

# Roundup!

Winter 2019

## Horse Tales from the Heart!

### Meet Wilbur and Weston

Wilbur and Weston, two gelding brothers, have lived their entire lives in the same small pen. Just before Thanksgiving, Redwings received a call from Lost Hearts and Souls Horse Rescue in Northern California. They had helped rescue Wilbur and Weston along with seven other Halfinger horses from a terrible hoarding situation.

All nine of the horses had been living in tiny mud and manure-filled paddocks with no hoof or veterinary care. The horses were all underweight and a few were emaciated. With trash and debris strewn all around the paddocks, the horses had been living in hazardous conditions, and many were barely halter broke. Luckily, the police were tipped off about the neglected horses and when confronted, the owner was willing to surrender them.

Redwings quickly answered our partner rescue's plea and agreed to take two of the horses. The day before Thanksgiving, our Halfingers arrived in the first rain storm of the year. Wilbur and Weston bounded out of the trailer after their long journey. They galloped and kicked up their heels for a solid ten minutes exploring their new surroundings. It was a beautiful sight to see them running in stride together in the rain, as if celebrating their arrival and bright future.



We do not know much about Wilbur and Weston yet. Redwings staff have begun their refeeding regimen and in the coming months we will be working to increase their weight, evaluate them, and work on their basic ground manners. Weston is friendly and outgoing, while Wilbur is much more reserved. As Wilbur has become more confident in his new home, he has begun to warm-up to the staff and is becoming friendlier. We know that with a little patience, time, and love, these two boys will become amazing horses.

We would like to thank Lost Hearts and Souls and their hauler, Hilary, for bringing Wilbur and Weston to their new home at Redwings.



# Message From The Executive Director



Dear Friends and Supporters of Redwings Horse Sanctuary:

The holidays are here. We have gone from blistering hot summers to cool crisp days. The horses are wearing their winter coats while the elderly horses are snug in their blankets.

We have so many reasons to be thankful as we head into the new year. We are grateful for our dedicated staff members, volunteers, board members, and to our generous donors and friends. Thanks to all of you for making our organization one of the premier equine sanctuaries in the country, fulfilling our mission for the past 27 years. Because of your commitment and love of horses, we have saved many innocent lives who now have a bright future. We continue to place our horses with loving fosters. Many have found their forever homes through adoption.

Thanks to you and those who sponsor our horses, the Equine Care Team continues to deliver quality care to all of our rescues. They all receive equal amounts of love, attention and specialized regimens according to their needs. Our ranch hands are dedicated to their daily tasks that will ensure the wellbeing and safety for all of our horses. Not to mention, the grounds at the sanctuary have never looked better!

Eugene. Our sweet and goofy two-year-old thoroughbred whose original fate was euthanasia before we intervened, has had a successful removal of a bone chip from his hock. Special heartfelt thanks to many of you who supported Eugene's Fund. His surgery and recovery has been seamless. He will rehab and then participate in colt training so that he too will find his

person and a forever home.

Paso Robles Here We Come. As I have mentioned in the past, we have purchased acreage in Paso Robles. With most permits in place, we hope to break ground after the New Year, pending weather of course. We are optimistic that the completion of the new sanctuary will be in the summer of 2019. The moving of all of our horses, and structures will be an arduous task. We will keep you informed in terms of our timeline. And once all of the hard work is done, we will celebrate! Our rescues will finally have a permanent home. We hope that all of you who have supported our work will come to our grand opening and be a part of a new chapter for Redwings Horse Sanctuary.

In the meantime, please do consider visiting us at our sanctuary in Lockwood. The horses always love visitors, especially if you come with treats.

*The Redwings Team wishes you all  
Happy Holidays and  
a prosperous New Year*

*Andie Wilcox and the Redwings Staff*



## Staff Spotlight: Jorge Padilla – Ranch Manager

In January of 2018, Redwings was fortunate to have Jorge Padilla join our team. Jorge has had a long and successful career in equine care and ranch management. For the past 22 years, Jorge worked at a very large Thoroughbred breeding farm on the central coast. He has a wide range of experience ranging from horse handling and mare and foal management to ranch maintenance and repair. Jorge started as an equine care assistant at Redwings, handling daily treatments and medications for our horses, but he was quickly promoted to Ranch Manager. Today Jorge oversees a team of five ranch hands and is responsible for keeping the ranch operating smoothly. He also continues to work with the horses daily as part of the equine care team. Jorge's dedication to the horses is evident in the care he takes with every task, and he works hard every day to make their lives happy, healthy and safe.



## Foster and Adoption Success Stories

### Hero and Legacy

“Hero and Legacy have been a great addition to our farm of rescues. From day one, they have been two peas in a pod, unable to be out of eye sight from each other. We have enjoyed continuing their rehab and training, getting them back to their normal selves. Both love roaming the farm. Hero's best friend is Georgie (the calf) and Legacy is best friends with anyone who has snacks. In just six months with us, they have smoothly made their transition from race horse to trail riding. We have recently started trail riding with our neighbors to get them comfortable around other horses. We owe everything to Redwings; We could not ask for a better rescue and support on this wonderful adventure!” – Aaron Hepps

### Mossy

“We are fostering a horse from Redwings Horse Sanctuary and planning to adopt him in the near future. From the first contact we had, we knew that Redwings was a legitimate facility with the welfare of their horses their primary concern. They are open and honest about each horse they have and their fit for our needs. The passion they show for the horses is obvious, and we feel any animal fortunate enough to have landed at Redwings will have the best chance at a good life and home.

Our horse has been amazing. The opportunity to foster and grow with him has been amazing and we're thankful to have researched and discovered Redwings. They have been fantastic the entire way through.” – Tami McGill

# ***Foster and Adoption Success Stories***



## **Rebel**

"Fostering Rebel for 4+ years has been an opportunity and a blessing. He is the first horse that knows how to give a hug by gently putting his entire head and neck over my shoulder to pull me in close. He is also the only horse I have that will leave his food to come check in with me for love. I have enjoyed getting to know his silly faces and goofy personality. He and his pasture mate, M&M, are inseparable and regularly groom each other. My husband, Dave, loves Rebel as well. He is part of our family." – Sheila Hanley



## **Chuchotti**

"The privilege of being a foster parent introduces you to the responsibilities of having a horse: what you need to do regularly to maintain the horse's well-being and to provide them with everything they need before you take the final step of ownership.

I searched different horse rescues for years before I stumbled across Redwings. In the past I became discouraged and wasn't successful when I approached other rescues and honestly felt like it wasn't meant to be for me to have a horse. I had called and written a few other rescues in the past and not one time did anyone ever respond. Redwings called me back on the first day I left my first message. And that was the beginning of Chuchotti being a part of our lives.

I am so grateful for Redwings Horse Sanctuary for allowing me the opportunity of fostering one of the sweetest horses ever! I couldn't imagine my life without her."

– Michelle Bredeson



## **Joy**

"We were lucky enough to introduce Joy to our family over a year ago and the bond is strong today. Joy and our two daughters are best buds and we couldn't have done it without Redwings' awesome support and guidance. They helped a family out and we helped Redwings. Perfect!"

- The DeHart Family

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



Lucy



Savannah



# *Welcome:*



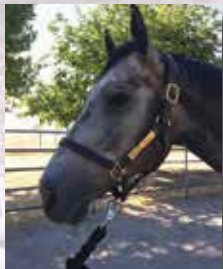
**Borden County**



**Capone**



**Guy Code**



**Jonny Be Bueno**



**Royal Gambler**



**Selenite**



**Native Treasure**



**Whimsical Sensation**



**Triple Play Hay**



**Wilbur**



**Weston**

# Standing Out in a Herd: Redwings' Recipe for Success

When you are considering making a donation to help horses in need, you will find that there are hundreds of equine rescues and sanctuaries throughout the country and many more world-wide. With so many worthy causes, it can be difficult to evaluate what sets an equine rescue organization apart. At Redwings, our recipe for success is in our longevity, unique foster program, accreditations, and full-time knowledgeable staff.

Redwings is one of the oldest equine sanctuaries in California. Founded in 1991, we have been active in equine rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming, and permanent sanctuary for 27 years. Accepting horses of all ages and breeds is a cornerstone of our mission. We accept the horses that are most at-risk, and welcome horses that Animal Service and Humane agencies have considered unadoptable.

In 2018, our Foster to Adopt Program has continued to thrive – fostering 24 and adopting 16 horses and burros as of the end of November. Our program is unique among similar rescue programs in that we require all potential adopters to first foster their Redwings horse or burro for one year before they are eligible to adopt. Our site inspections and mandatory monthly foster parent reports help us track the progress of our horses in their foster homes. This enables Redwings to monitor the condition of the horse in its new home and offer help to the foster families if needed.

Our focus is to match our horses with the best foster homes, and when it comes time to finalize the adoption, we do not charge a fee. While some sanctuaries do not adopt, we feel it is important for rehabilitated horses to have the opportunity for the one-on-one bond a loving foster parent can provide. Adoption also opens a space for us to rescue another horse in need. If at any time, for any reason, the foster or adoptive family is no longer willing or able to care for the horse, Redwings will always take the horse back. This policy ensures that our horses never end up in a neglectful situation again.



Redwings is accredited by two organizations that have strict equine care standards we must adhere to. GFAS (The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries) is an international organization that oversees all animal sanctuaries. There are two levels of recognition under GFAS - "verified" and "accredited" - and it is much more difficult to become accredited. In September of 2016, Redwings received full accreditation from GFAS; this is the highest level of accreditation that an animal sanctuary can achieve, and we are one of only seven accredited horse sanctuaries in California.

The TAA (Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance) is a national organization that provides support to rescues and sanctuaries that help find second homes and careers for retired race horses. Like GFAS, the TAA requires rescues and sanctuaries to pass site inspections and meet their strict standards for equine care. Redwings has been accredited by the TAA since October of 2015 and each year Redwings is re-inspected to make sure we continue to meet their high standards for care. In addition to our accreditations, Redwings has also been an Aftercare Partner with CARMA (California Retirement Management Account) since December of 2014. Like the TAA, CARMA is active in providing support for rescues and sanctuaries that accept retired racehorses and they have yearly site inspections to monitor the care and condition of Thoroughbreds that raced in California.

Our ten full-time, dedicated staff members are key to our longevity and our herd's health. We are also grateful to a team of core volunteers who provide extra love and attention, grooming, and of course, treats for our horses. The Equine Care Manager oversees the care of all the horses, evaluates horses for the re-training program, and runs the foster to adopt program. Redwings has a dedicated Equine Care Assistant who delivers daily medications and treatments to the horses. Our Ranch Manager oversees the maintenance of the ranch and determines project priorities to keep the sanctuary operating smoothly. Redwings has five ranch hands who keep the ranch well maintained, feed the horses, and clean pastures and paddocks daily. Our Executive Director and Development Coordinator are dedicated to day-to-day organizational management, donor relations, and securing grants that can help support our horses' needs.

At Redwings, we are proud of our accomplishments, and hope you will agree that it makes us stand out from the herd in the animal-rescue field. We strive to provide the highest standard of care for all our equine residents, and we thank you for helping us continue to do the job we love.



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## ***Fostered:***



**Whimsical Sensation**



**Black Jack**



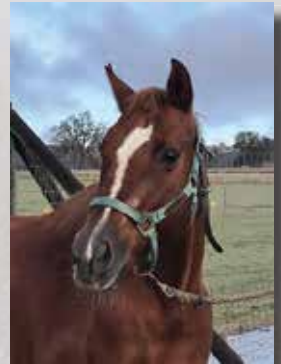
**Wilson**



**Chuchotti**



**Miller**



**Molly**

## ***Adopted:***



**Joy**



**Finnegan**





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## EVERY HORSE DESERVES HUMANE CARE



### Featured Foster Horses:

**Native Treasure:** Treasure is a quiet eight-year-old Thoroughbred. Treasure had a long career on the track with fifty-two starts and ten wins, twelve seconds and seven thirds. Treasure retired in April of 2018 after sustaining a mild tendon injury. Treasure has completed his rehabilitation and has been re-started under saddle. So far Treasure has been a pleasure to ride at all three gaits and seems to have a very quiet demeanor when being ridden. Treasure is suitable for dressage, hunter/jumper, trails, and many other disciplines.



**Fire Fly and Estrella:** Back in January of 2018 Redwings adopted mustangs from a BLM round-up of the Devil's Garden herd in Northern California. When we adopted them, they had not had very much handling, were not halter broke and were very skittish around people. Now just under a year later they are doing great and Fire Fly and Estrella are ready and waiting for their new homes. Both horses are very friendly, halter broke, good for the farrier, and stand quietly for bathing. Estrella will be five in the spring and is ready for training under saddle now. Fire Fly will be two in the spring and needs another six months to a year to mature before she will be ready for training. They are both very sound and healthy. Call our office and make an appointment to meet these amazing mustangs!



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