

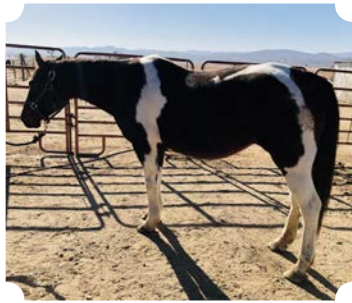
WINTER 2020

## LIVES SAVED: AUCTION RESCUES

Pax had three different auction tags on him when we first met him. He was called tag #2256. He had been overlooked at each auction. He was skin and bones and waiting to be loaded onto a crammed transport heading to Mexico – and likely slaughter –

when Redwings intervened.

We paid the fee for Pax along with five other equines just days before their scheduled departure and now we will give them the life they deserve. We are pleased to introduce them to you:



**Drama** She is thin, a body score three, and her hooves and teeth are in terrible condition. She is gentle and kind, but you can see the distrust in her eyes, and she disconnects when our staff handle her. We estimate that she is 22 years old and we will have a long road to restoring her faith in people.



**Charlie** We estimate that this old gentleman is 20 years old. With a body score of two, he is weary and weak, but he is eating better after a dental. He has already warmed up to our staff and we are hopeful that he will be a companion to Little Bit, our ambassador pony that is also 20 years old.



**Pax** The name Pax means peace and that is what we have promised to give him here at Redwings. He was in the worst condition of the group. Emaciated with a body score of one and pneumonia, he is very weak and on a refeeding program. We have started his dentals and antibiotics, but it will take months to restore his health. Pax's rescue and transport was generously sponsored.

Why did these horses end up at auction? We were told that the pony's family loved him but could no longer afford to feed him. While we do not know the others' stories, it's estimated that 100,000 horses in the United States end up on slaughter transport each year. Many are former show or ranch horses, family horses that gave kids their first ride, old horses that can no longer support a rider, and even wild horses. We will never know exactly how and why they ended up at the auction that day.

With many families facing hardship this winter, the need for rescue and the need for your support is stronger than ever. For these lucky six plucked from the slaughter truck, Redwings covered the costs of their purchase, quarantine in Texas, health certificates and Coggins tests, and transport fee for a 24-hour trip to California. They arrived after dark, and we were so pleased to welcome them after their long journey, to begin a new chapter at Redwings.



**Magic** He has an overall willing and kind disposition. At arrival, he was in the best condition of the group – not underfed, but with hooves and teeth in bad condition, and eye and respiratory infections.



**Poppy and her baby** Poppy and her baby boy, who is 4-6 months old, are in good condition other than being thin. Our staff will work to gentle and halter break this adorable pair.



We are especially grateful for the support of Bank of the Sierra, whose grant helped support both this effort and other rescues in 2020. A special thank you to our partners in Texas, Hoof and Souls Rescue, for their help in this rescue and to Witherspoon Horse Transport for bringing the horses to Redwings.

# Paso Here We Come: The Campaign for Redwings



In 2021, Redwings will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a move to our new permanent home in Paso Robles, CA. Our vision is that Redwings will serve as a hub for equine rescue and rehabilitation, education, and adoption in the central coast with its new location in the heart of wine country. We seek campaign partners at all levels now through December 31, 2021 to help us reach our ambitious \$1M goal to transform the new property into a state-of-the-art sanctuary.

Construction is under way, and we offer naming opportunities at the following levels for our key buildings in progress:

- **DIAMOND:** Naming opportunity of your choice - \$50,000
- **PALLADIUM:** Office Building with Volunteer Center - \$25,000
- **PLATINUM:** Medical Building or Small Mare Motel - \$10,000
- **GOLD:** Arena naming with a banner outside of the new arena - \$5,000
- **SILVER:** Pasture naming with a plaque on the pasture gate - \$1,000

Would you like to honor a loved one or beloved pet? Perhaps this December you will consider naming a metal horse on our donor wall (\$500) or a 4" x 8" brick paver (\$200) for our garden courtyard. Each

metal horse and brick paver will be part of the new landscape at our Paso Robles sanctuary. For more information or to see examples please visit the campaign page on our website. We continue to be humbled by the outpouring of support, especially in these difficult times. You enable us to continue our work serving equines in need and their families – in California and beyond.

We would like to especially thank the Mary Jo and Hank Greenberg Animal Welfare Foundation for supporting the building of our large mare motel as well as direct horse care during our upcoming move.

*All gifts to Redwings, a 501(c)3 non-profit, are tax deductible. Cash gifts through December 31, 2020 up to \$300 are eligible for a new temporary IRS charitable deduction for standard deduction under the CARES Act – please visit [IRS.gov/newsroom](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom) for details.*

*If you would like your donation to go towards the capital campaign, please remember to mark the box for capital campaign on the remit envelope.*

## Sara's Journal



**Primo and Little Bit**

2020 has been a long and difficult year for everyone, but as it comes to a close, we find ourselves thankful for many things this year. Our staff has been able to stay safe and healthy during COVID-19 and have been able to continue to provide all our horses with the stellar care that they deserve. We have welcomed 16 new horses to Redwings this year. Our foster program placed a record 20 horses in foster homes and eight were formally adopted.

In the fall, we were exhausted after evacuating animals from multiple wildfires in our area, only to then have our sanctuary threatened by another wildfire. We are so thankful that the brave firefighters were able to get control of the fire and we did not need to evacuate any of our horses.

Now we are preparing for our next big challenge – our move to Paso Robles. We have had 20 amazing years at our Lockwood facility

and are excited to start a new chapter in 2021 at our new and permanent home in Paso Robles. Moving the horses, ranch equipment, office equipment, and all our feed and bedding materials is going to be a huge task, but we are ready for the challenge. We look forward to opening our Paso Robles location to the public in Spring of 2021.

We are so thankful for everyone's continued support of our organization. Special thanks to Jack and Marilyn Clifton for their longtime support of our efforts at the Lockwood sanctuary. Together we are making a difference in these horses lives every day and we could not do it without your support.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Sara Ruggerone  
Equine Care Manager

# Welcomed!



Magic



Drama



Pax



Bamboozler



Charlie

## Fostered!



Defense Minister



Joelito



Winston



Poppy and baby

## Farewell

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



Quick N Dirty



Bridle Plan



Josie



Cloud



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## Featured Fosters



### Splash Down

Splash Down is a beautiful 13-year-old Thoroughbred mare. Splash came to Redwings in the spring after the sudden death of her owner left her abandoned. Splash has spent the last 8 years idling in a pasture with minimal attention and no training. Redwings has restarted her under saddle, and she is enjoying the attention and activity. Splash has three comfortable gaits and is calm and quiet

under saddle in our round pen. Splash needs a little more training and exposure to increase her confidence outside of the arena before she will be ready for trail riding. Splash is sound, an easy keeper, and very sweet.



### Dakota

Dakota is an adorable 3-year-old gelding. Dakota was rescued with four other horses when their owner could no longer care for them. He is a very sweet guy that absolutely loves attention and gets along great in community pasture. Dakota is just a little guy and only stands about 14.1

hands. Dakota will not be rideable due to a pelvic fracture sustained at birth. He has a funny gait due to the old injury, but he gets around just fine and loves to gallop and play in pasture. If you are looking for a sweet companion horse come check out Dakota.

**To request detailed information on an available horse, please fill out our "Foster Application" on our website:**

**<https://redwingshorsesanctuary.org/how-to-help/foster-to-adopt/foster-application/>**

*Your form goes directly to the Equine Care Manager and does not obligate you to foster.*