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REDWINGS RESCUES SIX PUREBRED ARABIAN HORSES

Although hard, surrendering animals is often the most loving thing you can do



It's a story most of us know all too well. An aging friend or relative is struggling to care for their beloved pets but has a hard time giving them up. It's one thing to find a new home for a dog or cat, but what do you do when the animals you love are horses? A young man had this exact dilemma when his grandmother was hospitalized and there was no one to care for her six purebred Arabian horses. In this particular case, that is where Redwings came in.

Clearly, the woman's poor health and limited finances had impacted the horses' care even before she went into the hospital. Some of the horses had not been moved or handled in years, and we found them standing in deep mud and feces, made worse by the recent unrelenting storms in California that dumped almost 10 inches of rain in January alone. While our help came too late for one of the horses who died before we could get to them, we were determined to help the six survivors – five mares and one stallion. But their lack of handling made our task of rescuing and transporting them all the more difficult.

Fortunately, the stallion was quiet and gentle and loaded into the trailer without incident. Three of the mares, although skittish, were also loaded up fairly quickly. The other two mares took a lot of gentle coaxing and a ton of patience, but we finally got them haltered. Loading them into the trailer, however, was another story all together. They panicked and made it clear to us they weren't going anywhere, especially in a trailer, making us concerned for their safety.

With four of the horses successfully loaded up, we decided to transport them to Redwings and get them settled before returning to retrieve the final two mares. When we did return, we did so with our one of our wonderful veterinarians who gave them light sedation to keep them calm and ensure we could transport them without injury.

Once at Redwings, all six horses seemed relieved to be in better living conditions on dry land with access to fresh water and a good meal. Except for how thin they were, our examination found them to be in good health. The stallion, Byron, was housed in a special paddock away from other horses as a safety precaution. Since being at Redwings, he has regained his health and we were able to castrate him.

Deva, Roufa and Madonna were in the worst condition with a body score of only two, while Byron, Georgia and Belle had a slightly better body score of three. All of the horses had dreadlocks in their manes and tails, which took extensive grooming.

While we know it was difficult for the owner of these beautiful Arabians to surrender her beloved horses to Redwings, she did the right thing – the most unselfish, loving thing. She and her family would be thrilled to know that after only three months in our care, all of the horses have regained their body condition and are happy and thriving at Redwings. We are extremely hopeful they will be even healthier and adoptable in the coming months.

SARAH PARSONS JOINS REDWINGS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Her love of horses combined with her fundraising experience make her the perfect addition to our team

Redwings Horse Sanctuary is excited to welcome Sarah Parsons as our new Executive Director. With an extensive background in leadership and fundraising management, Sarah is a wonderful addition to the Redwings team!

As a young girl, Sarah grew up riding horses. Between lessons, trail riding, and a little fun in the arena, she knew horses were an important piece to her life. "My childhood dream was to become a successful horse trainer on the track." Parsons states. Now, her dream is coming true, just in a different way. Sarah shared "I am so excited to join the Redwings team. I may not be a successful trainer like I thought I would be, but now I get to bring my love for horses and my knowledge of fundraising together."

Originally from Western New York, Sarah received her bachelor's degree in Sport Management from State University of New York, Fredonia and then decided to further her education by receiving her master's degree in Sport Management from California State University, Long Beach. Sarah found her way to non-profits while working with the Los Angeles Kings Foundation. Her experience with the team inspired her to keep on the career path of working in the non-profit sector. After years of successful fundraising and leadership roles, Sarah jumped at the chance to pursue her passion.

"I now get to be an advocate for the animals that had such an impact in my own life. Redwings Horse Sanctuary has such a wonderful mission. What we do here needs to be shared with the

community." Sarah shared. As Executive Director, Sarah is looking forward to building greater community outreach and furthering fundraising opportunities for Redwings.

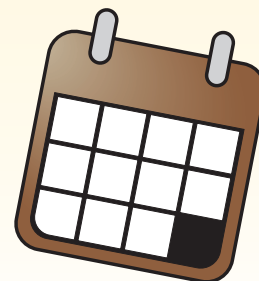


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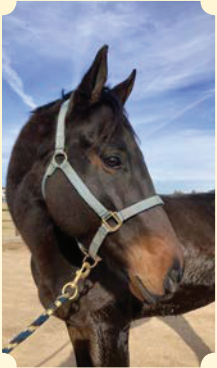
Mark your calendars for one of the biggest events of the year! Join us for our third annual Block Party fundraiser on **Sunday, September 10, 2023**, in partnership with co-host Cass Winery. Monte Mills and the Lucky Horseshoe Band will be providing us with wonderful music throughout the day. There will be fine wine from some of Paso's best wineries along with cold beer and delicious food served up by Chef Charlie. We'd be remised if we didn't mention the most important part: the opportunity to get to know our amazing horses! There will be demonstrations for everyone to enjoy and, of course, the silent and live auctions that will take place throughout the day! We know September is a few months away, but we hope you'll join us for a fun-filled celebration and to raise funds for our mission!

Calling all horse photography enthusiasts! Come learn from experienced equine photographers, Essence Captured. Together they have produced thousands of horse images. They will teach you how to capture great photos under various conditions, and how to work with the real-world challenges of backgrounds, lighting, and horse behavior!

Sunrise session takes place on **May 20, 2023**, from 5:45am-11:45pm and the sunset session takes place on **October 19, 2023** from 1pm-7pm. Go to our website for more details.



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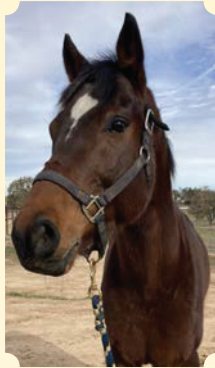
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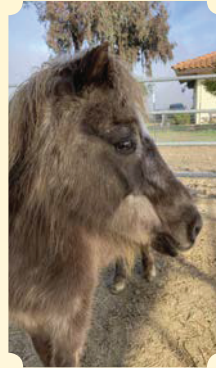
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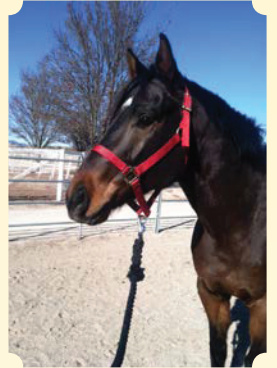
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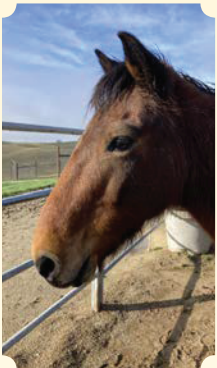
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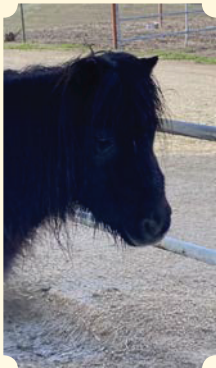
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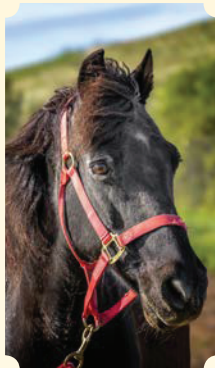
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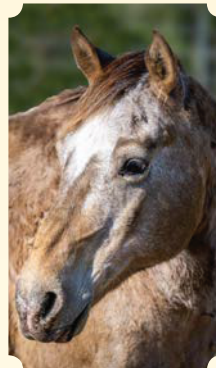
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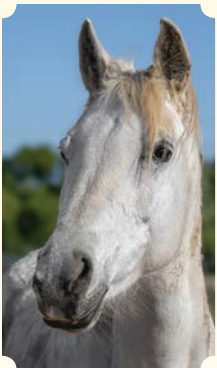
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Ethan



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Madonna



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Belle



Bryon



Deva



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Nonnie



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Georgie

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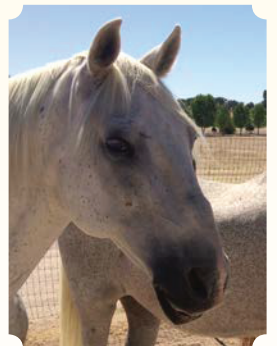
Until We Meet Again Over the
Rainbow Bridge –
Rest in Peace, Dear Friends.



Brownie



Humphrey



Owen



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Featured Adoptable Horses



Hustling Hank

Hustling Hank is a handsome 5-year-old unraced Thoroughbred gelding. Hank sustained a strain to his left front tendon in training in the summer of 2022, so his owners decided not to continue to pursue his

racing career. In October of 2022 he was accepted by CARMA and then placed at Redwings in November of 2022. Redwings completed Hank's rehabilitation and he has now been under saddle for about one month. So far, Hank has been a perfect gentleman in our retraining program and looks forward to coming out to be ridden. Although Hank has not been ridden outside of the arena yet, we think he will do well in many disciplines because of his calm and willing temperament.



Mr. G

Mr. G is a sweet and beautiful 18-year-old Andalusian gelding. We do not know much about his past since he came to Redwings after being abandoned at a

boarding facility, but we do know that at some point he had a lot of training. Mr. G has excellent ground manners and is a gentleman to work with. Under saddle, Mr. G will require a very calm, gentle and confident rider to help him gain his confidence. Mr. G tries very hard to please, but he gets very stressed when he is pressured too hard under saddle. We are looking for a pleasure home where Mr. G can enjoy a stress-free 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.