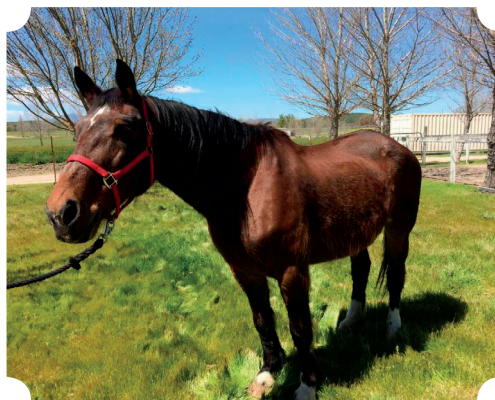


SPRING 2019



**JOSIE'S ARRIVAL DAY
AT REDWINGS (LEFT)**

**AND A HEALTHIER
JOSIE (RIGHT) ONE
AND HALF MONTHS
LATER.**

During the 2018 holiday season, San Luis Obispo County Animal Services seized 34 horses from a terrible situation of neglect. All the horses were in poor condition. Most were thin and in bad need of hoof care. Many had untreated wounds, eye issues, dental issues and other health concerns.

After the county's initial vet inspections, Animal Services requested Redwings' assistance, and we leapt into action. Our Equine Care Manager collaborated on a care plan and adoption processes. Redwings returned the following week and agreed to accept the three horses that were in the worst condition:

Josie is a Draft Cross mare, around 25 years of age, who was a body score 1 when she was seized. Josie had significant hair loss and open sores on her body due to the presence of lice and her hooves were in terrible condition. The Henneke Body Condition Scoring System is a universal numerical assessment of a horse's body condition. A score of one on the scale – the lowest score – is "poor," meaning that Josie was emaciated; a score of five is "ideal" and a score of nine is "obese."

Oliver is a Paso Fino gelding, around 18 years of age, who was a body score 2 when he was seized. Oliver had horrible eye infections in both eyes, he was also covered in lice, and had a huge distended abdomen. Further testing showed that Oliver's liver values were off, he had fluid in his abdomen, and he had a bad parasitic infection of *Onchocerca* worms causing more skin and eye problems.

Cooper is a Dun Quarter Horse gelding, around 22 years of age, who was a body score of 3 at the time of the seizure. Cooper had at some point severely fractured his left front sesamoid bone, but he was not treated, and the injury

was never stabilized. He now has irreversible damage to his fetlock joint and surrounding tissues and he will never be sound again.

Josie, Oliver, and Cooper are sweethearts despite all they have been through, and it has been a busy few months getting them back to better health. We immediately started a refeeding program, followed by baths and lice treatment. Our vet assessed them, performed Oliver's diagnostics, and approved a deworming program to help with the internal and external parasites. The farrier came out to give the horses some much-needed hoof work. On the third week, the horses were in good enough condition to receive vaccinations, and they are now beginning to heal.

We remain dedicated to helping the other 31 horses that were seized find new homes. We are planning to accept several more of these horses once Josie, Oliver, and Cooper are healthy enough to be moved out of quarantine. Redwings has been working with Animal Services to identify, vaccinate, deworm, and microchip the remaining horses, and we would like to thank the Director of Animal Services and the county's humane officer, our Ranch Manager, and several wonderful volunteers for their efforts.

We encourage the horse lovers in our community to contact San Luis Obispo County Animal Services if you can provide a forever home to any of the horses in their care. Please help us spread the word about these horses in need!

San Luis Obispo County Animal Services: (805) 781-4400 or visit www.slocounty.ca.gov and navigate to Animal Services / Shelter Services & Adoptable Animals / Other Animals

Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends and Supporters:

We would like to THANK YOU ALL for supporting our horse rescue and sanctuary throughout the years. Many of you have been with us since 1991. Our longevity is a testament to your continued support and commitment to helping us save and care for horses and burros.

As the groundbreaking for the new sanctuary gets ever closer, I continue to be humbled by the transformative legacy gift that made owning the sanctuary grounds possible. Legacy gifts to Redwings Horse Sanctuary allow us to continue saving lives for those equines who have no voice; continue to provide them much-needed care and nutrition; continue to place them in forever homes; and continue to provide permanent sanctuary for our older herd, who will be loved until they pass on.

Have you thought about a plan in the form of a bequest or trust that will memorialize your values, beliefs and your charitable wishes after you are gone? If this is your intention, please first discuss with your personal advisor and or attorney, but I am also available to have a confidential conversation at 831-386-0135 or please visit our website for more planned giving resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andie Wilcox'.

Andie Wilcox, Executive Director

Big Mack and Cyclone: A Tribute

It is with heavy hearts that we write this tribute to two of our beloved permanent residents, Big Mack and Cyclone. Saying goodbye is one of the most difficult parts of our rescue work. We thank our sponsors for enabling our staff and volunteers to provide Mack and Cyclone with excellent care over the years.

Big Mack

Originally a carriage horse in Santa Cruz, CA, Big Mack arrived at the sanctuary in 2013 from a neglect case and was severely underweight with a body score of two.

Mack regained over 500 pounds and lived in our front barn and pasture where he was

a very impressive first sight for visitors. He was such a staff and visitor favorite that he became an unofficial mascot for Redwings; he appeared in many marketing materials in part because he was such a joy to handle and spend time with. He passed at 27, an old age for a Percheron Draft, after a rapid decline. We will miss Mack's kind eyes, gentle demeanor, and never-ending enthusiasm for peppermints, his favorite treats.



Cyclone, a gorgeous 28-year-old bay Arabian, was rescued from a livestock auction in 1993 when he was two years old. When he arrived at Redwings, he was a shy and scared colt who had been passed from owner to owner for being "skittish." Staff and volunteers who worked to gain his trust were rewarded with

an exceptionally sweet and loyal friend. We could always safely place our youngest equine residents with Cyclone; he enjoyed playing with the youngsters and showing them the ropes. When Cyclone became ill with abdominal colic, his herd – Patrick, Fire Fly, and Eugene – gathered around to comfort him while staff made every effort to save him. Cyclone lived a comfortable life at Redwings for 26 years, and he is deeply missed by our staff and volunteers.

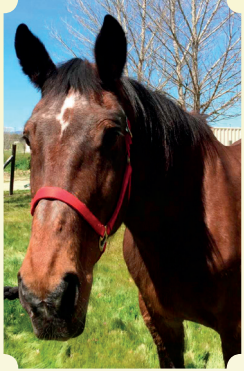


*Until we meet again over the rainbow bridge –
rest in peace dear friends.*

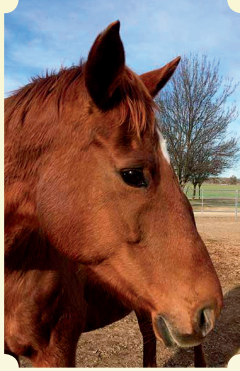
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Bourbon Dude



Josie



Center of Attention

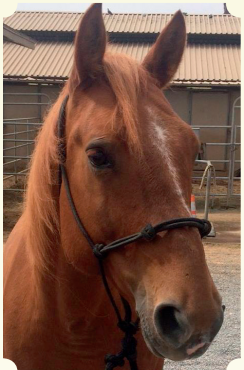


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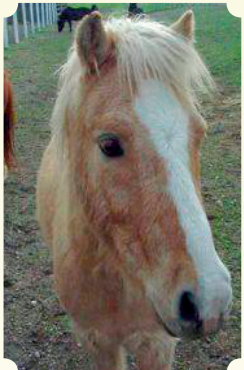


Cooper

Fostered!



Capone



Trigger



Guy Code



Sophie



Selenite

Adopted!



Annabelle



Mystic



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Featured Fosters!



Bourbon Dude

This handsome five-year-old gelding from the CARMA placement program had a short racing career with two seconds in five starts. In April 2018, Bourbon fractured his right front sesamoid coming out of a race. He completed four months of stall rest and has been lightly restarted under saddle in a round pen. Bourbon is suitable for many disciplines including lower level hunter, dressage, trail, and pleasure riding. Bourbon is quiet, kind, eager to please, and gets along well in community pasture.



Eugene

You may remember Eugene from the special fundraiser we had to support his bone chip surgery after rescuing him from euthanization. Thanks to many of you, he is fully rehabilitated from surgery and has started his colt class training at Cal Poly. Come out to meet this sweet and lucky three-year old. Eugene has stolen the hearts of all the Redwings staff, and we cannot wait to see him find a wonderful forever home!