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Every Horse Deserves Humane Care

THE NEED IS URGENT!

At Redwings, our mission is to rescue abused and neglected equines and provide the care, comfort and sanctuary they so deserve— from the day they arrive until the day they die. And, for those equines that are successfully rehabilitated, Redwings has developed a foster program as a pathway to adoption.

The Unwanted Horse Coalition estimates the number of unwanted horses at 170,000 per year! As that number continues to rise, Redwings' on-going goal of providing education about horse ownership becomes more critical than ever before!

So many horses suffer from abuse, neglect, or total abandonment – and, who really knows why? So often it's economic hardship, life changes, or ignorance of the often decades-long lifespan of a horse that causes some owners to reach a tipping point and resort to unspeakable measures to rid themselves of responsibility.

That's where we come in! Redwings is committed to saving these "throwaway" horses. But, we can't do it without you! . . .

We need your help to continue our work! We thank you for your continued support and generosity and **ask you to PLEASE help in any way you can!**

*Support Redwings by sending
your donation today!*



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A Peek Back, As We Gallop Into 2014...

As Redwings ushers in the New Year and the month of February, we wonder where last year got off to! With limited space, it's always hard to adequately summarize all the stories and events that happened at Redwings over the course of the year, so we'll just jump in and highlight a few we'd like to tell you about.

For those of you who check out our website and follow us on Facebook some of this may be familiar to you. Our goal in 2014, which is already in the works, is to update the website and provide more frequent postings to Facebook, so you can stay up with all the current events here at Redwings' Lockwood Ranch.

Last year, we welcomed three new rescues to our herd. The first to arrive was Pippen, a beautiful Shetland pony with failing eyesight who was featured in our fall newsletter; then Jazmine, who was rescued last summer; and in December we rescued Mack, or "Big" Mack as he's affectionately come to be known. Mack is a 22-year old Percheron gelding, who was in urgent need of medical attention from extreme malnutrition and neglect. Be sure to watch for Mack's story on Facebook in the coming months, and follow his progress to the proud and powerful horse he once was.

Redwings continued its foster program and found wonderful foster homes for four of our favorite equine friends—Trigger, Elvis, and burros Olive and Hope. By all accounts, they've all settled into their new homes now, and they're in the care of doting foster families. The herd fared well throughout the year, but for the loss of Ridazza, who was the longest resident at Redwings, Buster, Latte, Lacey and Indy. As a final farewell, staff and volunteers

gathered at the ranch in Lockwood last August to commemorate these longtime friends.

As we ended the year, we began working hard to develop new ideas for increasing Redwings' media exposure to broaden our outreach and fundraising efforts. Look for the startup of a quarterly e-newsletter, for those who prefer to read about the goings-on at Redwings in the digital version.

Going into 2014, the Redwings herd now numbers 80 beautiful animals at the Lockwood Sanctuary whose lives are totally dependent on the kind and generous donations of people like you. Redwings still needs your help to meet the financial and operational overhead required to continue our rescue efforts, and provide much needed care for abused and needy equines. If you can help with a much-needed donation, call or go on our secure website and click on the donate button (powered by Network for Good). If you are interested in providing a foster home or if you can help by sponsoring one of our horses please contact Redwings to get started.

Lastly, and most importantly, we want to say THANK YOU! to our donors, sponsors, foster families and volunteers, for your generous and unwavering support of Redwings as we gallop into 2014!



Photo courtesy of Forest Tanaka



A Tribute to Ed and Jan Mitchell of Ranch Forgotten

Redwings pays a special tribute to long time patrons, Ed and Jan Mitchell, owners of Ranch Forgotten in Prunedale, California for their generosity and on-going support of Redwings' rescue and sanctuary endeavors. In January of this year, after considering the financial impact of maintaining two facilities, the Redwings' Board of Directors faced the difficult decision of having to consolidate operations and close Ranch Forgotten.

In 2000, Ed Mitchell and his late wife Jan, granted Redwings the free use of their 13-acre ranch. Redwings' plan was to have Ranch Forgotten, with its location close to the Monterey Peninsula, Salinas and the Bay Area, as a satellite location to promote community outreach and expand our equine education program. Throughout the years, Ranch Forgotten was staffed entirely by a group of dedicated volunteers whose personal contributions created a safe and secure place for the small herd who made their home there. Our thanks go out to each and every one of volunteers and we applaud their dedication to carrying out the Redwings mission.

On January 31, 2014 six horses were moved from Ranch Forgotten to the Lockwood facility to rejoin their herd. Redwings will be eternally grateful to Ed Mitchell and his wife Jan for their kindness and steadfast support of Redwings Horse Sanctuary.

Ed Mitchell will remain a member of the Advisory Board to Redwings' Board of Directors.

Redwings Hosts Military Medical Training Exercises



Photo (left to right): Jose Luis DeSantos, Chief Ranch Hand, Sgt. 1st Class David Delos Santos, Maj. Erin Poe, RED (Ret. Border Patrol Equine), Sara Ruggerone, Equine Care Supervisor, Brig. Gen. Jon D. Lee, MAX (Ret. Border Patrol Equine), Pam Shreeves, Equine Care Assistant, Lt. Col. Meghan Gildea, Linda Plumb, Exec. Director

SPRING 2013 – Redwings Horse Sanctuary welcomed the 7302nd and 7305th Medical Training Support Battalions of the 91st Training Division of the U.S. Army Reserves at Fort Hunter Liggett to the Lockwood Ranch to conduct a training exercise. The training was complemented by the presence of two veterinarians, who work with

Redwings on a regular basis, Dr. Steve McClenney and Dr. Colter Negranti. They oversaw the administration of medication and provided the soldiers a refresher on handling techniques. We are very grateful to both men for their participation and for adding their professional expertise to this training exercise. On October 25, 2013 Redwings was



honored to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Brig. Gen. Jon D. Lee that read: *"For Exceptional support of the Warrior and Combat Support Training Exercises held at Fort Hunter Liggett from 9 March-26 April 2013. Your organization provided live training opportunities for Army Reserve Preventative Medicine and Veterinary Medicine Soldiers, allowing them to employ the skills needed to ensure future successful missions throughout the world. The invaluable equine experiences the Soldiers gained at the Redwings Horse Sanctuary greatly enhanced their readiness. The overall support throughout the planning of and actual conduct of the exercises provided an unforgettable experience and reflects great credit upon Redwings Horse Sanctuary."*

All of us at Redwings, both human and herd, hope to participate in this training exercise 2014, and we're always honored to offer support to our military neighbors at Fort Hunter Liggett.



Redwings Receives Support from American Association of Equine Practitioners

Knowing the challenge of the unwanted horse is one that cannot be solved by one organization alone, we are grateful to AAEP for their recognition of Redwings and our efforts to rescue horses. Last August, Redwings applied for and received funding from AAEP's Unwanted Horse Veterinary Relief Campaign. By providing much needed vaccines for our herd of 87 animals, all of whom require regular vaccinations, this grant from AAEP had a profound impact on Redwings' medication budget. We support and salute AAEP and Merck Animal Health for their tremendous generosity. A special thanks to Dr. Colter Negranti who submitted the application to AAEP and validated Redwings' eligibility for the grant.

Trigger, Olive, Elvis, and Hope – The Latest of Our Foster Friends!

REDWINGS mission of finding good foster homes for select members of our herd was met with success last year after finding loving homes for three of our special equine friends. Most recently our beautiful Palomino pony, Trigger found his special home and is now living in the hills near Carmel enjoying the company of his newfound family. We hear that he "rules the roost" and is a source of enjoyment, not only for the family, but their neighbors too!

Olive, our loving burro and her buddy, pony Elvis both left Redwings together to live with a wonderful foster family just a week after Trigger. For the first time in their lives Olive and Elvis have their own stalls and love their new home and surroundings; and, as a bonus the neighboring alpaca family has become their new best friends!

In December, Hope, who's another of our sweet burros, went to live in a beautiful home in Carmel Valley as a companion to the family burro Aesop. Hope and Aesop are quite the pair, happily keeping one another company. It's pretty wonderful, and it makes us all smile knowing that all four have settled into their new homes with loving foster families!

If you have interest in fostering a horse, pony or burro, please contact Redwings Horse Sanctuary, (831) 386-0135 for more information.



Volunteer Spotlight!

My first introduction to Redwings Horse Sanctuary was in April of 2013, and in late May, I began volunteering as a groomer. Being a part of Redwings has rewarded me beyond my wildest expectations!

The relationships I've formed with the Redwing's staff and the resident herd has been the most personally satisfying and fulfilling that I've ever known.

There is a sense of mutual appreciation among those of us who care for the herd, and work the ranch. For me personally, when I hug a horse (or burro) and they hug back, it's hard to explain, but it's an expression of tenderness and affection like none other I've ever experienced. Volunteering at Redwings has been a fantastic opportunity for me, and one that keeps on giving. I encourage anyone who loves horses and has a little free time to consider signing up



Doug Jungquist with Jenny (left) and Sage (right)

as a volunteer. – **Doug Jungquist**



A Fond Farewell

Sadly, in 2013 Redwings bid farewell to five of our prized equine friends. Thanks to your kind and generous donations these beautiful animals lived out their lives with dignity in the safety and comfort of Redwings Horse Sanctuary.