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Grateful!

Dear Friend,

I cannot find words to express my feelings as this year draws to a close - unprecedented, challenging, full of uncertainties and anxiety are just a few that come to mind. Who could ever have imagined how Covid-19 would permeate every aspect of our lives? As we continue to grapple with the Covid crisis, it is my sincerest hope that you and your loved ones are staying safe, healthy and able to manage during this difficult time.

For me, looking out my windows to see the horses eating peacefully or frolicking playfully, knowing they're safe in the beauty of their natural environment, helps keep me positive. My heart's desire is for you to be comforted in the knowledge that, because of your help, this haven of nature and the wild horses who live here are safe and well cared for. One way we share the beauty of the wild horses, their life and their home here is through our calendars. The 2021 calendar is now available for you to enjoy!



A happy ending for our 10 new arrivals!

Even with all the challenges of social distancing and a myriad of other concerns, we were able to safely host a training clinic with clinician Anna Twinney in August. Participants gentled some of our young horses to prepare them for a successful adoption. Participants in the clinic also gained invaluable skills in working with young untouched mustangs. The skills they learned will help mustangs elsewhere transition from the wild to domestication.



Teamwork makes for safe handling of wild ones.

This summer we were also able to neuter 7 colts, 3 stallions and 14 burros. This is a huge step toward our goal of zero reproduction here at the Sanctuary. We are extremely grateful for the voluntary services of Rural Veterinary Experience, Teaching and Service (R-VETS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Keeping in mind that these animals are truly wild, one realizes the challenges of safely accomplishing these necessary surgeries. The teamwork and dedication of the skilled group was amazingly evident!

Protecting and Preserving Freedom for America's Wild Horses

Another rewarding accomplishment I'm happy to share with you is the rescue of 10 older wild horses from an organization that was unable to continue in its rescue mission. For almost 3 years, efforts were made to place these horses with no success until the Sanctuary agreed to bring them here. Now, they have a forever home - at long last, a happy ending for these wild ones.

I am so grateful that we were able to accomplish a few essential projects this year. Yet the normalcy we all hoped would return by fall has not been realized. Our gates remain closed to the general public. Sadly, the rides we had rescheduled from spring to fall were again rescheduled till next spring. It has been extremely disappointing for our guests and creates financial hardship for the Sanctuary. The rides are a primary way to raise funds to purchase hay for the horses.



Success-first human touch.

As 2020 draws to a close, who can predict what the new year will bring? Life always has its ups and downs, challenges and uncertainties. Still, I hope that you've been able to find positive strength with friends and family that will fortify you as we face the future.

I look back with gratitude over many decades of support from caring people like you. Together, we have succeeded in providing this haven for wild horses that have nowhere else to live. I continue to look forward with trust and confidence that together we will always be able to care for the horses here.

May we all be able to show a positive and waiting attitude for the coming year. And may the Wild Horse Sanctuary be something you can feel good about as you continue to be a part of the Sanctuary's family.

Wishing you happy trails in 2021!

Warm regards,

Dianne

Dianne Nelson
Co-Founder

P.S. Thank you so much for any support you can manage during this difficult time for us all - Words simply fail when I try to express my gratitude for your support. Please stay safe - and - may you have joy, peace & good health thru out the coming year!

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
- ☐ \$150 to feed one unsponsored horse for 3 months
- ☐ \$500 to feed one unsponsored horse for a full year
- ☐ \$110 for 1 mineral supplement tub
- ☐ \$55 for 1 dewormer block
- ☐ \$18ea. for calendar (includes S&H)

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