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ANOTHER YEAR GONE BY

As I sit here and write our final newsletter for 2008, I look back at all that has happened this year. As usual, I struggle with finding the right words to express the heartfelt gratitude I feel for those of you who continue to support us. The financial support, as well as the hours all of you spend helping us with caring for the horses, volunteering at the sanctuary and at our events, and helping us further our mission goes far beyond what I had dreamt of when I started Equine Voices in 2004. We are approaching our fifth year, and all of us have so much to be proud of and grateful for!!! We are blessed in so many ways, and we thank you! This year we launched our Euthanasia Fund. This fund helps subsidize those who cannot afford to humanely euthanize their beloved equines. So far we've helped ten horses pass over in a dignified and humane way. This past spring, we welcomed four newborn PMU foals into our lives and had the honor of actually witnessing one of the births, that of Jamie, Gracie's gorgeous filly. We continue to expand our programs and have partnered with the Youth Volunteer Corps of Tucson where several groups of young people volunteered and learned a bit about horse care.

In July we started our Veterans Therapy Pilot Program, and with the help of the horses, the humans transformed. On a darker side, Jerry, my step-dad, passed on, after suffering a deadly bout of pancreatic cancer. I think of him every day, he will always be in my heart! Buddy, my beloved canine soul mate and Aja one of our feline companions, passed on to the brighter side. These two incredible souls have left paw-prints on our hearts! In addition, horse slaughter is still alive and booming. The number of horses being transported across the borders for slaughter, and the number of Europeans and Asians eating horse meat, has not dwindled. Horse abuse, neglect and starvation cases are on the rise. Every day, we receive calls from horse owners looking for homes for their older, un-rideable horses, and every day we look for alternatives to help these horses who have served "their" humans for years. This is why we've decided to secure Foster Homes to help these horses in need and to cooperate with Arizona Livestock to help those who otherwise would end up at the auctions and across the borders for slaughter. Unfortunately this year we will not be bringing any PMU mares home, but we have committed to saving five pregnant mares from slaughter and we will sponsor them in Canada until they come home. In 2002 there were over 40,000 mares working for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, today approximately 5,600 mares are standing in "Pee-Lines" producing pee, which many of you know is the main ingredient in Premarin, PremPro and PremPhase. Wyeth Pharmaceuticals has decided to Hormone Replacement Therapy arena, new drug, called Aprela, has been tested on prescription pads by the middle of marin and Aprela is CEE (Conjugated be advertised to the mainstream pub-mares will be bred, more mares will will be going to slaughter!!



Youth Volunteer Corp.



"Pee-Line"

Due to the decrease in demand for these drugs, once again gain market share not only in the but market a drug targeting osteoporosis. This for only two years and is scheduled to appear 2009. The common ingredient between Pre-Equine Estrogen), an ingredient that will not lic. What does this mean for the horses? More stand in "Pee-Lines", more mares and foals

Most of us are feeling the instability of our economy, and many of you still continue to give to those who cannot help themselves. Our organization and the horses we've rescued would not be here without you!! There are many ways you can continue to help us help them. Join our \$10 month club, a simple way to make a huge difference, give a gift of love; sponsor a horse, or a mare and foal, buy a Gulliver's Gift Certificate as a holiday gift, purchase an item in Gulliver's Gift Shop, volunteer, adopt a PMU mare and/or foal, foster an abandoned equine companion, spread the word about the new drug "Aprela", write to Wyeth Pharmaceuticals and think about the horses when you choose to purchase Wyeth's products, and help us change consciousness, let's be the "voice for the voiceless"! This dream started with saving the lives of four PMU foals, I hope you will continue to be part of this incredible work, let's work together to end the manufacturing of HRT drugs that use CEE, together let's end horse slaughter forever!

I wish all of you a Very Happy Holiday Season and may 2009 be the best it can be for you and with all of your help, for the horses!!

With deepest appreciation,
Karen

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

~ Emerson

**Thank you to all who have joined our
\$ 10 month club!!
Won't you join the club?**

Lena Benthin,
Pamela Brown,
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Kate Drown,
James Dunst,
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Brian & Lauren Welch,
Ruth Zebb

Successful Adoption

PIPER & BRIDGET

I wasn't even looking for another horse the first time I visited Equine Voices. I was there for a completely different reason, or at least I thought! I first saw Piper in the middle of all the other yearlings. She was just turning one year old, this little bay filly, the smallest of all the other horses with the sweetest face! (I learned she got her name because of the little white blaze on her forehead that resembles a pipe wrench.) She came up to us like a little puppy dog, just wanting attention...and I was hooked. I left that day making plans to bring her home with me. And a week later I did!



That was almost 6 months ago. Time has really flown by since then and it seems like Piper has always been with us. She is a joy, pure and simple. She is extremely smart and willing to learn. She has mastered many skills already (getting in and out of the trailer, backing up, leading, working in the round pen) that most horses her age have not even been exposed to. I can only imagine what a wonderful companion she will be out on the trails in a few short years. Piper has found her forever home with us. I am so thankful every day that she found me!

Regards,
Bridget

Horse of the Quarter



STRIDER

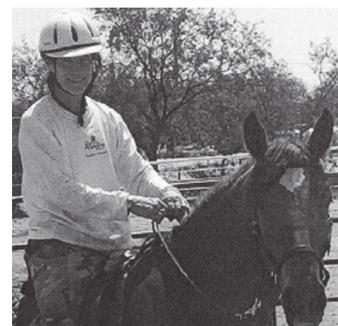
This gorgeous young draft cross colt needs a good home!

Strider is 1 1/2 years old and is stunning! He has had some handling, is good with people and loves to be groomed!

Would you consider giving Strider a forever home? For more information about adoption please contact us at 520-398-2814.

**A Note from the
New Ranch Manager**

It's not often one has the opportunity to do what one loves for a living. I have been blessed that my life's journey has led me to Equine Voices, whose mission and philosophies I truly believe in, and where, under the leadership and guidance of Karen, I have embarked on a new and wonderful career as Ranch Manager.



Jean & Scout

Here is a little of my background history: As some of you probably know, I was first introduced to this organization at the fund raiser in February of 2005. Soon afterward I adopted Scout, a yearling Draft cross. He is an amazing horse, and I now realize even as I write this that if it wasn't for him, I would not have this fabulous job. Prior to moving to Arizona from Connecticut in 1999, I managed a small Morgan barn called Hunter's Glen Morgans in Cheshire, CT, where my duties were similar to those here at Equine Voices, including following the New England Morgan Show circuit. Prior to that I worked at various stables and trail riding facilities where my duties included everything from mucking and feeding to leading people on trail rides. I grew up with the traditional training methods we all know, but since my introduction to the world of natural horsemanship, I have all but abandoned them for the latter. I am constantly amazed at the enthusiasm and dedication of all the Volunteers here at the Ranch. They are a great asset to this organization, and are clearly a vital key to the assurance of a smooth running operation. I am honored to be working along side them and value their knowledge, experience and help. They have all welcomed me warmly and have made me feel like part of the family.

I assure you it is with sincere gratitude and determination that I fulfill the duties of this position to the best of my abilities, and will always see to it that whatever task is at hand, it will be done first for the good of the horses. I am proud and thrilled to be part of the Equine Voices' team!

Thanks to all
Jean H. Welch

Thank You



A HUGE Thank You to Beadry RV for their generous donation of a golf cart. Thank you Beadry RV!!!!

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Appreciation Party

When: January 10th, 2008 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Where: Kristophers Cafe, Amado, AZ

Come to our volunteer orientation and safety classes!!

When: The first Saturday of each month
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Jumpin' Jack Ranch - Home to Equine
Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

For more information, directions and to reserve a spot, email at: jackiecuylar@comcast.net or log on to our website and complete our simple volunteer form.



Explore the World of Horses with Carol Grubb

When: December 13th, 2009 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
(Monthly schedule to be determined.)
What: Learn the language of horses and basic horsemanship skills. Equine Voices will be offering classes with lead instructor Carol Grubb. Pre-registration is mandatory and appreciated. Class fees \$25 per person

For more information or to sign up for these classes please contact Carol at buffy1103@aol.com

Join us for our 5th annual "Rescue-Rehabilitation-Recovery" Fundraiser

When: March 14, 2009 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Where: Brandi Fenton Memorial
3482 East River Rd.
Park, Tucson, AZ 85718
What: Live auction, silent auction, tack sale, raffle, food by Quesadillas & More, carriage rides by Armour Carriage Co. Meet Gulliver and see how he's grown up!!

To donate an item or for more information, contact us at 520-398-2814

Anna Twinney is coming back in 2009!!!

Experience her energy and wisdom with horses for a week with Anna Twinney!

April 16th & 17th - Private consultations
April 18th - Holistic Horse Day
April 19th - Simple Solutions
April 20th - Foal Handling

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

WISH LIST

- LAND!!
- Wheelbarrow
- Mocking forks
- Gift cards
- Horse Equipment such as halters, fly masks, lead ropes.
- Supplements, fly sprays, ointments, general health care products.
- Avon skin so soft.
- Diesel for the tractor.



Gift Shop

Come join us on December 13th from 10am - 2pm for a shopping extravaganza at Gulliver's Gift Shop.

All items will be 10% off that day only!!

Do your Holiday Shopping at the Sanctuary and help the horses at the same time. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served! See you then!



Second Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Benefit

One of the most satisfying experiences I've had in helping out at an Equine Voices Fund-raiser is realizing that an epiphany has occurred for guests who discover Equine Voices for the first time. Let me explain:

Nonie and I asked our friends Phil and Nina, both wine lovers, to come to the October 10th Wine-Tasting Fund-raiser in Amado. They accepted the invitation and opportunity for a pleasant night out. When they learned about the program, they became more excited about helping the horses. When Nina saw Gulliver, her eyes grew stems! They participated in the live auction and won a bid in the silent auction.

Phil and Nina are not the only ones who profited by their participation in the Fund-raiser. A couple from Sierra Vista was very active in their financial support of Equine Voices and asked for directions to Jumpin' Jack Ranch so they could see the horses and the environment. They were moved by the stories about the founding of Equine Voices and dedication of Karen Pomroy.

I was amused by a conversation between another couple. The wife was reading a brochure about Equine Voices and asked, "What is PMU?" Before I could answer, her husband said, "Pregnant Mare Urine." The wife replied, "You always have a silly answer for everything!" and asked me what PMU meant. She believed me when I told her, while her husband laughed.

Looking forward to the next Fund-raiser.

Tom Collins

Volunteer.

Thank you

*Thank you to all who donated to our
second annual wine tasting and silent auction!*

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- ★ All our hard working volunteers!

*Thank you to all our 2008 sponsors.
Because of you, our hay barn remains full!*

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The Eyes Have It

By J.H. Welch

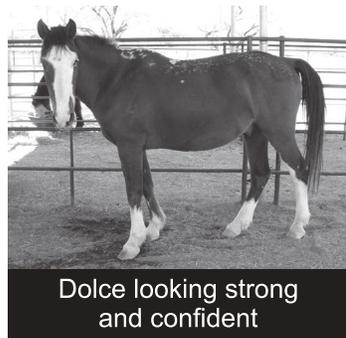


I had no idea what I would find as I made my way to Pedro's house. I'd only heard that the horse was way too thin and needed to be either euthanized or possibly moved, if he was strong enough, to a different location.

In my imagination I expected to find a dilapidated shack of a home with barbed wire and junk everywhere, with the horse tied to an old car motor, swing set or some such object. As I pulled my truck and trailer into the driveway, I was surprised to find a very neat and tidy home on a good acre of well-fenced land. "This can't

be it" I thought as I hopped out and began to look around. As I made my way to the back yard, I stopped short. There was no mistake. I had come to the right place. There he stood, alone, head low and dozing in the hot August sun without a stick of shade and very little water. To say he was thin was a gross understatement. He was literally skin and bones. His bare hooves were too long and cracked, with jagged edges and chunks of hoof wall protruding or broken off completely. I felt my eyes get hot with tears as I stroked his face. He was sweet, almost cartoonish looking because his head seemed far too big for his frail, malnourished body. As he rested that big head in my hands I looked deep into his tired eyes and saw a spark of something that I can only describe as a pleading will to live. He knew he had a chance, if only he could muster up the strength to show it. Hearing a car pull up I turned toward the house, where I was greeted by a pretty, well-dressed woman who introduced herself as the owner. "This can't be the real owner" I thought as I tried desperately to smile while I shook her hand. The preconceived notion that the real owner would be a dirty, nasty slob reeking of booze and B.O. was all wrong. Just goes to show you, ignorance and neglect have many faces. Soon the Vet arrived to evaluate Pedro and determine if he was fit for the journey to the retirement pastures of Oklahoma, or if he was too weak and should be put down.

The Vet did a thorough examination and felt that, given a couple of months of recuperation time, the horse could make the journey. I called Karen on my cell phone and told her the great news. We decided to bring him back to the ranch that day, where we could get some "groceries into his belly" as the Vet put it. I then loaded Pedro into my horse trailer and headed for the Sanctuary.



By the time we arrived the monsoons had begun to pound down upon us, and both Pedro and I got soaked as I lead him into a dry, comfortable stall. As Pedro settled into his new temporary refuge I watched him dig in to his fresh hay and thought about the events leading up to his rescue. As I stroked his neck I told him how thankful we were for the observant, compassionate neighbor who recognized his silent suffering and reported it to the authorities. How thankful we were that the news of his plight somehow reached Karen, even when she was out of town, and how thankful I was for actually having the time (as I was between jobs) to come out and investigate the situation in her absence. Isn't it funny how seemingly random situations can be connected by the common thread of compassion, and in the end, lead to something wonderful happening. As for Pedro, (now known as Dolce meaning "Sweet" in Italian) He is quite the character, enjoying life on the Ranch. His feet are trimmed regularly, he's put on weight, and acts like a young stud. So much so in fact, that he is now allowed out of his stall at certain times of the day to have the run of the place. Then, like clockwork, he heads back to his stall to await his dinner.

Come spring, if all goes well, he'll make that journey to Oklahoma and get to experience life as it was meant to be.

Did someone say Party?

By J.H. Welch



People are amazing. Just when you think you've lost your faith in mankind, say, after watching the 6:00 news, something wonderful happens that, even if it's just for a little while, restores your trust in the human race. I recently had the privilege of attending a party or as the

hosts called it an "Oktoberfest" thrown specifically to honor and to help raise money for Equine Voices. Tucked away near the fringes of the U of A campus lays the beautiful home of Allison and Keys. "Entertainers Extraordinaire" These two people generously open their hearts and their home every year to benefit a local animal shelter or rescue organization, and this year Equine Voices was selected as their honorary charity of choice.

The grounds were all aglow with twinkling lights and festive decorations. There was a band playing, and there were tables spread with delicious food everywhere. They obviously spared no expense to make this a fun-filled event for everyone.

As the host introduced me around to the 50 or so guests in attendance (some of whom were dressed in authentic Swiss costumes), my heart swelled with pride. I felt so fortunate to be there representing Equine Voices, as well as grateful to have the opportunity to educate more people about the plight of the PMU horse. Soon it was time for the real fun to begin. The main event of the evening was the live auction, which included items brought to the "Fest" by the guests themselves. These included everything from vases to paintings, to clothing, to jewelry, to furniture, to toys, and well, you name it. The bidding was a lively animated affair, with bidders becoming quite boisterous and frantic at times. The auctioneer kept things rolling with his crazy antics and rollicking humor. All told, the event netted around \$1,000.00 for Equine Voices.



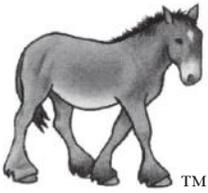
It was a wonderful evening, and it was so great to see so much enthusiasm and generosity from such a wonderful group of people sharing one common goal; to help animals in need.

KEEPING HORSES FROM THE KILLERS

We are all aware that the economy is playing a role in our everyday lives. Animals are being abandoned, left in the desert to die and being advertised "Free" to a good home. Horses especially are at a high risk of going to slaughter when a "Free" ad is placed in the local paper or on craigslist. Smooth talking "Killer Buyers" are scouring the papers and the internet looking for a good deal. Please be aware of those who pretend they will give your horse a good home, when their intention is actually to sell your horse to the slaughterhouse for a HUGE profit. The Mexican border is not far from home, please be aware. It is our responsibility as horse owners to protect our equine companions.

What you can do:

1. Put a price on your horse of more than what the slaughterhouse would pay. A minimum of \$500 asking price will deter the "Killers" from contacting you.
2. Ask questions about the caller, ask for references, don't be fooled.
3. Do a home visit before you let your horse go to that home, and document as much information as you can, including taking photos.
4. Write up a Title of Transfer. Include a clause that states you have first right of refusal should the home not be the right fit.
5. Follow your gut, if the person seems shady, he/she probably is. Do your research.
6. Make a difference for your equine friend.



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If you observe an event while it is happening and you perceive it to be an emergency: call 911

It is helpful if the call is made from a location close to where the event is actually taking place. If the event needs to be investigated and is currently ongoing, local law enforcement needs to come.

If the event is “over with” and a report needs to be made; For horses, cows, sheep, goats, pigs, call:

Arizona Department of Agriculture
 Animal Service Division - DISPATCH 1-800-294-0305

For domestic animals, call:
 Pima County Sheriff 741-4900
 Tucson Police 791-4444

Pima County Animal Care & control 743-7550
 To make an anonymous call: 88CRIME
 Pima County Attorney 882-7463 - Tip Line
 Humane Society of Southern Arizona 547-0260 - Tip Line

For additional information, visit:
 The Animal Cruelty Task Force
 of Southern Arizona website: www.act-az.org/

In Memory



Whoosh! Did anyone see a gray fuzz ball streak through the house? It was Aja, Karen’s lovable long hair kitty that she rescued years ago, playing with an imaginary bug, skittering throughout chasing whatever like an air hockey participant! We lost her to kidney failure two months ago, but, like our other animals,

she will never be forgotten and always remain the “favorite cat” – (don’t tell Poncho!) She spent her last moments rummaging through the vet’s desk drawers, hoses and clamps attached, defying our attempts to catch her, playing like she would go on forever, but alas, it was not meant to be. She was peacefully laid to rest in our arms, drifting off over the Rainbow Bridge to join Little Bud in that comfortable place we call animal heaven. We will have fond memories of her jousting with Poncho, swatting innocently at the dogs as they went by, and resisting Karen’s attempts to trim her claws, creating the idea that she was being killed, not cared for, but how do you explain your love for a cat – you can’t – you just know how much you love them and how they continually enrich you daily. We love her and we will miss her greatly.

Tom O’Neil

Use these numbers to report incidents. If a CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION is warranted, LAW ENFORCEMENT needs to be involved.

Shop at: www.CountrySupply.com - Code: evamado 5% of the proceeds will go to supporting Equine Voices.
www.1800petmeds.com/mypartner/EVAMADO - 10% of the proceeds will go to supporting Equine Voices

Write to Congressman and Senators Opposing Horse Slaughter - Write to Wyeth Opposing Premarin Urge Delta and American Airlines to stop shipping horse meat to Europe and Asia