

### Fund a Fence:

Aside from hay and mineral supplements, maintaining safe and sturdy fencing is our highest priority. The horses and burros that call the Wild Horse Sanctuary home are free to roam anywhere on the 5,000 acres, which is perimeter fenced. Ensuring the horses stay on Sanctuary property keeps them out of harm's way and guarantees they will have access to food and water. Winter weather takes the heaviest toll on the fencing. Recently we inspected all perimeter fencing and have identified several sections that must be rebuilt and several other sections in need of repair. Please help us keep our precious horses and burros safe by donating to "fund a fence". Our goal is to raise \$7,500 by July 30 so that we can address this need right away. If you'd like to donate to the fund a fence campaign, please make a notation on your check or include a note on your donation made through our website "Donate in the Amount of Your Choosing" <http://www.wildhorsesanctuary.org/help-donation.html>

Thank you!

### Events and Announcements:

- NOW: Ride Season in Full Swing!
- August 14-20, Anna Twinney, Reach Out to the Untouched Horse Clinic
- August 19, WHS Annual Open House and Benefit – admission and parking are free
- August 20, Summer Adoption Day – Horses from the Anna Twinney clinic available for adoption
- October 28, Fall Adoption Day
- Year Round, open for wild horse viewing on Wednesdays and Saturdays 10am – 4pm. Admission is free



*Sweet Pea and Lil Miss accept the invitation for conversation.*

# Wild Horse Sanctuary Contribution and Order Form

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to help!  
Enclosed is my check for:

\_\_\_ \$50 to feed one unsponsored horse for one month

\_\_\_\_ \$55 for one dewormer block

\_\_\_\_ \$75 for one mineral  
supplement tub

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 to care for an  
unsponsored horse for 3 months

\_\_\_\_ \$500 to sponsor a horse for  
one year

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**Dear Friend,**

The sun and warm weather finally arrived! How welcome it was after the abundant rains all winter- the wildflowers were spectacular and the native grasses have produced abundantly as well as our few, relatively small planted areas.

How good it has been to see the wild horses grazing again, away from the muddy feeding grounds of winter. The lush green grasses will not last long and we will again have to feed hay, but for now - it's the most beautiful time of year!

Thanks to all the rain our ponds are full again and all the creeks and springs are flowing. What a wonderful sight and welcome water for the horses.

All through May, our trail riders have marveled to the sights of nature here at the Sanctuary, with wild horses grazing in their favorite places amid 5,000 acres that is available to them. Thank you for making this beautiful home for the wild horses possible.

We are excited to share the news about some new events that have been added to our calendar for 2017. May 12th through 14th, the Sanctuary hosted a team of mental health professionals from around the country as they participated in a private Natural Lifemanship Intensive training that took place here. (See....*New Opportunities for the Sanctuary.*)

My appreciation for all life and the blessings that have resulted from caring and sharing experiences made possible through the horses just continues to grow and continues to amaze me! All the participants in the Natural Lifemanship program expressed their gratitude for what we do here and what we are able to share because of the wild horses.

And, we have another exciting training event coming up in conjunction with our annual Open House! Aug 14th through the 20th, we will welcome Anna Twinney, International Equine Specialist, Natural Horsemanship Clinician, Animal Communicator and Energy Healer, for the “Reach Out to the Untouched Horse” 7 day workshop. (See....New Opportunities for the Sanctuary.)

Since day six of Anna's Clinic coincides with Open House on Aug 19th, visitors will be able to observe the training in progress. The horse's abilities and what they have learned will be "showcased" as part of our Open House program. We hope you can join us?

The 10 young horses that will be gentled by Anna Twinney's Clinic will be made available for adoption on the last day of the clinic, August 20th. What an amazing opportunity for our young horse and those who are looking for a young horse to become a forever friend!

The longer I live and the more I learn, the more I am convinced of the connectedness we all share in life. Animals have been our partners, friends and workmates through the ages - none has given more than the horse. How awed I am to see the healing that is possible through the many Equine Assisted Therapy Programs available in today's world. And how proud and privileged I feel that we are able to share the benefits the horses are able to give in so many ways.

I hope you are able to feel the blessing we share – all of us helping each other by helping the horses here.

Sincerely,

*Dianne*  
Dianne Nelson

P.S. Thank you again for all you've done to be a part of the Sanctuary's family of supporters - as we continue to grow in our efforts to help each other & the horses!

## Protecting and Preserving Freedom for America's Wild Horses



**WHS Mustang Dakota Finds His Forever Home:**

Five years ago a gangly mustang colt was born at The Wild Horse Sanctuary. Feisty and sorrel with a full white face, he used to like to kick up his heels and became independent early.

Today Dakota is a handsome gelding with an exciting future. Adopted this winter by Dylan Carnemolla, Dakota now calls InderBitzen Ranch, better known as Bassos roping ranch, in Livermore, California, home. Dylan, a former bronco rider, has the goal to learn competition roping with Dakota as his partner.

As Dakota had never been saddled or ridden, Dylan started with the basics. Moving from lunging to ground driving (which is getting the horse used to a bit and reins without a rider on his back) Dylan now saddles Dakota, stands in the stirrups and their first real ride is just around the corner. Dylan says that Dakota has just done great throughout this process and he couldn't be happier with the progress he's made.

Looking to the future, Dakota is showing signs of being a good roping horse. After working out together, Dylan likes to take Dakota for a short graze where cattle are nearby. Showing great instincts, Dakota's ears come forward and he gets excited and wants to trot after the cows. Everyone at the Ranch thinks that Dakota has what it takes for his new career.

A bit of a social butterfly, Dakota has adapted well to his new environment. Everyone's friend, people and horses alike, he now has a special new friend Connie. Connie is a retired thoroughbred who is stalled next to Dakota. Before Dakota moved in, Connie's owner had trouble getting her to eat. That's all changed now that she has Dakota as a neighbor and friend. Dakota also seems to be a bit of a trickster around the barn. Not content to drink out of his own automatic watering spout, from time to time Dakota prefers to stretch his neck, lean over and drink water from the Appaloosa's watering spout in the next stall.

Adopting a new horse is a big commitment. But when the right horse gets matched up with the right owner, both can find purpose, enjoyment and fulfillment. Thank you Dylan for adopting Dakota. We wish you both the best on your new life's adventure.



**New Opportunities for the Sanctuary:**

This year, the Wild Horse Sanctuary is hosting two special events where young Mustangs play a key role in helping humans. In return, the humans will help the horses transition to domestic lives away from the Sanctuary. And, the Wild Horse Sanctuary shares in the proceeds from these events, which makes it a win, win, win!

We hosted a team of mental health professionals from around the country as they participated in a private Natural Lifemanship Intensive Training, which took place at the Sanctuary from May 12-14. As the original Trauma-Focused Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (TF-EAP™), Natural Lifemanship is based on contemporary medical research that explains the physiological and psychological impact of chronic stress and traumatic insults on human development beginning in utero and throughout the lifespan. Founded on science, Natural Lifemanship views and treats psychological and behavioral disorders through a trauma lens by intentionally using horse physiology to regulate human physiology, and horse psychology to heal human psychology. Training participants worked with five young wild horses from the Sanctuary to learn the Natural Lifemanship method. Feedback from all involved was SO positive! The Natural Lifemanship team is returning next September, for certain and is considering a second date as well. [www.naturallifemanship.com](http://www.naturallifemanship.com)

In August, the Wild Horse Sanctuary welcomes Anna Twinney, International Equine Specialist, Natural Horsemanship Clinician, Animal Communicator and Energy Healer, for the “Reach Out to the Untouched Horse” 7 day workshop. Anna's clinics are designed to give participants the unique opportunity to learn the methodologies and concepts necessary to fully understand and work in the language of the horse. Created Anna herself, this hands-on approach allows participants to gain insight and understanding into the mind of the horse, learn how to leave the one-way conversation behind, and build a true connection and trust-based partnership with a horse. Ten young Mustangs from the Sanctuary will be the equine partners in this amazing learning experience. For more information or to register as a participant or auditor visit <http://www.reachouttohorses.com/training.html#gentling>



*Practicing the subtleties of pressure and release inside a relationship. Comanche is a good teacher.*

**Mustangs Making a Difference!:**

We are happy to share that three Mustangs from the Wild Horse Sanctuary are officially “on the payroll” at Windows To My Soul in Somerset, CA. Windows To My Soul (WTMS) is a non-profit center for Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Equine Assisted Personal Development where individuals and groups can build the emotional and mental health skills necessary to live connected, empowered and purpose-filled lives. Comanche, a former Sanctuary saddle string horse, and Sweet Pea and Lil Miss, two minimally handled young fillies, are living and working at WTMS. They are making a difference in the lives of WTMS clients and volunteers as well as gaining valuable experience, which helps them build trust and confidence in themselves and their human partners. [www.windowstomysoul.org](http://www.windowstomysoul.org)