Karen to the volunteers, her way of personally thanking us for what we do for the horses. For us, it was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge that gratitude, and to also let her know how this place becomes a part of us, in so many ways.



Tribute to Chocolate

My Kind of Sweet

By Tom O'Neil

Vanilla has always been my favorite, but a little less than 3 years ago, that changed, and Chocolate became numero uno! ...he came to us shriveled and neglected, his owner deciding that old horses just weren't worth the feed. Karen had answered an up call about a horse that was no longer wanted, no longer useable, i.e. rideable, therefore it was either death for him or dump the responsibility on someone else. She saw a sparkle in his eye that unmistakable "I'm not ready to go" look, and "home" he came.



It didn't take long for Chocolate to become ruler of the domain. Letting him out to stretch and exercise his aching bones soon became the norm... where is he? Oh, there he is, kicking a whopping 3 inches above the ground next to the gate at his male competitors!...get him out of there before he gets stuck...hmm...someone wants to clean his eyes and give him some exercise walking, well, you have to catch him first!...oops...I think I saw him sniffing the mares and foals next to the new barn dreaming of yesteryear...now where did he go?

I remember when we first got him, those droopy, sad eyes, that look of abandonment that only neglect can deliver. Under weight by about 150 pounds, he now boasted at least 100 pounds more and a beautiful coat to boot!.... Hey, I thought there was a dozen donuts on the tack shed table?



Chocolate & Marianne

Where did they go? Doesn't he know that chocolate (can you guess where we got his name?) is bad for animals?.... Remember the times when the volunteers had to hang band together and literally give his heavy butt a boost, a helping hand up after he thought rolling was for ALL horses? Or the time that we were missing a [dozen (count 'em) tarts] and the only one with a guilty face was Chocolate? Actually, because of the incessant fly mask, I can't tell if he looks guilty or not! Dang, are you sure this horse is 30 something? Talk about a sweet tooth!

Who can forget the allegiance that was forged between him and the new, old guy, Jack? Jack, bless his resting soul, gave Chocolate another reason to live. They would troop around the property, the Odd Couple, head to tail, feasting on uncovered alfalfa, deservedly enjoying the twilight years. Jack, his illegal drug-toting years over, was Chocolate's friend for quite awhile, until age finally caught up with him. And alas, at the end of December, chocolate also breathed his last, but not before giving us humans much, much more than we gave him. We only gave him what he richly deserved, a dignified end, a permanent legacy. What he gave us

was that glimpse of immortality, that feeling that "it's not over 'til I say it's over". We were fortunate to have him for years, and he had only one bad day and many good ones in that all-to-short time... we love him and we will miss him...Chocolate, you will always be in our hearts.

Chocolate's Sponsors

Marianne Banes
Kevin Harrington
Franci Silvestris
Marsha & Wilson Prokosch

Joan Groom
Maureen Harrison
Susan Via



Messages from the Volunteers

Just got the word about Chocolate. I'm so sorry. I know his years with you at EV were the best years of his life, and I know he knew he was loved. We'll all miss his "energizer bunny" walks and his funny little old man ways. I remember him when he first came--he was so skinny, but so full of life and so stubborn-- he gave us all a run for our money whenever we would walk him! And he loved to rub his head on me whether his eyes were itchy or not. I have lots of wonderful, funny memories of Wednesday's with Chocolate--I will miss my little "dessert" sponsor horse. I know we all will--especially you. He was a special emissary of unconditional love.

Love,
Marianne

We have not met yet, nor was I fortunate enough to have met Chocolate. I am so sorry to hear that he passed away. Please except my sincere condolences for your loss. I only wished I had been able to meet Chocolate. I have been reading all of the articles and researching your site. I have seen the pictures and read all the articles on Chocolate. and read all the articles on Chocolate. Even though we never met,



I feel as though I knew him. I truly believe he was in the best place and given the utmost care and love by very caring and wonderful people. There is no better place that he could have been than with you and Equine Voices. I will be making a donation to the Elephant Head Fire Department in Chocolate's memory.

Again my sincere condolences for your loss. I look forward to meeting you and the horses. I am eager to volunteer my time and be able to contribute and provide any assistance, help, and love to your organization of Equine Voices and to all of the horses.

Regards,
Nancy Chapman
Your Future Volunteer.



*Chocolate, Donald Large &
Granddaughter*

"He left hoof prints on my heart" is part of a song that could have been written for Chocolate, for all that had the honor to know our beloved Chocolate would have to agree. I firmly believe that if you hold someone close in your heart, he is always with you. So when you are at the Ranch, pause and look at the mountains, sky or the trees with the pods he likes to eat and you will feel his spirit. He will always be a bigger than life part of Jumping Jack Ranch.

Sandy Crowe



Setting the Record Straight Is it Euthanasia... or Slaughter?

By Carol Grubb

As our Annual Fundraiser approaches, scheduled for Saturday March 14, 2009, it seems an opportune time to make clear the mission of Equine Voices: saving Premarin mares and foals from slaughter. Additionally, a strong partnership has developed with law enforcement agencies to provide services to abused, abandoned and starving horses, most of which may be targeted for slaughter without the assistance of Equine Voices.

The topic of horse slaughter remains an emotionally charged issue. Slaughter means: "to kill animals for food, or to kill brutally." The word "Euthanasia" means "good death" and is the act of putting to death *without pain or distress*.

Pro-slaughter groups, including the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP), and the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) attempt to equate horse slaughter via use of a captive bolt gun, with humane euthanasia via chemical injection when lobbying Congress to circumvent passage of legislation to prohibit the slaughter or transport of horses for slaughter. As a rescue organization and horse lover, this viewpoint is indeed baffling and difficult to understand since in the AVMA's own brochure on equine euthanasia (How do I know it is time?) it states: "Perhaps the kindest thing you can do for a horse that

is extremely ill, severely injured, lame, or dangerous is to have your veterinarian induce its death quickly and humanely through euthanasia." This statement clearly does **not** include a choice or suggestion of sending a horse to the slaughter plant.

Concerned about misinformation being distributed to Congress and the general public regarding horse slaughter, the opposing group Veterinarians for Equine Welfare (VEW) is supportive of efforts to end horse slaughter via passage of legislation, and states that "It is the united opinion of the VEW that horse slaughter is inhumane, and that it is an unacceptable way to end a horse's life under any circumstance. We believe that it is an unethical and dangerous practice for the AVMA and AAEP to attempt to equate horse slaughter with humane euthanasia."

VEW further states: "Horse slaughter has never been considered a legitimate form of euthanasia by veterinary professionals or organizations, and we are disturbed by the fact that a few pro-horse slaughter political associations are distorting this message. Congress must hear from veterinary professionals that horse slaughter is not, and should not be equated with humane euthanasia."

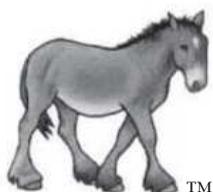
For the complete paper and further information regarding this group and a video of humane equine euthanasia versus horse slaughter by captive bolt gun, visit the web site: www.vetsforequinewelfare.org and read "**Horse Slaughter - Its Ethical Impact and Subsequent Response of the Veterinary Profession.**"

Facts about slaughter:

- Slaughtered horses are not at the end of their lives. U. S. Department of Agriculture data states 92% of horses arriving at slaughter are sound and usable.
- Slaughter does not provide a humane service for "unwanted" horses. They are "disposable" and a cash crop for an industry that exists solely because a profit stands to be made in filling the demand in foreign countries for horseflesh. The market demand will be filled by companies and individuals who stand to profit from horse slaughter.
- Transport to slaughter is inhumane and dangerous and horses suffer greatly.
- Horses are not bred or raised for slaughter and have been accustomed to close human contact, accentuating their stress and suffering as they proceed to slaughter.
- Grotesque and inhumane conditions in the U. S. slaughter plants before their closure have been documented via video and pictures.
- Horse slaughter is NOT humane euthanasia.
- According to the AVMA, of the 9.2 million horses in the United States, 10% of those die annually, approximately one million horses. Of that number, 10% die in the slaughter houses, so horse slaughter represents only 1% of the current horse population.
- Slaughter is a symptom of a problem of overpopulation and overbreeding. Breed Organizations and the racing industry have no reason to stop the production of thousands of foals each year. Those that don't "turnout" as planned are sold for a few hundred dollars to slaughter. The majority of horses sold to slaughter are Quarter horses.

In closing, Equine Voices clearly maintains the view that slaughter is **not humane** euthanasia. We will continue to be an advocate and a "Voice" for those who suffer in silence.

From the horses,
Thank you for sharing our vision.



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Sponsor A Horse

Carlie came from Amado, AZ. She arrived at the sanctuary after we received a phone call about a mare that had very long hooves and her owner wanted to get “rid” of her. Carlie was immediately picked up by Jean Welch and brought to Equine Voices on January 30th. This sweet girl is in need of extra special food and attention. Carlie is looking for that special person to sponsor her. Will you?



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