

FALL / WINTER 2019

MEET OUR NEW RESCUES



Bright Eyes, Baby, Dakota, Rebel, and September arrived at Redwings on a fall evening in mid-November after a long haul from the Sacramento-area. Their elderly owner, who faced health challenges, had struggled to care for them, and the horses were kept in a pasture with debris and industrial parts. Luckily, a caring family member of the owner advocated tirelessly to find them a safe new home, and thanks to our supporters, Redwings was able to accept them.

Rebel is a big, beautiful Palomino Paint that we hope will be rideable after evaluation.



SEPTEMBER



REBEL

Baby is a Dark Bay Breeding Stock Paint. She is shy, but warming up to attention, and is not rideable due to an old barbed wire injury that has left her with severe scarring and a limp.

Dakota, a Dark Bay Quarter Horse, has just been gelded. He is two years old, has a winning personality, and at about 14 hands, we hope he will make a darling companion horse once evaluated. Dakota will not be rideable due to hip and pelvic injuries sustained when he was born breech, which means he came out backwards; people had to assist Dakota's mother with his difficult delivery.

September is a spirited Chestnut Paint / Arabian cross that we hope will be rideable after evaluation.



BABY

Bright Eyes suffered a traumatic injury shortly before she was rescued and was non-weight bearing on one leg when she arrived. Redwings staff has been working with vets and hope she will make a full recovery. She is a gentle and resilient mare who will be a permanent resident.



BRIGHT EYES



DAKOTA

We look forward to sharing more of their progress as our new residents move out of our quarantine area and make new friends in the Redwings herd in the coming months.

Redwings Hoofbeat: Year in Review

Dear Friends:

On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, we are truly grateful for your loyal support that has made 2019 a success. I am pleased to share some of the year’s highlights:

- **Paso Robles, here we come!** After years of planning, we are thrilled to have broken ground on our permanent sanctuary home. Learn more about our progress and vision on page four and five.
- We are honored to have received accreditation renewal through 2021 from the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) following a rigorous inspection. We are one of ten accredited aftercare partners in California that meets the TAA’s best practice standards and has special expertise in Thoroughbred rehabilitation, retraining, and rehoming.
- Our Foster to Adopt program has been more successful than ever before, finding homes for a total of 24 horses this year: 15 horses have been fostered on the pathway to adoption and 9 horses have been formally adopted.
- We would like to thank Joan and Terry McHenry for hosting a delightful Farm to Table fundraiser at their home. Special thanks to the wonderful guests, volunteers, and donors who contributed to the luncheon in support of our mission, and to Patrick DeYoung for providing farm-fresh vegetables.
- We are thrilled to have been selected to receive a Community Impact Grant from the Kathleen and Howard Marks Fund, the Kim and Steve McIntyre Fund, and the Fuqua Family Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County. We are grateful for this capacity building support for our Volunteer and Foster to Adopt programs.
- We are pleased to welcome Melissa Clay to our team as a part-time trainer for our Foster to Adopt horses. Her training of several of our off-track Thoroughbreds is supported by the ASPCA Rescuing Racers Initiative.

In the past year, we have provided 18 horses in need with a home at Redwings: 12 were rescued from abuse and neglect and 6 off-track Thoroughbreds are rehabilitating from their racing days. Each horse is unique and deserving of a second chance or new career, and we could not do it without you. Wishing you all a very happy holiday season.

Warmly,

Sara Ruggerone
Equine Care Manager



Volunteers give our horses grooming and extra attention. Thank you to everyone who volunteered with us in 2019!



Borden with trainer Melissa Clay

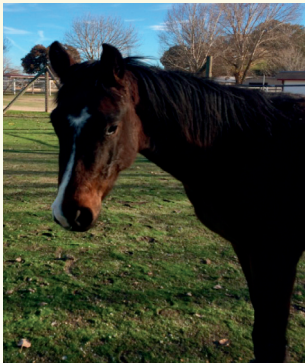
Welcome



BRIGHT EYES



BABY



DAKOTA



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REBEL



SEPTEMBER

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EUGENE



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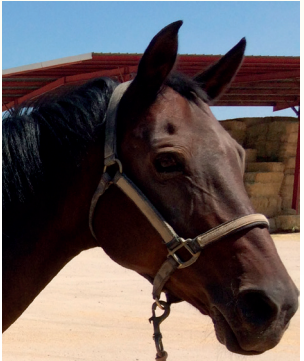


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BLACK JACK

Paso Robles, Here We Come!



**Board members and staff present at our ceremonial groundbreaking:
(left to right) Desirae Cogdell, Vickie Mullins, Linelle Soxman,
Greg Wyatt, Gretel Crum, and Sara Ruggerone.**

On December 5, Redwings broke ground on our new permanent home. Our Board of Directors and staff gathered in hard hats. Greg Wyatt, Board President, and Vickie Mullins, Vice President, dug the first symbolic shovelfuls of dirt, officially commencing construction.

For the past twenty years, Redwings has operated in the rural town of Lockwood, 45 minutes north of Paso Robles, leasing a wonderful sanctuary grounds thanks to the generosity of property owners Jack and Marilyn Clifton.

Located off of Highway 46 East on Union Road in Paso Robles, the new sanctuary property is nestled among Paso Robles' renowned wineries. Our vision for the new property is twofold: to ensure the sanctuary's longevity by

establishing a permanent home for our horses, and to be able to increase the number of visitors and volunteers with a highly accessible location in the heart of wine country tourism.

Redwings was extremely fortunate to be able to purchase the new sanctuary property in full thanks to a generous estate gift. As construction commences, we are embarking on a Capital Campaign to supplement the costs of our key buildings and infrastructure, which includes naming opportunities for the hay barn, horse stalls, arena, and pastures. We very much look forward to making our vision a reality, and you will hear more about our construction progress in upcoming newsletters.

For more information about naming opportunities for the new sanctuary, please contact Desirae Cogdell (desirae@redwingshorses.org / 831-386-0135) or visit redwingshorsesanctuary.org/campaign.



**Redwings vision for the new sanctuary property
off of Union Road in Paso Robles.**



The property is a blank slate ready for construction to commence on our steel buildings. Our Ranch Manager, who will perform nightly after-hours equine health checks, lives at the house on-site.

EUGENE: AN UPDATE



Remember our sweet baby Eugene, rescued as a two-year-old colt? He is all grown up, and we are overjoyed to announce that he has found a wonderful foster home! Eugene now lives not far from the sanctuary with a loving young family as a companion to their older horse. Eugene learned some great skills under saddle at the Cal Poly Colt-breaking class. Eugene is a bright and active boy, and he is enjoying exercising his alert mind as a family horse at a working ranch nearby the sanctuary.

We are extremely grateful to those of you who supported Eugene’s bone-chip surgery last year; he would not have been rideable, or found a family of his own, without your generosity.

MEET THE OFFICE STAFF



Desirae Cogell, Office Manager

Desirae wears many hats at Redwings, including office management, donor relations, and grant writing. Desirae has 10 years of non-profit experience, including six years at UCLA, where she most recently served as Associate Director of Major Gifts for UCLA Physical Sciences. Early in her career, she gained hands-on experience in non-profit capacity-building as an AmeriCorps VISTA. She earned an MPhil in American Literature from the University of Cambridge and a B.A. in English from UC Berkeley. Desirae moved from Los Angeles to rural Monterey County for her husband’s career in 2018 and is thrilled to support horse rescue in her local community.



Ingrid Flowerday, Office Assistant

We are pleased to welcome Ingrid to the Redwings team! Ingrid hails from San Mateo in the Bay Area and moved to Lockwood to enjoy country living with her family. Ingrid has previously worked in the solar industry, in office and estate administration, and as an executive assistant at a venture capital firm. Ingrid will be the first to greet you at the Redwings office, and you will often find her visiting the Redwings burros.

Welcome Mariah!

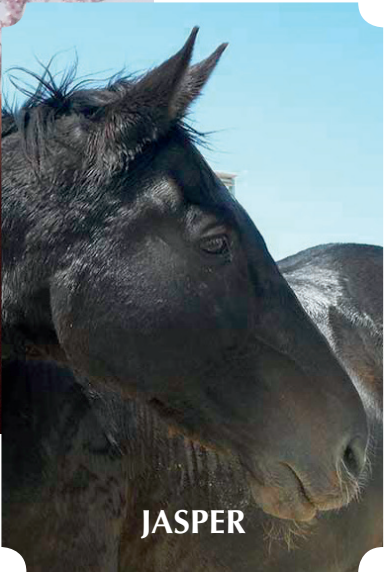


We are pleased to welcome Mariah to Redwings. We estimate that Mariah is approximately 34 years old and she has a wonderful disposition. Mariah is a Thoroughbred, and her race record is unknown. Mariah was originally rescued by a local woman when her previous owners had stopped paying her board and abandoned Mariah at a retirement facility. When the Chimney Fire swept through the community in 2016, Mariah’s owner turned to Redwings; we housed her for several weeks during the fire. Mariah’s owner suffered from a severe illness for years, and recently learned that on top of health issues, she would become homeless and unable to care for her beloved Mariah. While Redwings does not often have the space to accept owner surrenders due to the high volume of need from abuse and neglect cases, we were pleased to help a neighbor in need and welcome our fire rescue back to Redwings. We would like to thank our neighbors in the Bryson-Hesperia community for alerting us to Mariah and her owner’s plight so that we could give Mariah the retirement home she deserves.

Jasper & Max: A Tribute



MAX



JASPER

It is always hard to say goodbye, and we write this tribute with heavy hearts. Jasper estimated age 35 – 38, was the oldest horse at the sanctuary. Jasper was an exceptionally hardy, and spirited, off-track Thoroughbred. He especially enjoyed bucking around his pasture and being groomed and bathed by our equine care assistant and volunteers. Good-natured and dog-like in personality, Max, 22, had served in the Border Patrol until retirement. Max was one of our most calm and kind residents, who was extremely patient with novice volunteers learning to work with horses. Both are deeply missed by our staff and volunteers, and their companions, Maxi and Red.

“Until we meet again over the rainbow bridge – rest in peace dear friends.”



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Borden County:

Borden County came to Redwings from the CARMA Placement Program. Borden raced 11 times with 1 win, 3 seconds, and 1 third, and earnings over

\$43,000. Borden's owners decided to retire him from racing because he was no longer competitive in July of 2018. Borden retired with no injuries and is sound and ready to start his second career. Borden has a nice disposition and will make a lovely riding horse.



Mr. Opportunist:

Mr. Opportunist is a handsome thoroughbred gelding from the CARMA Placement Program. Mr. Opportunist won his racing debut and his greatest racing achievement was winning the Desert Code Stakes at Santa Anita. In his career he had 21 starts with 3 firsts, 3 seconds and 4 thirds and total earnings of \$152,060.

In his final race in October 2018 Mr. Opportunist sustained a sesamoid fracture and was retired from racing. He was given 7 months of rehabilitation and then turned out to pasture for a few more months before being restarted under saddle. Mr. Opportunist will be suitable for flat disciplines including trail riding, dressage and other recreational riding.