

REDWINGS

HORSE RESCUE & SANCTUARY

Roundup!

Fall/Winter 2016



Horse Tales from the Heart!

PENELOPE

In July of 1998, the Humane Society of Santa Clara County asked Redwings to help them determine the condition of over 100 ponies running wild on 160 acres in the east hills of San Jose. Their owner (who



lost the land to the bank) made an effort to keep the ponies by moving them to a neighbor's property. The neighbor, afraid to get stuck with a herd of ponies, contacted authorities and had them rounded up and sent to a local auction. After several attempts to stop the auction, the local horse community was mobilized and came to the auction to buy the ponies, and almost the entire herd was adopted. Horse Power Projects purchased a pregnant black mare named Etta Mae, and Penelope was born soon after.

Penelope has always been a favorite at the sanctuary. Penelope is a sweet and gentle pony who loves children and is always the first pony in the herd to come to the gate when people arrive. Penelope's patient and kind disposition are unsurpassed at the sanctuary. Penelope is also our most popular sponsor horse. Everyone who meets Penelope falls in love instantly.

In late August Penelope started to lose weight. The staff quickly increased her feed and checked her teeth and temperature, but everything seemed fine. Over the next week Penelope continued to drop weight even though she had a great appetite, so our local veterinarian came out to examine little Penelope and draw some blood for testing. The vet was not very concerned since Penelope's physical exam was completely normal and

Penelope was acting fine. Later that day the vet called with some startling news. Penelope's blood work showed that she had a very significant infection somewhere in her body and her white blood cell count was very high. It was recommended that we take Penelope to an equine hospital in Santa Barbara County called Alamo Pintado Equine Medical Center. The next day the equine care supervisor and Penelope made the 3 hour trip south to Alamo Pintado. When Penelope arrived she was seen by Dr. Byrne who immediately began a physical exam and drew more blood for testing. The next step was an ultrasound of Penelope's chest and abdomen. We got the answer we were looking for after the ultrasound of her lungs. Penelope had pneumonia. Dr. Byrne carefully took a sample of the fluid in Penelope's trachea and sent it to the lab to diagnose the type of pneumonia. Over the next few days Penelope remained at the hospital for observation and once the lab results came back she was started on a treatment for fungal pneumonia.



Penelope returned home after a few days and has improved every day. Her weight is back to normal and she is a happy pony. Penelope will need to stay on her fungal treatment for 8 months to make sure the infection is completely gone. The hospitalization and medication was very expensive, but Penelope is worth every penny. Penelope's ongoing fungal treatment will also be very costly. We are so thankful to both our own vet and the staff at Alamo Pintado for making sure Penelope got the treatment that she needed. We got our holiday wish, for Penelope to get better, can you help us make sure Penelope can continue to receive the medications and care that she needs this holiday season?

Calendar and Ornaments

Redwings is happy to announce that the second annual Redwings Calendar is now available. The calendar features beautiful photos of our horses taken by three amazing photographers Curt Benzinger,

Forrest Tanaka, and Jim Vincolisi. Each month also features one of our amazing foster horses, available at the sanctuary. Calendars are \$15 each, or 3 for \$40.



Also back by popular demand are the Redwings Christmas ornaments. These light weight snow flake ornaments feature the horse of your choice and are a great stocking stuffer or addition to your own tree. Ornaments are free with a \$75 sponsorship of the horse of your choice, or \$5 for just the ornament.



Sara's Journal

Wow the summer went by fast and now the nights are getting cold again. Shiny and sleek coats have been replaced by long fluffy winter coats. The horses are enjoying the cooler weather that is refreshing after a hot summer. It has been busier than ever at the sanctuary. We have new horses that are thriving at the sanctuary as well as foster horses thriving in their new loving foster homes. One of my favorite sanctuary residents, Duke, was fostered earlier this fall to an amazing couple in

Monterey County. I am happy to report that he is thriving in his new home and loves his new friends Olive and Elvis (also Redwings foster equines) and 4 Alpacas. I miss Duke, but I know he is in the best home where he gets the daily love and attention he deserves.

I can't thank our supporters enough for their dedication to our organization. Because of our wonderful donors and volunteers we were able to accept 6 new horses this year, placed 8 in loving foster homes, adopted 2, and continue to provide the highest standard of care to all those horses and burros that reside at the sanctuary. We couldn't do it without all of you!

Welcome



Tizmatic

Adopted



Rhett



Ricky

Fostered



Duke



Sage

Farewell



Coyote



Miz Scarlett

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



Misty



Topper

Staff Spotlight:

Carlos Soto

Carlos was born and raised in King City, CA. In the spring of this year Redwings was fortunate to have Carlos join our team. Carlos volunteers as a fire fighter in King City at night and on his days off and hopes to join CalFire in the near future. Carlos has been a wonderful team member and is very compassionate with all the horses. He is always willing to go the extra mile to make sure that the horses at Redwings receive the love and care that they deserve.



Redwings continues to help prepare off-track Thoroughbreds for their second careers

Since 2014 Redwings has been an aftercare partner for CARMA, helping Thoroughbreds that raced in California find their forever home and second careers. In 2015 Redwings was accredited by TAA, helping all off-track Thoroughbreds. Since 2014 Redwings has accepted 5 young Thoroughbreds from the CARMA aftercare program, and helped 6 other Thoroughbreds from different situations.

Our goal is to rehabilitate those horses who sustained injuries, retrain those who are sound for riding, and find forever loving homes for as many horses as possible. Most of these horses come to us with wonderful dispositions, but need additional training for their second careers. Part of our role is to retrain these amazing horses to make them more adoptable. Some of our Thoroughbreds will go on to have second careers as performance horses, some will be trail or pleasure horses, and some will be companion horses.

Regardless of what their second career will be, the Thoroughbreds will require more training to get them ready for their new career. Redwings implemented a retraining program in 2015 to help make our Thoroughbreds more adoptable. We are still in the beginning stages but already

we have placed 4 off-track Thoroughbreds in new homes with second careers and one off-track Thoroughbred as a companion horse. Please help us to advance our retraining program and get more Thoroughbreds ready for their next career. We need to build a larger arena for retraining purposes as well as more tack, suitable for horses with different conformation and size. We also have increased farrier bills for our Thoroughbreds as most of the horses in the re-training program require at least front shoes.



We are proud of our involvement in Thoroughbred after care and hope to help many more Thoroughbreds find loving homes as these delightful animals are truly ambassadors for the breed.

Volunteer Spotlight - Jim Vincolisi and Pat Bennett

When asked to write a few words about our new association (love affair) with Redwings, we had two responses, "Of course!" and "Where do we begin?"

First a disclaimer: We didn't grow up riding horses or longing to have horses of our own. Perhaps like many of you reading this, we just like animals of all stripes, and horses have always been in our crowded Basket of Adorables. It took two Arabians named Charlie and Winnie, and the entire Herd, Staff and Board of Redwings, to make us truly fall in love with equines of every sort.

In early 2015, after a long illness, our neighbor and good friend died, leaving behind two Arabian horses: Charlie (a 20 something mare) and Winston (a 20 something gelding). Our neighbor died without having made plans for their care once he passed away. Their fate was left in the hands of our neighbor's family, who were unable to find a new home for the horses and told us the horses would most likely be euthanized. We asked them to give us time to help find a proper new home, either with a private individual or a sanctuary. We offered, in the meantime, to help pay for and deliver their food, and offered to help with their care.

Shortly thereafter, the family advised us they weren't able to keep the horses any longer and plans would be made to euthanize them. We told our neighbors we would take the horses that day. We moved them into our cross-fenced field of about an acre which had sufficient shelter, bought some feed, and called a wonderful local veterinarian and some friends

familiar with horses to help guide us. One of Jim's doctors in San Luis Obispo learned of our situation and suggested contacting Redwings, based upon his personal experience with the non-profit and based upon Redwings' own fine reputation in the horse community.

We contacted Redwings the next morning. The following day, the remarkable (as you all know) Sara Ruggerone arranged to come out (in the rain) to personally evaluate Charlie and Winnie. The three of them were immediately taken with each other. Sara assured us both horses would be wonderful additions to Redwings' equine herd, and, because they were so gentle, they would be easily adoptable! After the Redwings' Board approved their acquisition, we happily (and gratefully) agreed to continue fostering Charlie and Winnie for several months until the winter rains were over and space became available at Redwings. One Saturday morning, Sara and Redwings' Board President, Mark Sindel, arrived with an elegant horse trailer hitched to their truck.



Charlie and Winnie hadn't been transported in a trailer in more than 20 years. We imagined they'd been transported long ago to our neighbor's property and never left, except for the times they were ridden by our neighbor through the surrounding country roads and along the nearby riverbed.

Within minutes of Sara's and Mark's arrival that morning, Sara gently soothed away any apprehension felt by Charlie and Winnie, and effortlessly led them into the trailer. Sara called that afternoon to reassure us Charlie and Winnie made the hour long trip to Redwings in Lockwood in fine shape, and were ready to begin their new life at Redwings - happy and content from Day 1.

Since that day when Charlie and Winnie left with Sara and Mark for Redwings, Jim has been invited to join the Board and has joined the enviable ranks of other volunteer fine art photographers who capture images of all the charming members of the herd. We visit Charlie and Winnie often: bringing bags of carrots to share with all members of the herd, learning under Sara's expert and patient training how to properly approach and groom the horses, and putting those new-found skills to use as often as we can. Most important, we try to spend time saying hello to as many of the members of the Redwings herd as we're able to fit into each visit. To say we admire the entire Staff and the Board members at Redwings, and to

say our experiences when visiting the sanctuary has added an extraordinary dimension to our lives, are both understatements.

We've been made to feel a part of Redwings from the moment we first met Sara that rainy day in 2015 and ever since the day Sara and Mark gently reassured two beautiful horses that the ride would be "fun" and that their new home would be "the best thing next to heaven on earth." Each time we say hello to the dedicated staff and volunteers at Redwings, then grab a carrot and a brush and enter a stall to whisper sweet nothings into the ears of a gentle horse, we know how privileged we are to spend time with some of the kindest and loveliest creatures on earth - equine and human.

Thank you, Redwings, from the bottom of our hearts! Your Herd, your Staff and your Board are remarkable!!

Love,

Pat Bennett and Jim Vincolisi

Thanks to our generous supporters

2016 was a great year at Redwings. Thanks to your continued support Redwings was able to accept 6 new horses at the sanctuary, placed 8 horses in new loving foster homes, and adopted 2 horses to their foster families. We currently have 82 equines that call Redwings home. None of this would be possible without your generous support!!!

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The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

Redwings is very excited to announce that we are officially accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. The staff enjoyed the entire application process and had a wonderful site inspection by a member of the GFAS team in the spring. We are honored to be accredited by such an amazing organization.



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Redwings Horse Sanctuary of California is Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



September 30, 2016 (Lockwood, CA) - The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to Redwings Horse Sanctuary (aka Horse Power Sanctuaries) as of September 30, 2016.

Accreditation signifies that Redwings Horse Sanctuary meets GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed equine care standards which are confirmed by a comprehensive site visit. Accreditation also signifies adherence to standards addressing the sustainability of the organization, ethical principles, finances, staffing, education outreach, security and safety and other operational aspects.

"Redwings Horse Sanctuary is a wonderful role model demonstrating excellence and professionalism in equine best practices of animal care and nonprofit management," said Daryl Tropea, GFAS Director of Accreditation. "Redwings is dedicated to providing a lifelong home for equines needing sanctuary due to age, illness or injury and also to providing adoptive homes for healthy horses when appropriate. Today Redwings is home to more than 85 equine of all sizes and breeds. The dedication the staff, volunteers and Board of Directors have for the welfare of all these animals is undeniable. We are proud to announce their well-deserved achievement of GFAS accreditation".

"Redwings is honored to be accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries", said Paula Germain, Executive Director of Redwings Horse Sanctuary. "Redwings enjoyed the accreditation process and the staff at GFAS were wonderful to work with and very supportive. GFAS sets the highest standards for equine care and Redwings is very proud to have met all of their strict standards of care. We look forward to continuing to provide the highest standards of care to all of our equine residents".



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FOSTER SHOWCASE: *Tizmatic and Winston*

Tizmatic "Tizzy" is a beautiful 4 year old thoroughbred gelding from the CARMA Placement Program. Tizmatic raced 4 times in California before sustaining a slight fracture of the third carpal bone (knee) in a morning workout. In November of 2015 Tizmatic had surgery to place a screw to stabilize the fracture. He received 6 months of stall rest and had the screw removed in April of 2016. Tizmatic has now been back under saddle for four months and is doing very well. Tizmatic seems to also enjoy

trail riding. Tizmatic is very sweet and has a quiet temperament. Tizmatic should excel in many disciplines.

Winston is a lovely 23 year old Arabian gelding. Winston is sound, healthy and still has a lot of miles left in him. He loves trail riding and is good with traffic, water crossings, and other trail obstacles. Winston does not require shoes and is a very easy keeper. If you want a fun and reliable trail horse come check out Winston!

