

SUMMER 2024

ALLEY AND DAISY



Shortly before Christmas we received a call about a horse and donkey that were abandoned after their owner's death. The caller informed us that the horse was older and a little thin, but once we received the photos of the horse, we knew we didn't have much time, so we jumped into action and drove to pick them up the next morning.

What we discovered when we arrived was horrific. The horse, a mare named Alley, was completely emaciated. Her body score was one, with no fat or muscle on her body. You could see every bone and her coat was falling out in clumps due to a severe case of lice. Her hooves were very overgrown, and she was extremely weak. We worried about her ability to stand in the trailer on the way back to the sanctuary.

Her little buddy, a darling donkey named Daisy, was in pretty good health other than overgrown hooves.

Alley loaded right into our trailer; she knew she was going somewhere better. Daisy was a little more reluctant, but with some gentle encouragement and Alley whinnying to her

from inside the trailer, she finally loaded in. We drove slowly and cautiously on the ride back to Redwings; Alley was frail, and we couldn't risk her falling in the trailer.

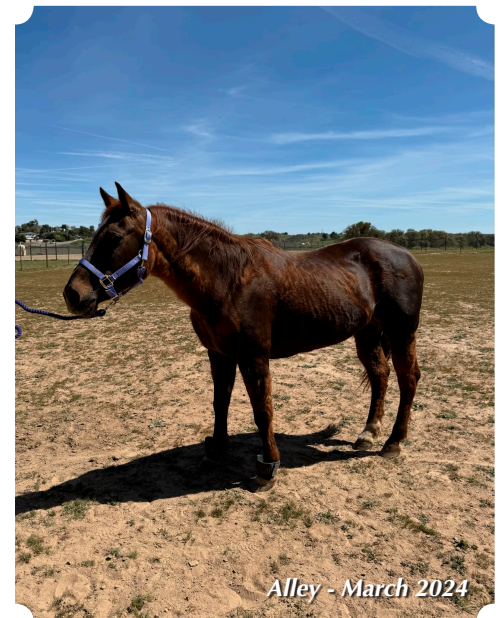
Once we arrived at the sanctuary both Alley and Daisy were unloaded and moved into our quarantine pens. We made an appointment for our vet to come out the next business day, but Alley would need veterinary attention much sooner. Alley barely touched her feed that first night and by the next morning she was showing signs of colic. Our vet came out and treated her which kept her comfortable for a few hours, however, later that afternoon Alley needed emergency care again. The next day we tried to encourage Alley to eat a bit of soaked feed, but she showed little interest, so the vet returned. We started Alley on multiple medications to support her digestive system and treat stomach ulcers. Finally, after four long days of worrying and trying to encourage Alley to eat she turned a corner and started to improve.

As Alley began eating better, we were able to get her feet trimmed and she received a much-needed bath to help free her of the lice infestation. She still had an extremely long road ahead of her. She was on a very strict refeeding program designed to help her gain weight slowly but steadily. We needed to get her strong enough to handle being sedated for some much-needed dental work, but that was too risky in the first few months since Alley has a very significant heart murmur.

Alley's medical bills alone in her first two weeks at Redwings were thousands of

dollars. With the love and support of our dedicated team, Alley beat all the odds and is now thriving at Redwings. The vet determined that Alley is around 30 years of age so she will remain at Redwings as a permanent resident for the rest of her years.

Daisy has now joined our burro herd and is happy and loving life at Redwings.



HAPPY SUMMER, FRIENDS OF REDWINGS!

With all the past spring rain showers, we certainly have flowers... and a lot of happy horses here at Redwings! It is the season of adoptions, starting new horses in the retraining program with our wonderful Equine Care Manager, Sara Ruggerone, as well as with fresh green grass to help feed our residents. Along with all these new happenings, Redwings has many exciting events on the horizon that we want to share with you all!

September 29, 2024 – Our **4th Annual Block Party Fundraiser** is back! We are putting a new spin on our event this year with new food and new entertainment. Tickets are now on sale at [MY805Tix.com](https://www.myslobbq.com)! We will be serving up Old SLO BBQ Co. while Unfinished Business provides us with music and dancing! There will be wine from some of our neighboring wineries along with cold beer from local breweries. This event will include a silent and live auction as well. One of the most exciting parts of this event is that all attendees will get a chance to meet our amazing horses here at Redwings. Attendees will get to see demonstrations from our retraining program, watch our farrier work his magic, and learn about each horse through individualized QR codes. Mark your calendars now! We cannot wait to see you there!



October 18, 2024 – **Sunset Equine Photo Workshop** – Much like our spring workshop, this event will allow photographers to be amongst the horses learning how to take in various locations and backgrounds, all while capturing the horses in the gorgeous sunsets of central California. This session will be taking place from 1-7pm.

For more information on any of our upcoming events, please visit our website at: www.redwingshorsesanctuary.org.

We hope to see you all here at Redwings soon!

TAKING CARE OF A HORSE IS NOT JUST A DUTY, IT'S A HEARTELT RESPONSIBILITY

REDWINGS RECEIVES THREE GENEROUS DONATIONS

Redwings is excited to announce that we were recently the recipient of three generous donations for our residents!

Redwings is among 287 nonprofit equine facilities to receive complimentary vaccines through the Unwanted Horse Veterinary Relief Campaign (UHVRC) this year. Redwings is very thankful for the vaccine support from UHVRC, Merk Animal Health and the AAEP, who provided 60 doses of core vaccines for our equines. Vaccination programs are a big budget item for large sanctuaries, and this donation will vaccinate 70% of our herd and have a significant impact on our organization.

Redwings is also extremely grateful for the recent donation of Ulcergard from Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health and Greater Good Charities. Ulcergard is for prevention of stomach ulcers in horses. Redwings received 60 doses of Ulcergard for our herd. We have multiple horses at Redwings with a history of stomach ulcers that will greatly benefit from this generous donation.

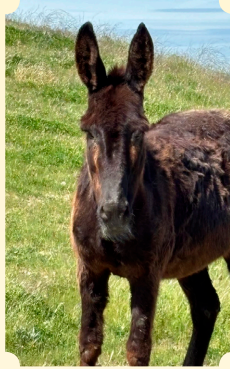
Smart Pak also recently donated two large bags of SmartFlex Senior Pellets to Redwings. We have many senior horses with joint issues and arthritis who will benefit significantly from the Smart Flex product.



Welcomed!



Alley



Daisy

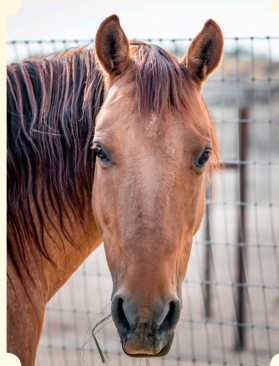


June

Adopted!



Copper



Hiccup



Lady



Lucky



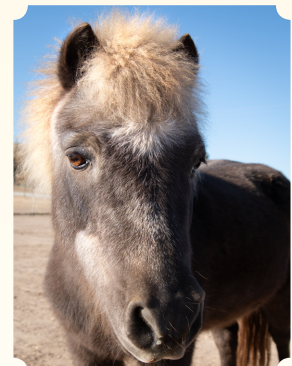
Sapphire



Savant



Tequila



Trigger

Farewell

*Until We Meet Again
Over the Rainbow Bridge*

*—
Rest in Peace, Dear
Friends.*



Ellie



Casanova



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Every Horse Deserves Humane Care.

Featured Adoptable Horses



Byron



Deva

Byron and Deva

Calling all Arab lovers! Byron and Deva are both beautiful pure-bred Arabians that are available as a pair or separately. Byron and Deva were both rescued from a neglectful home where their elderly owner could no longer care for them. They are both extremely friendly and love attention. They have good ground manners, are good for the farrier, and love to be groomed. Neither horse was ever trained under saddle, so they are both only available as companion horses. They get along great in a community herd and are easy keepers. Are you looking for a stunningly beautiful companion horse, or two? Fill out an application to adopt Byron and Deva!

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.