



Horse Tales from the Heart

MEET SRIRACHA

A SPICY LITTLE MINIATURE HORSE WITH A HUGE HEART WHO GAINS A NEW WALK ON LIFE!

In late fall of 2024 Animal Services in San Luis Obispo received a report that there were abandoned animals in a rural area of the county. The report also stated that no one had been seen taking care of the animals for quite some time and one of them needed medical attention.

Animal Services quickly acted and went out to investigate. When they arrived at the property, they found a donkey and a miniature horse with no sign of the owners. The two had not had any care for months. They were not thin, but their hooves were in terrible condition and needed immediate attention. The miniature horse was in far worse shape and could barely walk.

The pair were IMMEDIATELY SEIZED by animal services and taken to the shelter where they received critical care. It was clear that the miniature horse had an old but very serious injury to her right hind leg, most likely a dislocation of her fetlock joint. THIS PAINFUL INJURY WAS NEVER TREATED and her leg never healed

properly, forcing her to walk on the side of her hoof and her pastern causing her hoof to grow abnormally, further damaging her leg.

Veterinarians and farriers came together to save the little mini who had been named Sriracha by the team at Animal Services. Her X-rays revealed that there was a long road ahead to correct the damage done to her hoof and to help her to walk. Animal Services reached out to REDWINGS IN HOPES OF FINDING A NEW FOREVER HOME FOR SRIRACHA AT OUR SANCTUARY. WE OPENED OUR GATES AND OUR HEARTS FOR THIS MINI MARE IN NEED.

Since her arrival, Redwings has been hauling Sriracha to Alamo Pintado Equine Medical Center in Los Olivos, CA every five weeks. The dedicated team of veterinarians there take X-rays to monitor Sriracha's progress and work closely with their farrier to add hoof extensions to help straighten Sriracha's leg and encourage her damaged ligaments to tighten so she can move better.

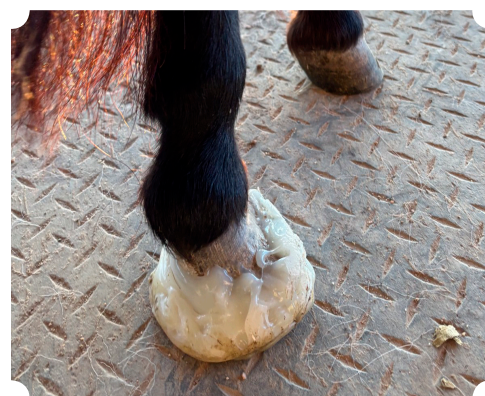
Three months into Sriracha's journey and WE HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR HER CONTINUED RECOVERY AND RENEWED A SENSE OF HOPE FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED. We have months, and potentially years, of corrective trimming and X-rays ahead. Her veterinary and farrier bills will continue to

be extremely high, but we are dedicated to providing the best care possible for Sriracha. THIS LITTLE MARE IS AS KIND AS THEY COME, EVEN AFTER HUMANS HAVE FAILED HER. Now she will enjoy a long and comfortable life and a new job here at the sanctuary. We believe Sriracha will shine like a star in our upcoming equine-assisted therapy program. Stay tuned for updates!

None of this would be possible without YOU - our dedicated supporters. Your generosity is the life blood of our mission here at Redwings. ON BEHALF OF SRIRACHA, THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS.



Photo Credit: Deb Hofstetter



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I'm honored to introduce myself as the new President of the Board for Redwings Horse Sanctuary and Rescue. As someone deeply passionate about equine welfare, I step into this role with immense gratitude and passion for our mission.

First, I want to thank our founders, board members, staff, volunteers, and—most importantly—you, our community of supporters. Your compassion, generosity, and dedication have built a sanctuary where horses find safety, healing, and dignity. Every life touched here is a testament to your kindness.

As I take on this responsibility, I do so with a deep commitment to protecting and expanding our impact. Together with our devoted team, I'll work to ensure that our horses continue to receive the highest quality care and that our sanctuary continues to be a place of hope—not just for equines in need, but for the people who love them.

Going forward, we will be focusing on expanding our community outreach to central coast horse owners and equine enthusiasts with a series to support optimal horse welfare. Rescuing and rehabilitating horses in need continues to be

the focal point of our mission and we will work to put our adoptable horses in the spotlight to find new forever homes. Securing the resources needed to care for both current and future equine residents is what drives our mission - look for innovative fundraising events and sponsorship opportunities coming down the pipeline. Finally, we are excited to share our plans to launch an equine-assisted therapy program to serve vulnerable humans with the power of the horse-human bond.

Whether you have given your time, your resources, or your encouragement, please know that every contribution is deeply appreciated and truly impactful. On behalf of the board of directors and the horses of Redwings, thank you for your kindness and belief in our mission. We simply could not do this work without you.



With gratitude and hope,

Susan Lettween Carr

President, Board of Directors
Redwings Horse Sanctuary

Welcomed!



Sriracha



Handsome



Chief



Sonny

Adopted!



Buck

Farewell

*Until We Meet Again
Over the Rainbow Bridge*

*—
Rest in Peace, Dear
Friends.*



Becca



Geronimo



Whisper

AS TEMPS HEAT UP, COOL YOUR HORSE DOWN FOR THEIR SAFETY THIS SEASON

Did you know that horses drink an average of 5-15 gallons of water per day? In hot weather they can consume 15 gallons in a 24-hour period. Horses exercising or working in hot weather can consume as much as 24 gallons in one day. Having an adequate supply of cool and clean water available at all times is extremely important. When horses don't drink enough water, it can quickly lead to serious – even life-threatening health issues like dehydration, impaction colic, kidney stress, electrolyte imbalance and decreased performance.

Provide clean, fresh water always, placing water troughs under shelters keeps the water cooler. Placing water close to sources of shelter so that horses do not have to go far to get from shade to their water source can encourage drinking. Adding a splash of apple juice, molasses or electrolytes can also help ensure your horse is encouraged to drink.



WHEN HORSES DON'T DRINK ENOUGH WATER IT CAN QUICKLY LEAD TO SERIOUS EVEN LIFE-THREATENING HEALTH ISSUES

Shelter access is also critical for horses in the heat. Horses need shelter, natural or man-made, throughout the day, so being mindful of sun angles is important to ensure continuous shade is available. If your horse is pastured with other horses make sure that the shade source is adequate for the number of horses in the herd just in case the alpha is a shade hog!



Salt is made of sodium and chloride, the two vital electrolytes that horses lose through sweat, urine and manure. A free choice salt block is the easiest way to provide daily salt, however, adding loose salt to the horse's daily diet is also acceptable. Electrolytes can also be given to horses to replace minerals that the horse loses in extreme heat.

Horses that are young, old, obese, or have chronic health problems are at a greater risk of heat stress. Know the signs of heat stress in horses that include elevated rectal temperatures, excessive sweating, rapid heavy breathing with nostrils flared, incoordination, decreased appetite and lethargy. If you think your horse is suffering from heat stress move them immediately to a well-ventilated, shaded area, call your veterinarian, and spray the horse's entire body with continuous water until their temperature drops or the vet arrives.

Attending to these basic guidelines ensures that your equine buddy stays comfortable and healthy in the heat!



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Featured Adoptable Horses



Magic

Magic is a stunning 17-year-old paint gelding. Although Magic is not approved for riding, he will make an excellent companion horse, and HE IS READY FOR ADOPTION. Magic is more than just beautiful, he

is healthy, barefoot, an easy keeper and gets along great with other horses. Magic ties, bathes, trailers and is good for the farrier. He loves people and is quiet and easy to handle. Are you looking for a gentle and easy-going companion for your horse? Come meet Magic and abracadabra... you'll be under his spell.



Hydrogen

Hydrogen is a gorgeous 8-year-old dapple-grey Thoroughbred gelding with a gorgeous coat that shimmers. Hydrogen had a long and successful racing career and is now ready to retire from his athletic life and find his forever home. He

arrived at Redwings in December 2024 with a little arthritis, consistent with a long race career. But that doesn't stop him from loving to work. He is a gentleman under saddle and will make a lovely pleasure horse. Hydrogen has a calm and quiet demeanor and is very easy to handle. He trailers, clips, ties, bathes and is good for the farrier. Hydrogen has a "pocket pet" personality and loves being with people. ARE YOU READY TO PUT HYDROGEN IN YOUR POCKET AND DISCOVER HIS LOYALTY AND LOVE OF LIFE?

To request detailed information on an available horse, please fill out our "Adoption Application" on our website:
<https://www.redwingshorsesanctuary.org/adoption-process>

Your form goes directly to the Equine Care Manager and does not obligate you to adopt.