

SpeakUPforHorses

FALL 2013 NEWSLETTER

Jackie McConnell, who was charged with animal abuse and the soring of horses, entered a plea agreement which bans him from owning and training horses for 20 years. He will pay a fine of \$ 25,000 and will be under house arrest for one year in addition to four years of probation. In 2012 a Federal Judge sentenced him to a \$ 75,000 fine and three years probation for conspiracy to violate the Horse Protection Act. Last year Tennessee and Kentucky congressmen began working together to strengthen the Horse Protection Act, an effort that's continuing today and will ban the tall shoes and ankle chains that mark the Tennessee Walking Horse breed's performance class.

2013 Proposed Federal Horse Legislation

S. 541 and H.R. 1094 SAFE Act

S. 1459 Horse Transportation Safety Act

S. 1406 Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act

H.R. 2212 The Race Horse Cost Recovery Act



Dorian Ayache has been indicted on a long list of federal charges, including continuing to truck horses to slaughter houses in Mexico even after his trucking company was shut down, and trying to destroy evidence. Also charged is the owner of a second company, Theresa Vincent, who the government says continued the trucking operation, just under a new name.

Early in 2012 a load of horses he was hauling to slaughter tipped over on the interstate in Williamson County, Tennessee, killing three horses. Then, it happened again a few months later, when the trailer in which Ayache was hauling another load of horses to the meat packing plant, broke in half in south Nashville.

Both times, federal regulators cited his rigs and drivers for safety violations, and the U.S. Department of Transportation shut Ayache's business down.

Our very own Terry and another equine advocate by the name of Julie followed Ayache from TN to the Mexican border and they subsequently filed several complaints with both the USDA and the FMCSA presenting the proof that he was still hauling horses to slaughter.

There aren't enough words to express our gratitude and admiration for an investigation done so well that charges have been brought against a cruel and ruthless kill buyer who has so blatantly ignored the laws for a very long time.

Time to stock up on hay for the winter!!!!!!

We ask our loyal supporters to make a tax deductible donation so we can fill the barn for the upcoming winter season. The price for a bale of hay has increased to \$ 6 per bale and we will be feeding at least 300 bales per month. We have added the option of recurring donations via Paypal on our website, so supporting our horses is even easier now.

Show Your Support For America's Horses

Get our car magnets for \$ 6 each - includes shipping



BE A SPONSOR OF ONE OF OUR SANCTUARY HORSES



Bubba, who has an inoperable growth near his esophagus and needs to be ultra sounded every few months to assure it doesn't get bigger.

Holly, who recently underwent surgery to remove a mass from an old injury. Her rehab will take a lot of time and care.



Happy, who came to us very defeated due to unthinkable abuse. His Happy Ending story can be found on our website. Partial Sponsor: Marcela

Our Updates

Rescue Horses Rock

At this year's "Salute to Rescued Horses" segment of the Open House Show in August, several of our former equines shined in a big way. We are grateful to their adopters and proud of the horses for showing that they are all they can be.



Smiles all the way around



Magic



Vegas



Dune



Mystery



Saved from going to slaughter

With the help of your financial support we were able to give two thoroughbred mares a new chance in life. They were awaiting a trip to the slaughter plant at a local kill buyer's lot, but we were able to intervene and bring them to our farm. Both Diamond and Jewel are sending their most heartfelt **Thank You**. Please help us with their continued upkeep until they find their new forever homes.

Our round-the-clock efforts are driven by the belief that no horse should ever be subjected to abuse, neglect or a trip to the slaughter plant.

Without your generous donations we would be powerless in the face of abuse and slaughter.

We are currently updating the fencing around our pastures. We are so blessed with wonderful friends who have generously contributed so we could make this happen.

Our next project will be the erection of a separate hay storage building, eliminating a fire hazard in the barn.

Jack, Forest and Holly have been making strides with their training; especially Jack who came to us with so much fear of humans, it broke our hearts. We want to thank those who give their time, their expertise and devotion to bring back the trust and happiness to the horses that come to our facility. Their rehabilitation is not just limited to physical issues but also includes the healing of their many emotional scars.

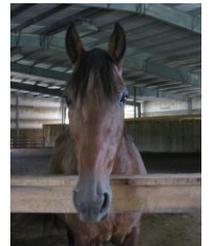
Jack and Juan
a newfound
trust in mankind



Many different scenarios can put horses in situations that require immediate help and/or actions. Speak Up For Horses not only answers to calls of abused, neglected or slaughter bound equines but also when animals find themselves abandoned due to human circumstances: This summer Mr. Mom, a 15 year old Tennessee Walking Horse, and several other beautiful horses ended up homeless due to their owner's sad decision to commit suicide. We sprang into action and were able to find new homes for all of them except for Mr. Mom who first needed some rehabilitation for a lameness issue. He joined our charges for a full recovery, lots of TLC and is now available for adoption. Ridden by teenagers in the past, he is kind, eager to please and a pure pleasure to be around.



Mr. Mom



Annie, Carol, Shelly, Terry, Marcela and the many tireless volunteers are grateful for all of your support.

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