

# Roundup!

Spring 2015



## Redwings' Rescues Three Mares—Katrina, Circe and Her Filly, Atté

An unscrupulous horse trader in Morgan Hill, California was recently convicted on felony animal abuse charges. His crime: the neglect and abuse of 38 horses. The entire herd was in various stages of physical deterioration; and all were near starvation and in need of farrier and veterinary care.

Last November Redwings received a call from Santa Clara County Animal Control. They had just seized 38 horses from a terrible neglect case in Morgan Hill, CA, and were contacting rescue organizations in an effort to place the horses.

Outraged neighbors stepped up calls to local authorities and Animal Control on seeing the condition of the horses worsening as they passed by the pasture where they were kept. Something had to be done—and quickly! At last, the Santa Clara County D.A.s office and animal control officers conducted an investigation that resulted in the trader's conviction on felony animal abuse charges.

When the call from Animal Control came, Redwings agreed to take two, and possibly three of the horses. The day before Thanksgiving, we hooked up two trailers and made the 2 ½ hour drive north. When we arrived in Morgan Hill, we selected three horses. But then we spotted a mare and her young foal that were in such a sad state we simply couldn't leave them there. So, instead of the three we originally committed to, we loaded five scared, hungry horses into our



*Katrina*

trailers for the long drive back to Lockwood. In spite of their poor condition, they all appeared eager to jump in the trailers. It was as if they knew they were going to a far better place. ...and, indeed they were!

After the long ride back, we unloaded the horses. The mare, who we named Circe, and her filly Atté, were both skittish and clearly frightened finding themselves in totally new surroundings. Atté, the filly, seemed petrified of people which we concluded was because she'd probably

been abused. So, for many weeks we worked to build Atté's trust and socialize her. Today when we approach Atté's paddock she runs to the gate and does a little filly-dance, waiting to have her chest and withers scratched! Circe, the mother, in otherwise good health, has a permanent limp from an old injury to her right front leg. Even though she won't be able to be ridden, she'll make a fine pasture horse or companion horse for some lucky foster family.

We named the third mare Katrina, a chestnut breeding stock paint, Katrina was pregnant when we rescued her and in two short months after her arrival she was ready to deliver. Sadly she gave birth to twin foals that were premature and still-born, if only she'd been in our care early in her pregnancy, we could have helped her, and the twinning could have been avoided to save one of the foals. All three mares are in good health now, just waiting to find their forever homes with loving foster families to call their own. If you're interested in fostering or adopting a horse, please contact Redwings to find out more about our foster-to-adopt program.



*Circe*



*Atté*

## Sara's Journal

I'm happy to report that 2015 is off to a running start at Redwings! In the first two months of the New Year, we found loving foster homes for three of the herd. With so many wonderful equines ready to be fostered, it's our goal to double that number in the coming months. We rescued two Thoroughbred race horses last fall, Hank and Angel, both of which were hours away from being euthanized. Both horses suffered leg injuries on the race track and their owners had no interest in rehabilitating them. Fortunately, we were there just in time to save these beautiful Thoroughbreds. Hank and Angel were both recently given a clean bill of health by our vet and they're ready to get turned out in larger pastures in the next few weeks. In the spring we'll start both Hank and Angel under saddle again, and then they'll soon be ready to go on to wonderful foster homes.

The fall months also brought Redwings a wonderful surprise. Monique Craig, of The Epona Institute in Paso Robles, generously stepped up and donated 13 warm, waterproof blankets. Because winter in Lockwood can be extremely cold, particularly at night when temperatures drop, we're always in need of blankets to keep the herd warm. We're so grateful to Monique for her kindness and generosity to the Redwings herd!

A highlight going into the New Year was being chosen as the featured charity by Santa Anita Park who donated a portion of as the proceeds from the always popular and well attended California Wine Event held



Redwings' Board of Directors at Santa Anita Park (L to R): Mark Sindel, President; Paula Germain, Secretary; Eileen Beattie, Board Member; Janet Burton, Treasurer; Linda Amato, Vice President; Host, Erik Intermill, Beverage Director Santa Anita Park Hospitality; Chris Mole, Board Member

at the track on January 24th, during Sunshine Millions Day. Redwings' board of directors were invited to attend the event and it was hosted by Santa Anita Park management, which was an unexpected pleasure.

We're honored to have been part of such a prestigious event and we're grateful to Santa Anita Park for their support of Redwings!

It's been a great start to 2015 for Redwings. My time is now largely spent caring for our ever increasing herd, and nothing could make me happier. Being with the horses every day, caring for our new arrivals, overseeing their rehabilitation, and then seeing them go off to loving foster homes is the most fulfilling and gratifying part of my job at Redwings. All of us look forward to a great year ahead where we can continue our work helping horses in need!

Sara

## HORSE POWER CORNER

### Redwings Awarded CARMA Grant and Named Aftercare Partner!

As the saying goes "Timing is everything" and for a Thoroughbred it can often be the difference between a racing career and death. Two of our recent rescues, Handsome Hank, who raced under the name Mountain Yodeler, and Alamo's Angel were just hours away from being euthanized. Both horses suffered leg injuries on the track and their owner had no interest in rehabilitation, considering they'd most likely never race again. Luckily, Redwings was there to rescue these two beauties and offer them a second chance.

Recognizing the fate that so many Thoroughbreds face when they're injured on the track, Redwings set about contacting CARMA (California Retirement Management Account) a non-profit charitable organization created to raise money for rehabilitation, retraining and retirement of Thoroughbred race horses. CARMA manages a grant process that disburses funds to qualified organizations that meet strict criteria in being able to rescue and rehabilitate Thoroughbred athletes. Once the horses are rehabilitated they can either be adopted out, or be provided with permanent retirement.

After months of compiling information for CARMA's Request for Proposal, Redwings' grant application came together. With fingers crossed and high hopes, we dropped the application in the mail. And, we waited... Next, we received a letter from CARMA notifying us that we'd moved

to phase two of the qualification process; a site inspection visit of our ranch facilities. The site inspection was scheduled, the inspector visited the ranch and appeared to approve.

A few days later we got the call! Redwings was selected to participate in CARMA's Aftercare Partner Program, and we were awarded a \$10,000 grant! The ceremony to present the grants was held at Santa Anita Park on December 26, 2014. Bo Derek who is on the advisory board of CARMA was present to accept the CARMA fundraising check that was dispersed among the Aftercare Partners. Paula Germain, a Redwings board member accepted the grant on behalf of Redwings. The money is earmarked to buy a mare motel to rehabilitate the Thoroughbreds we accept through CARMA's Placement Program.

Now that we're a CARMA Aftercare Partner, exciting new fundraising opportunities have already come our way! In January, Santa Anita Park generously offered to sponsor Redwings as the charity beneficiary to receive a percentage of ticket sales for the California Wine Event on January 24th during Sunshine Millions Day. We're grateful to CARMA and Santa Anita Park for their support and sponsorship of Redwings by providing much needed funding to continue our work rescuing and rehabilitating equines in need.



Redwings Board member, Paula Germain second row, third from left. Bo Derek front row, second from right.

# JAN PRITCHARD RIP

This past January, Redwings lost one of its dearest family members, Jan Pritchard. Jan started at Redwings after relocating to the area with her husband from Orange County to the town of San Miguel, 30 miles south of the Lockwood ranch. Jan loved horses and grew up riding in Orange County, and in her exploration of the area she heard about Redwings and paid us a visit. On seeing a need for someone with accounting and office experience, Jan jumped at the chance to help out. That was 14 years ago and Jan has been a part of our Redwings family ever since. When something needed to be done, or someone needed help, she was always there to help out, listen, console and nurture others.

Last fall, following a routine visit to her doctor, Jan was diagnosed with cancer. It came as a shock to her and to all of us, and it was devastating for her husband and family members. The doctors immediately scheduled Jan for surgery. We hoped that with prayers and heaps of love she'd get her through the surgery successfully and be back in the office in no time. But..., sadly it was too late, and Jan passed away in the hospital on January 21. Having lost someone who was so much a part of our Redwings family, we wanted to pay tribute to our longtime friend, and recently planted a beautiful flowering peach tree at the ranch in her memory.

*Rest in Peace Jan.*



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

*Like so many other little girls I always dreamed of having a horse of my own, but it was never a possibility. Eleven years ago when I moved to the Bryson-Hesperia area I came upon Redwings! I was working full time then, so I would occasionally stop by to admire the beauty and playfulness of the horses in the herd. Then I got laid off from my job, and I finally had my chance to help out by volunteering at Redwings on a weekly basis; something I've done for the last four and one-half years.*

*While I've grown close to some of the horses and burros over the years, I always admired the gorgeous palomino draft on the hill called Lover Boy. He seemed so magnificent to me that I wanted to get closer to him, but I'd heard that he was very shy. After I completed my Level-2 training and had more experience, I went into his pasture to groom his herd mates. He always stayed on the hill, peeking at me from behind a tree. After a few weeks he moved closer, and finally one day he let me touch him! With patience, I had his trust.*

*Now, Lover Boy "cuddles" with me by putting his nose against my chest and nuzzling my neck. A couple of weeks ago he even played a trick on me by stealing the straw from my water bottle. Then, running away with it he'd look at me over his shoulder, toss his head up and down, and then toss the straw in the air. Oh, how I love that gorgeous palomino draft horse on the hill.*



*Jenifer and Lover Boy*

## RECENTLY FOSTERED AND ON THE PATH TO ADOPTION! OZZIE, JOJO, AND BUTCH



*Butch fostered by Nancy and Spencer*



*Jojo fostered by Jim and Carlen*



*Ozzie fostered by Tracy*



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Our work at Redwings Horse Sanctuary is 100-percent funded by the generous donations of our friends and supporters. We need your help to continue our work. There are so many ways you can help, and every penny helps save a life! Visit our website [www.redwingshorsesanctuary.org](http://www.redwingshorsesanctuary.org) and click the donation button to help end equine abuse and neglect.

## OUR FOSTER SHOWCASE: INTRODUCING RICKY

We're proud to showcase a beautiful Thoroughbred horse named Ricky who came to Redwings in 2006 along with his companion Fred (you remember I Love Lucy?) Ricky and Fred were found abandoned by their owner on a densely wooded property in San Luis Obispo County. We had no idea how long they'd been left on their own in the wilderness, but both horses survived without water and food. Ricky was a tattooed thoroughbred—a descendent of Northern Dancer, a Kentucky Derby winner—who raced in California under his registered name "Specialist".



Ricky was lucky to find a foster home with a loving family who lived in the Santa Cruz Mountains. But after two years his foster parents faced financial difficulties and could no longer afford to keep him. With no other options, they contacted Redwings to arrange his return.

Today Ricky's back at the Lockwood ranch living a happy, healthy life, but always ready to go to a loving foster home. Ricky would make a good trail horse and he also has some arena experience. Ricky is an expressive smooth-moving horse who, with some training, could be a dressage or hunter under saddle mount. If you'd like to meet Ricky to find out if he's the perfect horse for your family, please check into our foster-to-adopt program by calling 831-386-0135 or email us at [info@redwingshorsesanctuary.org](mailto:info@redwingshorsesanctuary.org).



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