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ZIP

Zip is an adorable chestnut thoroughbred gelding. Zip was retired from racing in 2016 after sustaining multiple injuries on the track. Zip's owner and trainer placed him in the CARMA placement program, and CARMA placed him with Redwings in January. Zip has completed his rehabilitation and is ready to start work under saddle again. Zip has a very laid back disposition and loves people. He always meets the staff and volunteers at the gate and has no vices. Zip will make a great pleasure or trail horse but is not suitable for high intensity sports such as jumping, polo, or gymkhana. If you come out and meet Zip we know you will fall in love.



MOLLY

Molly is a sweet 23 year old chestnut quarter horse mare. Molly is not suitable for riding but will make a great companion horse. Molly is very gentle and kind with her human and horse friends. She is not dominant and gets along with both mares and geldings and does great in pasture. Molly loves attention and getting groomed and is safe for children. Molly has no medical or soundness problems. Molly does wear a crib collar, she developed the habit before she came to Redwings, but does not crib when the collar is on. Molly's sweet expression will warm your heart if you come out to meet her.



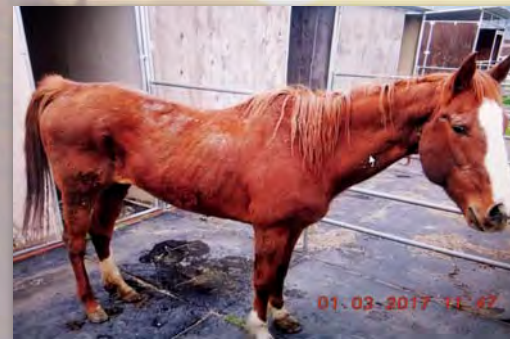
Don't forget you can see more photos of Zip & Molly and other available equines on our website at www.redwingshorsesanctuary.org

REDWINGS HORSE RESCUE & SANCTUARY

Roundup!

Summer 2017

Horse Tales from the Heart!



LOLANA'S STORY

By the tattoo on her upper lip and the brand on her left hip we know that Lolana was once a racing quarter horse. But when Lolana was seized by animal control, thin and barely able to walk, she looked nothing like a well-bred race horse.

Humane officers in Santa Clara, CA responded to a report of neglect in early January 2017 and arrived to find multiple horses in terrible condition. One horse stood out from the rest, an older chestnut mare, who was in the worst condition. Once the horses arrived at Animal Services they were quickly evaluated for health and adoptability. The other horses were determined to be fairly young and healthy other than being thin and needing hoof care, but the old chestnut mare's condition was far worse. The younger horses were easily

adopted from the shelter into loving homes.

The staff at the shelter named the chestnut mare Lolana and quickly arranged for Lolana to be seen by a veterinarian and farrier. It was determined that other than being severely underweight Lolana was in fairly good health. The vet also determined that Lolana was around 25 years old. Lolana's hooves were in such poor condition that she was very uncomfortable and struggled to walk around her paddock. The veterinarian recommended that the shelter purchase Soft Ride Boots to ease her discomfort. The staff slowly began to increase Lolana's feed until she was eating normal size portions and she quickly began to gain weight. Due to Lolana's age and soundness problems there was little hope of Lolana being adopted like the other horses that were seized with her. Lolana will need continued special hoof care for a while and will need to remain in her soft ride boots. The staff contacted Redwings and asked if we had room to accept Lolana. The board quickly agreed that Lolana deserved a happy ending at Redwings. Three weeks after she was rescued by Animal Services, Lolana made the 2 ½ hour journey south to Redwings.



Today Lolana is doing very well and is very happy at Redwings. Lolana lives in a paddock right next to the office where she gets tons of attention. She gets turned out daily with the pony herd and Ali, a 28 year old Arabian, in a grassy pasture. Lolana still wears her soft ride boots and she is very comfortable walking around her pasture in them. Lolana has gained almost all her weight back and she has started to shed her winter coat. We can't wait to see her shiny summer coat come in soon. Lolana is very social with people and other horses, she will make a terrific companion horse and we hope she finds a foster home soon.

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Sara's Journal

I am happy to report that the sanctuary is covered in bright green grass and the horses are enjoying grazing all day. The rains have been a blessing in drought stricken California, but have also created a lot of challenges in our daily activities. All the horses are handling the weather well, and when there is a break in the rain we often see the horses galloping playfully around the pastures.

Our newest CARMA horse George Zip, aka "Zip," arrived in January and is doing great. He is a very laid back and sweet horse and is going to make someone a great riding horse. Most of the CARMA horses have had a little time off due to the rain and our round pen has been way too muddy to work any horses. We are looking forward to working with them more in the spring. It has been very busy the last couple months with new horses arriving and foster horses leaving for their new homes. We are so happy to hear that Winston and Sundance are doing great in their new homes. It's not too late to buy a 2017 calendar. We still have a few available at the office. Give us a call to order your calendar today. Our calendar has gorgeous photos that feature some of our beautiful horses and burros. We are so thankful to have great photographers that have volunteered their time to come and

photograph all of our wonderful equines. Thank you to Jim Vincolisi, Curt Benzinger, and Forrest Tanaka for coming out to the sanctuary and taking amazing photos over the years.

We are always looking for more volunteers at the sanctuary to help us provide the highest standard of care for our horses. Do you have some extra time on your days off? Do you enjoy being around horses? If so, give us a call to set up a volunteer class for you. You do not need to have horse experience to volunteer at Redwings, just a big heart and a desire to learn more about horses and how to help them.



Staff Spotlight - Laury Baty



I was born and raised in the Salinas Valley, the daughter of a farmer. My love for horses started as a young teen age just trail riding. Later I became a professional barrel racer and a proud member of the WPRA, competing in various rodeos in

California and throughout the West coast. I attended Hartnell College where I was an Animal Science Major.

I have two beautiful daughters and live with my wonderful husband in King City, CA. I am excited to have joined the team at Redwings where I can contribute my many years of equine experience, I bring to Redwings an excellent working knowledge of Microsoft office skills as their Administrative Assistant. Joining the team at Redwings Horse Sanctuary has enabled me to fulfill a lifelong goal: Working for a non-profit, especially dedicated to the mission of preventing abuse and providing sanctuary to abandoned and neglected horses.

Welcome



Lolana

Zip

Joy

Education Corner

"He's just thin because he is old" We hear this excuse a lot from owners when confronted about their underweight horse. This occurs with people in every equine discipline from big show barns to pleasure horses, to back yard pets. People sometimes feel that it is acceptable for their horse to be skinny once it reaches a certain age. There are many different reasons for older horses to lose weight and body condition, but age alone is not the cause.

Important factors to consider when your older horse loses condition are dental problems, parasites, severe weather, illness and nutritional requirements.

As horses age their teeth wear down making them susceptible to periodontal disease which often leads to tooth loss. This is particularly important when back molars used to grind feed are worn down or are lost. These gaps in the horse's teeth can lead to an increase in feed waste, quidding, and larger feed particles that the horse has more trouble digesting. It is best to have your horse's teeth checked yearly by a veterinarian to rule out dental problems as a cause of your horse's loss of condition.

Parasites can lead to weight loss in horses of all ages. There are many different parasites that can effect a horse's digestion and overall condition. In some cases even horses on a good deworming program can develop heavy parasitic loads. Talk to your vet about the most current recommended deworming program and have your vet do fecal exams periodically to test the success of your deworming program.

Severe weather can be very hard on older horses. In extreme heat some older horses do not eat as much and drink way more water that keeps them feeling full and decreases their appetite. In extreme cold horses will also sometimes lose their appetite and shivering in the cold burns more calories leading to increased feed requirements. In hot weather misters can be very helpful in keeping the older horse more comfortable and always make sure there is plenty of shade available. In cold weather having a good warm shelter and a water proof and breathable winter blanket can prevent your older horse from using more energy to keep warm.

Farewell

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



Sport



Penelope



Gracie



Winston



Sundance



Nutritional requirements for an old horse change over time and often horse's caloric needs increase as they age. The older horse may not break down their feed as well requiring the owner to consider feeding supplemental feeds that are easier to chew and digest. There are many products on the market that are great for keeping weight on older horses. Here at Redwings we have very good luck with a combination of Rice Bran, Senior, and soaked pellets. Horses that can no longer eat hay due to dental problems usually do very well on soaked pellets or cubes. Pellets and cubes are already broken down compressed hay particles which become very easy to chew and digest once they are soaked in warm water. Horses that require higher fat concentrations to hold their weight are put on rice bran which is a great easily digestible fat source. For picky eaters senior feeds are a great way to go. The addition of molasses to senior feed make it highly palatable for even the pickiest eater. Most senior supplements are a complete feed that can be fed with out additional hay as a source of roughage. If you have a horse with a metabolic condition such as Cushing's it is important to watch how much sugar the horse consumes. For these horses a low starch supplement and rice bran may be better than senior feeds that can be high in sugars.

Older horses don't have to be thin. Redwings is home to many senior citizens and none of our older residents are underweight. Noey is a 33 year old quarter horse mare and Jasper is a 35 year old Thoroughbred gelding and both are in great body condition.

Are you concerned about your horse's weight and are not sure if they are too thin or too fat? The Henneke Body Scoring System is a scientific method of evaluating a horse's body condition. This system of evaluating a horse's condition applies to all breeds, ages, and gender. The score is from 1 to 9 with 1 being emaciated and 9 being obese. Most equine professionals agree that 5-6 is the best score for the average healthy horse. You can find many sources online that provide detailed instructions for how to evaluate your horse and determine if they are at an appropriate and healthy weight.

Fostered