

Roundup!

Spring/Summer 2016

Horse Tales from the Heart!

OSZIE'S STORY

From the moment I drove onto the property of the Redwings Sanctuary, I was instantly aware of a peace and tranquility that mirrors the term sanctuary. I was greeted by the professional, knowledgeable Sara Ruggerone whom I already had a deep affection for.

The tour of the sanctuary was truly amazing, given the fact that all of the horses looked extremely well cared for and quite peaceful. I had spoken to Sara previously about my



need for a special horse that I could utilize for a mobile equine therapy program for seniors with Alzheimer's and at risk youth. I



have great respect for Sara's opinion as she was employed as an instructor for the Equine Therapy Program where I had previously volunteered. In December of 2014, I travelled to Redwings to meet Ozzie, a retired Border Patrol horse who had developed navicular disease and was not able continue his duties with the Border Patrol.

I had an instant connection with Ozzie and began the application process with Redwings immediately. I was quite impressed with the application process and appreciated the thorough review of my home as well as my ability to appropriately care for Ozzie. Initially, I planned to foster Ozzie and I brought him to my home in January of 2015. He has been an amazing partner in the mobile equine therapy program and has exceeded my expectations over and beyond. We were quite busy throughout the spring, summer and fall of 2015, visiting with residents at the Villages in San Luis Obispo, and with foster children through CASA at the Bellevue Santa Fe Charter School.

We have been on a winter break but are looking forward to spring and summer! We officially adopted Ozzie in January of 2016 and are truly thankful to Sara and Redwings for the amazing gift of Ozzie! Sara and the entire staff at Redwings are to be commended for their dedication, love, and amazing program that benefits so many horses in need.

Sincerely,
Tracy Owen

To learn more about Ozzie's therapy work visit Mrs. Owen's website at www.mobileequinetherapy.com

Sara's Journal

Spring is here and the horses are enjoying the longer days and lush green grass. All of our equine friends are shedding like crazy which keeps the staff and volunteers very busy removing all the loose hair. We can't wait for them to finish shedding and show off their shiny new summer coats. I am really enjoying working with our CAEMA horses getting them ready for new careers and homes. The new addition of a posse course at the sanctuary allows me to get the horses comfortable with different obstacles and gain their trust as we master each new obstacle. I hope all these wonderful off track Thoroughbreds find their forever homes in the coming months. If you are interested in foster/adopting one of these beautiful, athletic, and sweet Thoroughbreds please call or email us.

In January Cara and I attended the Sunshine Millions event at Santa Anita Park to participate in the CAEMA grant presentation. We enjoyed spending the day with the CAEMA team, and the other after care partner organizations. We thank CAEMA for their support of our organization and their effort to help retired Thoroughbreds find their forever homes and second careers.

In early March I submitted our application for accreditation by IFAS - Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. IFAS is an international organization that approves sanctuaries of all species, the sanctuary must meet their strict level of specific standards, to be considered for verification or accreditation status. We just completed our site inspection and are looking forward to the next step in the accreditation process. To learn more about IFAS visit www.sanctuaryfederation.org

In late January Redwings applied for the Unwanted Horse Veterinary Relief Campaign supported by the AAEP (American Association of Equine Practitioners) and MERCK Animal Health. In early

March we received a letter informing us that 40 doses of 6 way vaccination and 40 doses of Rabies vaccination were being shipped to our veterinarian. This generous donation will help us vaccinate almost half our herd, saving us hundreds of dollars. We are very thankful to both organizations for their dedication to helping rescues and sanctuaries across the country!

Black Jack is getting bigger and very handsome, all the staff are looking forward to celebrating his first birthday on May 26th. He now has two buddies to share his pasture with, in February we added Cyclone, our beautiful bay Arabian, to his pasture. We also moved the Draft herd to a new and bigger pasture in early March. It was wonderful to see them galloping around investigating their new hillside home. They love to stand at the top of the hill in their pasture and keep a watchful eye on the whole ranch. 2016 is off to a great start at Redwings. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a prosperous year!

Sara



Staff Spotlight: Tony Pina

Tony grew up in King City, California. In May 2015 Redwings was fortunate to have Tony join our team.

Tony quickly learned the routine and got to know all the horses. His dedication to Redwings and keeping the sanctuary looking pristine is unsurpassed. Tony is extremely compassionate with the horses and takes great pride in keeping their home clean, safe, and comfortable. No task is too difficult or too large for Tony to tackle, he takes it all in stride.

When Redwings was short staffed around the holidays Tony stepped up and offered to work 7 days a week to allow the other staff members time off with their families. Tony is looking forward to beginning to cross train to include equine care assistant responsibilities.

Redwings has a bright future with Tony on our team, and we are so thankful to have him.



Tony and Ernie

Charlie and Winston

On a rainy day in January Redwings received a call about two Arabian horses in need. Charlie and Winston had enjoyed a great life with their owner for almost 20 years. They had been wonderful trail horses and were loved by everyone in the neighborhood. The residents of the street they lived on looked forward to seeing the horses walking down the road to go to the river bed for a nice trail ride every week. Many of the neighbors would come visit the horses and bring them carrots and apples. Unfortunately Charlie and Winston's owner became ill and passed away without leaving any money or instructions for the care of his beloved horses. The man's daughter viewed the horses as worthless and quickly decided that if no one would take the horses, she would have them shot. Luckily a neighboring couple decided not to let anything happen to these wonderful horses. They had no knowledge of horse care, but they refused to stand by and watch the daughter dispose of the man's beloved companions.

The daughter signed the horses over to the kind neighbors and they lead them down the street to their property. Once the horses were safely on the neighbor's land the couple realized that they had a lot to learn and quickly called out a local veterinarian to assess the condition of the horses. After a thorough health inspection the vet found that the gelding, Winston, was in great health other than needing dental care and being overweight. The mare, Charlie, was also in good health other than being underweight and in

bad need of a dental. Her teeth were so bad that her lips quivered when she tried to eat. Both of the horses received dentals, deworming, and vaccinations. The vet also instructed the couple on what to feed the horses and how often they needed hoof care, deworming, and vaccinations.



Charlie

The wonderful couple was dedicated to helping these horses but they knew they could not keep them forever. When they called Redwings on that cold and wet day there was something about their story that intrigued the staff, consequently the equine care supervisor was sent to evaluate the horses. What she found when she arrived were two of the kindest and most gentle little Arabians that you can imagine. Both horses greeted her at the gate and stood calm and patient while she looked them over. The rest of the staff agreed that Charlie and Winston deserved a happy ending, and in March Charlie and Winston came home to Redwings. We thank the wonderful neighbors for their dedication that gave Charlie and Winston a second chance.

Both Charlie and Winston are rideable and very gentle. We hope to find them foster/adoptive homes where they can once again be someone's cherished companion and trail horse. If you are interested in meeting Charlie or Winston please call or email us.



Winston

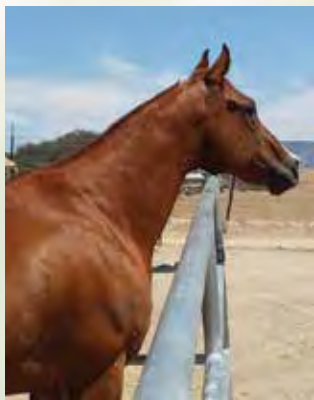
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Welcome to the herd

Recently Adopted



JoJo adopted by Jim and Carlen of Arroyo Grande



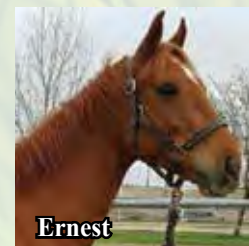
Ozzie adopted by Tracy of San Luis Obispo



Butch adopted by Nancy and Spencer of Linden



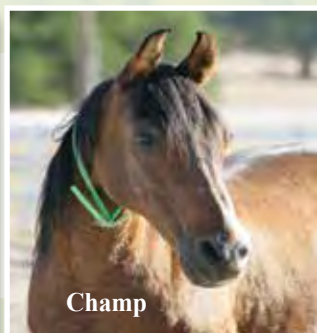
Winston



Ernest



Awonda



Champ

Farewell

*Until we meet again
over the rainbow
bridge...rest in peace
dear friends*



Charlie



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FOSTER SHOWCASE

Cocabella Myst, "Mysty", came to Redwings in September of 2015 from the CARMA placement program. Mysty was born in February of 2011 and raced 5 times in her race career in Northern and Southern California. In a morning workout Mysty sustained a slight fracture to her 3rd carpal bone (knee).

Mysty's owner and trainer both knew that without surgery Mysty would not have a future in a second career. Her owners decided to have a screw surgically placed in Mysty's knee to stabilize the fracture and ensure her future as a riding horse.

Once the surgery was completed the owners placed Mysty in the CARMA placement program so she could find a good home after her race career. Redwings was very excited to have this beautiful mare placed at our sanctuary.

After finishing her recovery and rehabilitation here at Redwings, Mysty was turned out in a large pasture with two other mares.

Mysty has just begun her work in the round pen and posse course. She is eager to please and very smart. Mysty will make a wonderful low level hunter and is suitable for many other disciplines as well. If you are interested in meeting Mysty please call our office.