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What It's Like To Be Ignored...

By Tom O'Neil

Sadly, the fate of our equine friends is many times never certain. Horses get traded, sold, and abandoned so often, they seem like baseball trading cards. When I was a kid, my mother, while I was away at college surely not meaning any harm, gave my whole collection of valuable cards away not realizing their value. Unfortunately, this is the common fate of many of our four legged friends, sometimes for cost-of-feeding reasons, sometimes for relocation reasons, and sometimes, and all too often, as the result of uncaring jerks shirking their responsibility. The latter is how Vacquero, renamed Nicholas,"the Saint of love and compassion" thanks to the thoughtful Stella, came to us. Once again, we're able to rescue a great horse as a result of thoughtless humans. Through the tireless and selfless work of Gwen, our devoted Phoenix volunteer, he is safely with Equine Voices and is getting the care he should have had YEARS ago. Here's what happened...



Nick

Between 4 and 5 years ago, Nick was the sole survivor of a horrific fire, so horrific that he was the only horse to make it out of the barn alive, but not without severe injury. His entire back was scorched, leaving all the skin to resemble white barnacles on the underside of a boat. His back looks like what you have left the morning after you have a roaring fire in the fireplace, white ash-colored bubbles. For just one moment, imagine the PAIN!

If flames don't kill a horse in a fire, the pneumonia afterwards usually does. But, Nick was meant to survive, and he did, well, sort of...it seems that his subsequent owners, which apparently included a "rescue", did little to help him recover, and knowing his beautiful personality, this volunteer finds it hard to believe. He ultimately ended up among 11 other horses owned by a couple that soon divorced leaving the horses in a lurch. Little if anything was ever done to relieve the pain or attend to the problem. His back has been like this ever since, full of bleeding scabs, and nothing to ease the pain. Apparently many times the owner ran out of money half way through the month leaving the horses with no food!

Nick is one of the sweetest horses we have, and as most of you know, we have many great ones. Horses seem to have the unique ability to forgive and forget and hold the next owner harmless. Nick was ignored as far as the rehabilitation process, nothing was done apparently to remedy his badly scorched back, imagine the pain! For four years he has endured what most of us would rather succumb to, but he didn't, and we are now lucky to have him. This six-year old sorrel gelding has a lot of life to live, and we want to help him live it. Karen found him a new expensive, almost untried, medicine discovered by Mo, another hardy volunteer. This spray is helping Nick's hair grow back where none existed!

If you are thinking of a year-end contribution, now might be the time! This has been the year of strange rescues! Remember, if you will, some of the difficult ones we endured and the lives you, the volunteer core of the organization, and Karen have enriched.

.....First there was Solo Vino, (see my "The Day from Hell", Fall 2009 newsletter), battered by a 2 X 4, left for dead with a huge 3 1/2 inch grown-over gash in his head - he's a beautiful boy that can be seen with his running mate, the shy Miss Jenny in their own separate enclosure NE of the house. Thanks to all of you who donated the necessary funds to allow Solo to have surgery, his head is completely healed. His severe ringbone, however, is a different story.



Solo Vino & Miss Jenny

....Next there is the beautiful Kachina, (see my article from Summer 2009 newsletter), allegedly dragged behind a pick-up and disciplined with a length of PVC! We purchased her from the devil himself, her acquitted owner, to free her from his cruelty, and now she lives with Gulliver in the main pen, getting used to trusting humans again. Can you imagine the cruelty some people inflict on animals that goes unpunished???

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

~ Emerson



Smokey Joe

.....Then along came Smokey Joe...ugh...I have a hard time writing about this one... completely neglected for years, he came to us after much negotiating with feet resembling Dutch shoes and about 250 lbs. under weight. Having owned and been around many horses since 1985, Smokey's feet are, without a doubt, the worst I have ever seen, and I hope I never see this severity again. The 40% deterioration in his front coffin bones may never mend but that won't keep us from trying. He is one of the sweetest horses I have had the pleasure to be around and reminds us all of Chocolate, our lovable, curious, elderly, plodding Patron that we lost last year. The fact that Smokey Joe can move, and tries to move, is amazing. The pain associated with such neglected feet is again hard to imagine. His feet were not trimmed for over a year but Courtney, now Jean is taking up the challenge of making him feel better.



Smokey Joe's Feet

.....I will never forget the day we picked up Taylor. (See my "The day from Hell", Fall 2009 newsletter). As you might remember, she came to us with a broken leg and graciously the money flowed in allowing us to have a permanent plate put in. Now it seems there may be an infection which might require going in again and removing the plate - which will take place in February of 2010.

I don't have to explain to you why we do this, it is the "starfish theory." Saving lives, making tortured or challenged lives better, exorcizing pain from these beautiful beasts is our goal. We now have four new babies that came from an "out of business" Premarin farm in Manitoba, Canada. We lost two of our adoptees before they were lucky enough to make it here. One suffered a broken leg out on the rough range in the Canadian Rockies and had to be put down, and one may have opted for a better life by rearing in the catch-pen during inoculation - he died instantly with the blow to the poll area of the head.

Ok so where do we stand? Sadly, we can't rescue them all, some are beyond our control. Our mission hasn't changed. With your help we can make a huge difference, a difference in the lives of many animals. You help us because you feel the way we do, you work hard because you love the animals the way we do, you see the difference you make on a daily basis. We're growing but we still need your continued help!

This has been a difficult year, the economy has dealt us a deathly blow. Horses are being left in the desert, abandoned, abused, used for drug running, starved, and carelessly given away.

WANT A DIFFERENT WAY TO CONTRIBUTE? Ok, some ideas...

****If you haven't already, join our Gulliver \$10 Fan Club, you'll never miss the ten bucks!

****Put something extra in the donation box by the tack shed, we love to see it grow!

****Tell a friend who might have an interest along with a big heart and ask him or her to join us in our quest to save these magnificent animals!

****Designate a check for just hay, remember, we go through 300 bales a month, plus special supplements.

****Sponsor a horse in lieu of gifts for friends & family - You know the great feeling we all get when we see the hay barn full!

****Support the Euthanasia Fund and help us help others.

Forming A Partnership

By Bobbe Stultz

On Saturday evening, October 24th, a number of like-minded horse people came together in Bedford, New York, for a good cause...and a wonderful partnership was formed. The players were Karen's sister, Cindy Marcotte, who lives in Bedford, Felycia Sugarman the director of the Honey Hollow Pony Club (a chapter of US Pony Clubs), and Lee Manning-Vogelstein, the owner of nearby Birdstone Farm.



Lee Manning-Vogelstein & Cindy Marcotte

They came together because Cindy told them about her sister's sanctuary and horse rescue farm, Equine Voices, in Arizona, and they all fell in love with the cause and with Karen and Gulliver.

Lee runs a rescue operation herself at Birdstone Farm, where she cares for over 100 animals ranging from injured deer and ducks, to sheep, pigs, goats, cows, horses, donkeys, and chickens. Lee heard about Equine Voices and generously underwrote all the expenses of the fundraising event.

Felycia offered the help of the pony club kids and families to help with the silent auction. The moms and dads solicited over 100 items from local businesses and set up the displays, while the kids helped keep things tidy and organized the night of the event.

Cindy, of course, put it all together: the dinner, the band, the invitations, the food, and the auction, with the help of Karen, her sister Judy, and their mom, Carol Rogers. The weatherman did not cooperate, and the evening was cold, windy, and rainy-- but nevertheless, the guests came out and had a wonderful time. Every single one was moved by Karen's passion, commitment, and the love she has for horses. All agreed that it was a cause worth working for, and they decided that it should be a yearly event!

The new partners have already met to discuss plans for next year's party!

Dreams Can Come True

By Rose Mayer

Little did I realize when I first met Karen on Thanksgiving 2008, that she and Equine Voices would be so instrumental in the launching of a new business for my husband, Larry, and myself. Due to health reasons, Larry had to retire from the ceramic tile business a few months earlier. Since we were partners in laying of tile, I found myself "retired" also. We decided to follow our dream of a video/photography business.

From the moment we met Karen we decided that we wanted to donate our services to her and the horses to produce a DVD to help get the word out about Equine Voices and its mission. As we worked on each phase of Gulliver's Travels~From Slaughter to Sanctuary, we were fine-tuning our business goals in addition to acquiring new skills. With Karen's very generous gift certificate to get us started on building a website, our plans began to firm up and we were on our way! We decided on the name of Unique Views of Nature because nature is our passion. Our first products are three DVD's about hummingbirds, butterflies and birds of prey and a large assortment of note cards featuring Larry's best photographs--all with nature themes--from Arizona native butterflies to a Spiny-tailed Iguana din-

ing on Primrose blossoms. We are thrilled to have a display case with our DVD's and note cards in Gulliver's Gift Shop! Items can also be purchased from our website, www.uniqueviewsofnature.com where you can see all of the note cards we have available in addition to viewing



Rose and Larry Mayer

trailers about our DVDs. We also update our blog on the website monthly with photographs and short videos that we feel are fun and unique. Our very first blog video features the YouTube video of Karen and Wiley, an adorable but busy 2 1/2 year old gelding colt available for adoption. To see this hilarious short video scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Karen was such a good sport to allow us to have creative leeway on producing this one. I'm sure many of you have had similar experiences with trying to halter a "Wiley"-type horse. I'm proud to announce that Equine Voices is on YouTube! Go to their channel www.youtube.com/user/equinevoices to see all of the horses and foals available for adoption. It is exciting to know that EV's message is now world-wide. Larry and I are so excited about getting videos up on YouTube of all of the new babies that have arrived.

Be sure to visit EV's channel often to see the adoption videos--we are continuously adding new horses as they become available for adoption. We are extremely grateful to Mary Ann Kennedy for her gracious permission to use her beautiful music.

Her moving music matched each horse's personality and beauty. We hope that you will also enjoy visiting our site. It is because of Karen's support and the growth we experienced while working with her that our dream is coming true.

Mercedes Benz Club Visits Equine Voices



Gulliver & MB members

Thirty-two members of the Chaparral Section caravanned to Amado, Arizona, on November 14 for a very informative discussion and tour of Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary. Karen Pomroy, founder and President of Equine Voices shared the challenges of rescuing horses from the Premarin Industry, starvation and abuse cases and, most recently, abandoned horses used by drug smugglers from Mexico. Equine Voices is a non-profit organization that has rescued, rehabilitated, nursed back to health, and placed over 200 horses in its five years of existence. Still, 70 horses remain at the ranch and foster homes, awaiting loving "forever homes." The Chaparral Section was graciously hosted by Ms. Pomroy and the horses were happy to be touched, petted and admired by the Mercedes Club owners.

Upcoming Events

Clay Harper's First Annual Arizona Horse Expo

Where: University of Arizona Farm (Campbell & Roger)
When: January 16 & 17, 2010
What: To Benefit Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary, The Crow Project and Heart of Tucson-Vendor Booths, Great Horse Demonstrations, Great Food and Giveaways

For more information log on to www.equinevoices.org or contact Clay Harper at clay@clayharperhorsemanship.com or call 520-531-1162

6th Annual "Rescue-Rehabilitation-Recovery" Fundraiser

Where: Brandi Fenton Memorial Park
When: March 6, 2010, 11:30-3:30
What: Live & Silent Auctions, Raffles, Great Food by: Quesadillas & More, Zona 78, Keva Juice, Kettle Korn, Photos with "Gulliver", Mascot of Equine Voices, Shop at Gulliver's Gift Shop, HUGE Tack Sale. Special guest Martha Vasquez from KVOA News 4

For more information on the event contact Carol Grubb at headmare0@yahoo.com or call 520-405-6054

To donate tack, contact Rene Iotti at azponygirl@q.net or call 520-975-7007

To donate silent/live auction or raffle items, contact Susan Via at czechnut@comcast.net or call 520-577-4915

Reach Out To Horses-With Anna Twinney

Where: Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary, Amado, AZ
When: April 17-25, 2010
What: Holistic Horse Day-Animal Communication-Private Lessons-Ground Driving-Foal Handling-Reiki

For more information contact Carrie at evocesassistant@yahoo.com or call 520-398-9312 or contact Anna at anna@reachouttohorses.com or log on to www.equinevoices.org or www.reachouttohorses.com

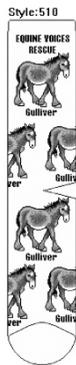
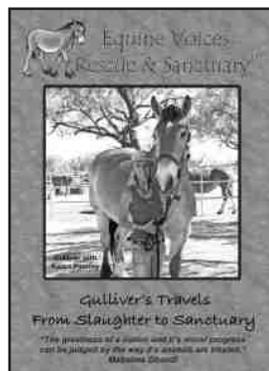
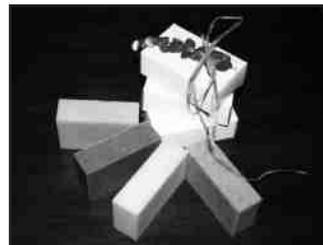
Say "I Love You" With a Gift from Gulliver

Are you looking for a unique way to make Valentine's Day extra special for your sweetie? You're in luck! Gulliver has some great ideas for you, all for under \$15.

1.) Make your honey a home cooked meal using a vegetarian or vegan recipe from Gulliver's new cookbook, "Gulliver and Friends Gourmet: Delicious Dishes for Pets and People." Only \$10.

- 2.) Warm someone's heart by warming his or her feet with a cute pair of Gulliver socks. Only \$8.99.
- 3.) Add a special twist to wining and dining your sweetheart by adding a Gulliver wine charm to your wine glasses. Only \$4 each. Available in a variety of colors.
- 4.) Surprise your love with a trip to visit the horses at Equine Voices! Give a preview of the ranch and horses with Equine Voices' new DVD, "Gulliver's Travels from Slaughter to Sanctuary." Only \$10.
- 5.) Provide a quiet evening at home with aromatherapy and a relaxing bath using Equine Voices' candles and all natural, handmade soaps. Only \$9.99 for a candle and \$5.99 the soap. Available in a variety of scents.
- 6.) Ask Gulliver to send your friend, relative or crush a lovely Valentine's Day card. Gulliver will sign the adorable cards and even include a picture! A donation of only \$10.

Visit www.equinevoices.org to place your order or call Carrie at (520)398-9312.
Happy Valentine's Day!



Commit to 10 in 2010!

By Carrie Gayne

Make joining Gulliver's Fan Club one of your resolutions for the new year! It's only \$10 a month!

Gulliver's Fan Club is an easy and inexpensive way to contribute to Equine Voices' whopping \$4,000 monthly hay bill. While \$10 may not seem like much, it really adds up! At the end of 2009, the fan club had almost 70 members, and their support fed lots of rescued horses!

Becoming a member has several advantages. Besides the rewarding feeling that comes with filling the bellies of some awesome equines, you'll get a special thank you from Gulliver and an "I'm A Member of Gulliver's Fan Club!" sticker. You'll also receive a link to the Gulliver's Fan Club blog that is exclusive only 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 website (www.equinevoices.org) and clicking on the "\$10 A Month" PayPal link, sending a monthly check (make sure you write "Gulliver's Fan Club" in the memo), or filling out a form to have an automatic deduction made each month from your bank account. Call Carrie at (520) 398-9312 for more information.



Leave a Enduring Legacy of Love with Life Insurance

Imagine the difference a lump of \$25,000 or \$50,000 could make in the lives of the horses at Equine Voices.

For as little as \$10.00 a month you could do just that. Receive a free 8x10 of one of the horses, courtesy of Cowgirl Designs, for just submitting an application today.

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When I got Cash, it was a dream come true. Before Cash came, our other horse, Wyatt, would whinny every night because he was lonely. I had an

empty place in my heart. But when my mom told my brother and I that we were going to foster a horse, I knew that I would like him! Mom said Cash was a 14 year old quarter horse gelding who had been used as a “drug horse”. Cash had been saved by the Border Patrol and when they found him he was emaciated and would not let anyone touch him. He was very very scared.



Rebecca and Cash

When I came home from school on the day that my mom brought him home, I saw him. He was a sad looking palomino horse with a big wound on his back and other odd scars on his hips and around the girth area. He also had a scar running from his ear to his jaw. It almost made me cry when I saw him. But when I walked up to him he sniffed my hand, and at that very moment we became friends. In one short month, my mom saw that we needed Cash. So we adopted him. Wyatt could never live without his new buddy and I could not live without a horse like him.

When I first rode him, it was like being a rider again. Years before Cash came, I was really into riding but when I almost fell off Jazy (a horse that I liked to ride) I stopped riding. It stopped my love of horses...but when I got on Cash, I felt like I had never stopped. And in two months, I can saddle him, put on his bridle, and I can almost pull a gallop! I really love Cash a lot and I want to thank Equine Voices and Desert Springs for adopting him to my family. Thank you so much! Rebecca



It has been two months since I first met Wisdom, a horse saved by Equine Voices. This tall, kind-eyed gelding won my heart instantly, but I could hardly hope he would ever become part of my life. Through happy coincidence, kind people, and incredible trainers, it has actually happened that I once again have a horse to call my own. Wisdom

was used by drug smugglers to pack drugs across the border. When he was rescued by Equine Voices, he was thin, had sores, and was in sad shape. He had the will to live, however, and flourished under the expert and loving care of the people at Desert Springs Equestrian Center, who have offered their help and facilities to Equine Voices horses.

Wisdom is well-named. Despite his earlier abuse, he seems to judge people by their treatment of him, instead of fearing all of us. He is an optimist, expecting kindness and rewarding us by showing abundant affection and trust. He has been with me two months, and during that short time has shown himself to be so good-natured and mannerly that he is the darling of the stable where he lives. He is doing well under saddle and is eager to please.



Karen & Wisdom

I have explained to him that we are both in early retirement, and that we want to take it easy, trail ride a bit, and just enjoy each other’s company. I believe we will have many happy years together, but right now enjoy each day as it comes. Thank you to everyone at Equine Voices and DSEC who have helped Wisdom and me become partners in this wonderful journey.

Sincerely,
Karen Matsushino and Wisdom

Fall 2009 Events Surpass Expectations

By Carrie Gayne

In Southern Arizona, the fall is always a busy time. The weather is nicer and, after a summer lull, weekends are packed with fun and exciting events. It was no different for Equine Voices, which held an open house and art fair on Sept. 26 and a wine tasting and silent auction on Nov. 1.



For the open house, Jumpin’ Jack Ranch (Equine Voices headquarters) opened its doors to welcome families, friends and interested members of the public. Despite the unseasonably warm temperatures, over three hundred people came to visit our wonderful horses and facility. Horses Smokey Joe, Taylor,

Solo Vino and Kachina were the main focus of the event. Visitors heard about their stories of abuse and got to see how much they have improved since being rescued. Gulliver strutted his stuff in the round pen with trainer Carol Grubb, Becky Reyes and Scott Muhleman played wonderful music in Freedom Park, Quesadillas & More served their delicious Mexican fare and several artists and vendors shared their fabulous art, jewelry and goodies. Thank you to the dozens of dedicated volunteers who helped the event runs smoothly and safely. It went so well we plan to have an open house this fall, too!

The wine tasting and silent auction was also a resounding success. For the third year, Equine Voices supporters turned out to sample delicious wines and beverages, bid on all sorts of great items, and mingle with fellow Equine Voices supporters. The featured wine for this event was a 2006 Syrah by Colibri Vineyards and Winery in Portal,



Guests at the event

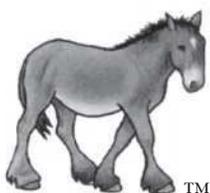
AZ. Colibri was on hand to give guests a sample of the Syrah, and Lightning Ridge Cellars, Nimbus Brewing Company and Republic National Distributing Company also served up their tasty beverages. “Cowboy Bob” Vaughn added a delightful element to the evening as auctioneer for the live auction and helped Equine Voices surpass its financial goal for the event. A big “thank you” to all who attended a special thank you to Alice Turnipseed and all those who volunteered and donated for the wine tasting!

Horse of the Quarter



Denali

Denali is a gorgeous black and white yearling paint who arrived at Equine Voices in November 2009. Denali was rescued from a former PMU ranch in Manitoba Canada and is now looking for that perfect, forever home. For more information about Denali, please contact Karen at 520-398-2814 or email Karen@equinevoices.org.



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This completes my fifth year with Equine Voices and in addition to cementing my love for animals, it also marks my 31st year in real estate. I have been blessed over the years to help 100s of clients, many of whom became friends, successfully buy and sell every form of residential real estate. While my love is finding great horse property both large and small, I revel in guiding first-time buyers through the maze of their first RE purchase. Part of any commission received is donated to Equine Voices in an effort to aid in the preservation of our American Heritage, the Horse!

Scents for Cents

January will kick off our "Scents Of The Month Club" with Gulliver himself gracing the top of a 30-hour burn, hand-poured natural Creme Brulee candle! Join the "Scents Of The Month Club" and help Gulliver and his equine friends.

In partnership with Dockside Spa, by signing up for this exclusive club, you will receive a hand-poured candle with a different scent and image of Equine Voices' rescued horses each month. For only \$9.99 a month and with two hundred and twenty five members, this program will allow Equine Voices to raise the necessary funds to feed twenty extra horses per month, per year. Valentines Day is around the corner and these scents make wonderful gifts for family and friends! In addition to candles, Equine Voices and Dockside Spa will be introducing other wonderful "Scents" and items for you to choose from!

Candles can be picked up at Jumpin' Jack Ranch (home of Equine Voices, Amado AZ) or shipped directly to your home for an additional cost. Join us and become a member of "Scents for Cents" and help us help those horses in need. To join this exclusive club, contact Carrie at 520-398-9312 or email Carrie at voicesassistant@yahoo.com.



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