

WINTER 2021

## WILLIAM



**William Day 1**

With love and care -- and the tremendous support of our donors and volunteers -- we can work miracles. And William's story is truly miraculous.

It's heartbreaking to think of this beautiful horse tied on a 30-foot chain in the middle of a field in the scorching heat with no water and no food. While no one knows how long he'd been out there, it just took one caring individual to put an end to William's suffering by reporting his situation to Tulare Animal Services. Nothing could have prepared the investigating officer for what she found.

As you can imagine, William was completely emaciated having used up all his body fat and muscle to stay alive. He was covered in fungus, his hair was falling out in huge clumps and his hooves were in terrible condition. While we knew it would take a significant effort to nurse William back to health, we just couldn't turn him away when Tulare Animal Services reached out to us. We knew William deserved all the love and attention he was about to get from us and our incredible, caring volunteers.



**William Week 5**

Through the generosity of a woman who donated her time and her trailer, William arrived at our sanctuary a few days later. Like the Animal Services investigator, we weren't prepared for what we saw. Not only was William in really bad shape, he had a weak heart with a grade 5 heart murmur, and on his first day with us, our veterinarian had to clear some feed from his esophagus after he choked. We also saw some bulging veins on the side of his head, which the veterinarian believes can be attributed to some past trauma. And while he was badly in need of dental work, it couldn't be done until William regained some of his strength. And so the journey began.

Following the UC Davis recommendations for refeeding, our team dedicated themselves to giving William small amounts of food around the clock. Clearly, William had a strong will to live and quickly responded to the love and care he was being given. We were thrilled to see how quickly he put weight on -- faster than any other emaciated horse we've ever worked with! In fact, in just six weeks, William went from a body score of 1 (emaciated) to a body score of 5 (ideal body condition).



**William In Turnout**

Regaining his weight and his strength, we were able to address his dental issues. The vet was shocked at the condition of his mouth. It was obvious William had not had dental work done in a very long time, if ever. We also cared for his hooves, with his right front foot in such bad condition it took months of corrective trimming to get the hoof looking normal again. And while he still bears the marks of the fungus that was so deep it left scars and white hair, we believe he wears them proudly as a sign of all the challenges he so bravely endured and overcame.

Which brings us back to the power of the collective caring of our staff and our volunteers. Together, we can work miracles; and William is just one example of the meaningful work we're doing with your help. Today, William is a picture of health. He has tons of energy and enjoys galloping around in the turnout pasture. He is truly thriving and is now where he belongs -- in a place where he is happy and loved.



# MEET SAPPHIRE, KENNEY & LACEY

Sadly, horses end up at auction for a variety of reasons. And while we don't know the reason Sapphire, Kenny and Lacey were at an auction in Nevada, we do know they deserved to be saved. And it took the efforts of four rescue organizations working together to do it.

Sapphire and Kenny are just youngsters, only four months old. And it's shocking to consider what they've already endured in their short lives. They were sent to auction alongside their moms and had already been purchased and loaded onto a trailer when our partner rescue found them. The buyer was headed south, possibly to Mexico. And while he refused to sell their mothers, the rescue organization was able to convince him to let them buy the young foals.

Not only were Sapphire and Kenny thin and undernourished, they had shipping fever (a respiratory issue associated with transporting horses). To make matters worse, they had huge, hot iron brands that were sore and peeling covering the entire top of their rumps on both sides. They didn't know it yet, but as scared

as they were being separated from their moms, it was the beginning of a better life for both of them.

Lacey, a small pony, was also at the auction that day. With the exception of blindness in one eye and suffering from shipping fever, she was in pretty good health overall. Seeing how scared she was with all the loud sounds and activity at the auction, our partner rescue just couldn't leave her behind.

So, Sapphire, Kenny and Lacey were loaded onto a trailer and taken to a rescue in Northern California where they got lots of love and attention. When they were feeling better and more comfortable with people and handling, they made their journey south to Redwings.

As with most rescue efforts, it takes a village. Working together with Lost Hearts and Souls Rescue, Pregnant Mare Rescue and Angels for Minis – and, of course, with the generous support we get from you -- Sapphire, Kenny and Lacey are now living the lives they deserve. Their brands have healed and no longer cause them pain, they've gained a lot of weight and their trust in people is getting stronger every day.



Lacey





# OUR NEW HOME IN PASO ROBLES

There's a reason it's been a year since our last newsletter. There's so much going on! We'll attempt to bring you up to date with all the exciting news.

The saying "There's no place like home" has never had more meaning for all of us at Redwings. After years of planning and construction, we finally made the long-awaited move to our forever home on Union Road in Paso Robles. For a full month in April, we managed to load, transport and unload every horse successfully and without incident. It's almost as if the horses knew something special was awaiting them at their destination. And they were right. We are all loving life in Paso Robles and we couldn't be more grateful to everyone who helped make our dreams of a forever home a reality!

But even a big move couldn't slow down our programs. As we approach the end of the year, we want to express our gratitude to the families who found it in their hearts to provide loving homes for 30 of our horses! It's not too late to make that number 31 (or more!). If you are thinking of welcoming a new member to your family, be sure to check out the horses who are available for adoption on our website. In addition to the 30 horses adopted, we also welcomed 10 new rescues to our herd.

The Redwings staff and horses love when people come to visit. From service and riding groups to Girl Scout troops and potential volunteers and donors, we're giving tours almost every day. One of the more heartwarming visits we had this year was a group of seniors from a care facility in Atascadero. Seeing them pet, feed and interact with the horses was truly rewarding. There's no denying the healing power and positive impact animals can have on people.

We've also been out and about in the community giving presentations to numerous organizations. One of the most rewarding events was The Great AgVenture where 1,200 local fourth-grade students came to the Paso Robles event center to learn more about agriculture. We're not sure who had more fun – us or the kids!

We're always looking for more opportunities to share our work and introduce the community to our amazing horses. If you are interested in setting up a tour or want us to present to your club or organization, please don't hesitate to call or email us. We'd love to hear from you!

We are truly blessed with amazing volunteers and are grateful for all the people who want to get involved. We are so blessed, in fact, we have a rapidly growing waitlist of potential volunteers looking forward to our next volunteer orientation. It will happen! We appreciate everyone's patience.





# Welcomed!



Kenny



Lacey



Niyol



Opie



Port Saint Joe



Gambini



Snow



Penny



William



Trinity



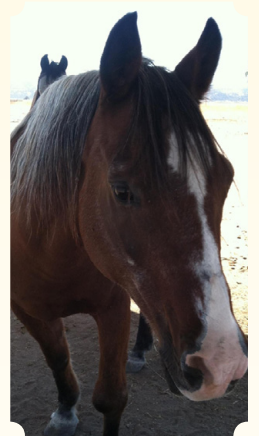
Sapphire

# Farewell

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



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# *Fostered and Adopted Horses*



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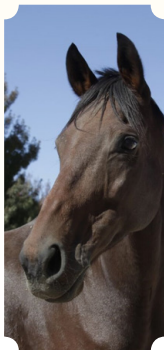
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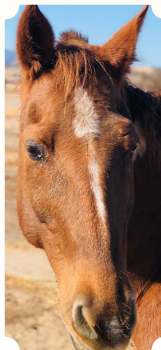
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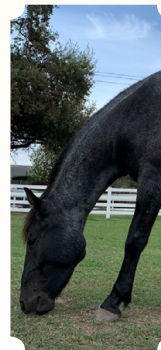
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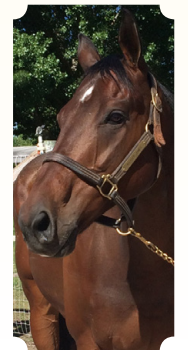
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Native  
Treasure



Wilson



Twirling Tiger



# GRAND OPENING

The Grand Opening event celebrating our new forever home was an incredible demonstration of love, support, and community. We were truly moved – and overwhelmed – by the number of people who showed up to welcome us to Paso Robles. We loved sharing our mission and our vision with friends old and new, introducing everyone to our horses and showing them off through the riding demonstrations. We had exciting items in both our live and silent auctions that helped raise funds for the horses. The food at the event was amazing. Cass Winery & Chef Charlie prepared a wonderful lunch for all our guests. Monte Mills & The lucky Horseshoe Band played throughout the event and got everyone up and dancing. We had 3 fabulous wineries pouring wine and Firestone beer available as well. It was an amazing day had by all.

Through generous donations during the live auction, we were able to raise 1/3 of the funds we need for a new tractor. While our existing tractor does still run, she is old and very worn out. She has given us over 20 years of good service but now her maintenance costs are becoming quite expensive to keep her running. Our hope is to raise the remaining funds to buy a new tractor by the end of the year, so we can start off the new year with a new tractor to help maintain the ranch and daily upkeep.

If you are interested in helping us finish raising the remaining funds for our tractor, please mark the box on our remit for tractor donation.

All of this would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors. A huge thank you to Cass winery, Demeter Family Cellars, Coast Hills Credit Union, Bank of the Sierra, Berkshire Hathaway, Central Coast Trailers, Asuncion Valley Farms, Firestone Walker, 13 Stars Media, KJug and the William & Florence Wheeler Foundation.





## Available Riding Prospects



### Quick N Dirty

Quick N Dirty is a handsome, 12-year-old Thoroughbred gelding who came to us through the CARMA placement program. And we're so glad he did! He was raced twice and retired, in 2012 after sustaining a suspensory injury. Quick has three nice gaits and is a gentleman under saddle, which can be

English or Western. He has good ground manners; and he trailers, ties and bathes well. He's also good with the farrier. Quick prefers the arena over trail riding, but with more time and exposure, he could make a nice trail horse. And while he does great in community pastures with geldings, he's not so good turned out with mares.



### Lookin at Mossy

Lookin at Mossy is an extremely sweet 7-year-old Thoroughbred gelding who also came to us from the CARMA Placement Program. Mossy was a low-level eventer and trail horse extraordinaire but is now available as a light pleasure and trail horse only due to a soft tissue injury. While his injury has been fully rehabilitated, and he

is sound and back under saddle, we do not want to risk reinjury. Mossy has good ground manners, does great in community pasture and is very quiet under saddle. He has been ridden by young riders in a lesson program and did great with the kids.



### Sweetest Caroline

Sweetest Caroline truly lives up to her name. In fact, she's so sweet, she couldn't bring herself to be competitive, so she was retired from racing after just three starts on the track. She is a darling, 5-year-old Thoroughbred mare who stands at 16.2 hands. She was adopted but was

returned after a year through no fault of her own. Caroline is a pleasure to ride. She is quiet and sensible and does well in the arena and on the roads around the sanctuary. She has three lovely gaits, good ground manners and loves attention. She has been ridden both English and Western and has been started over cross rails.



### Jonny Be Bueno

Jonny Be Bueno is a beautiful, 6-year-old Thoroughbred gelding from the CARMA Placement Program. He raced just three times before retiring due to a slab fracture of the third carpal bone, which has since been surgically repaired and has not caused him any issues. Jonny is a high-energy fellow who does best

in a consistent riding program. He prefers a calm and confident rider and does best in the arena although he does have a lot of experience on the trail. Jonny was returned by his previous adopters because they could not meet his high-energy needs riding him just three times a week. Jonny rides both English and Western and does great in community pasture.

**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.*



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## STILL A CHANCE TO PURCHASE BRICKS, METAL HORSES, PASTURE SPONSORSHIPS

You can still support our capital campaign and be recognized through our brick and metal horse programs. The bricks are being added to our beautiful brick patio outside our office in Paso Robles. It's a lovely and serene place to enjoy a picnic while watching the horses roam in the turnout pasture. The bricks can be printed with up to three lines of text and a clip-art image. You can secure your place on our brick patio for just \$200.

The metal horses are proudly galloping across our donor wall. This beautiful metal display is on the lawn across from the brick patio. There are three metal horses to choose from, which

can be engraved with up to three lines of text. Seeing your name on the wall for \$500 is an incredible way to show your support and leave your legacy at Redwings.

With the holidays upon us, you might also consider giving a brick or metal horse to the horse-lover in your family. What better way to show your love and appreciation for someone than to do something meaningful in their name.

All brick and metal horse donations go directly to our capital campaign to finish building out the site in Paso Robles. As always, donations are tax-deductible.

