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Photo by Kathy Higgins.

### *Dear friend,*

I do hope you are well and safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. What a challenge the past year has been for us all! So many transitions for everyone- the way we get our work done; schooling; shopping- literally every aspect of how we live has been affected.

The work here at the Sanctuary has been adjusted too. And yet, the horses are always well cared for thanks to you and our many volunteers. Through the years we've had whatever help was needed; both the physical labor of volunteers and the much-needed donations that make our work possible. That fact has been one of my greatest comforts as I reflect on all the changes and challenges we've experienced in the more than four decades of rescuing and caring for wild horses.

When I personally prepared and submitted the federal application to create the Wild Horse Sanctuary-which in some ways seems like such a short time ago-my dream was that others would care about wild horses and help us provide a permanent home for them. At that time, there was no way to know if that dream would materialize. Yet, here I sit still writing to you as I have since 1979; reminiscing yes, but also looking to the future. My dream did become a reality when we secured 5,000 acres as a permanent home for the wild horses here in Shingletown.

Life always brings change. One of those changes being the limiting factor of age. Now, as I enter my 75th year of life (with more than 45 of them caring for our wild ones) I am ever more grateful for the many volunteers who have dedicated their time and talents in so many ways to take on the tasks that I am no longer able to perform.

Many have asked me through the years what will happen when I'm "gone". My reply has always been, "We have a capable board of directors that will carry-on!"

I have never been more grateful or proud of the Sanctuary's board than I am at this moment! Our board has been "handed the reins" so to speak and is doing a spectacular job of caring for all the needs of the wild horses and the Sanctuary. I have the utmost confidence in their ability to make the important decisions needed to ensure a sustainable future for the nonprofit and the horses in our care.

So, one of the very important transitions here at the Sanctuary is that Elizabeth Palmer assumed the role of President of the Sanctuary's Board of

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Directors. Elizabeth has been Vice President of the board for 21 years. Her dedication, skills and knowledge will continue to be a great asset to the Sanctuary. The five other members of our current board are passionate in their support of the Sanctuary and have served in many capacities throughout the years. Collectively, the current board has been supporting the Sanctuary for a combined total of 82 years!

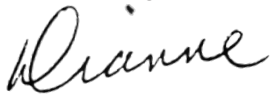
My dream now is that the Sanctuary will always be here as a home for wild horses who have nowhere else to go. The Sanctuary is my home too, and I hope to share it with the horses and all who care for them for many years to come. I'm still very much involved by providing counsel and advice when needed and I am able to fill temporary "gaps" if necessary.

As I reflect on the past 40+ years, I am amazed at what we have accomplished for the wild horses and burros. I am also amazed by the caring helpers who made these accomplishments possible! A huge part of my dream and hopes has been realized. Now, as I entrust the care of the Sanctuary to our new President and the current Board of Directors, my hope is that you will continue your support as you have in the past. I have witnessed several generations of wild horses enjoying their freedom and safety here- now there are new generations of supporters and directors to ensure the Sanctuary's future for the generations that will follow.

It is simply impossible for me to put the depth of my thoughts and feelings on paper. There are not words adequate to express how grateful I am for the part you played in the Sanctuary's incredible success story!

With all my heart, best wishes for your success as we face the future together.

Warmest regards,



Dianne Nelson

Co-Founder

## Our Newest Residents



**Meet Turbo and Diesel.** Aptly named, they are two big 26 year old senior Mustang geldings that were rescued from the northern California Devil's Garden BLM holding corrals after being rounded up last fall. Being older gentlemen, the likelihood of them being adopted was low and so the Wild Horse Sanctuary stepped in. Diesel has taken on the role of family man, being the protector of a small group of mares and one foal. He takes that role very seriously and his stallion streak still lives on strong and proud. Turbo seems more of a confirmed bachelor, keeping his options open. Both will be able to live out their remaining years wild and free at the WHS.



**It's a boy and we named him King!** One of the few babies we have had this spring due to our stepped up efforts to eliminate reproduction on the Sanctuary. King arrived in mid-April and he and his mother are doing great. We named him King because he seems to be a bit of a celebrity with his group of mares who all dote and watch over him. He has very quickly gained confidence and is having lots of fun exploring his new world with the great views of Mount Lassen.

### How you can help

Visit our website for more information:  
[wildhorsesanctuary.org](http://wildhorsesanctuary.org)

### Make a donation

No amount too small! Use the donation form on the back page or donate online.

### Planned Giving

A gift through your will, trust, or retirement plan will help the Wild Horse Sanctuary continue to provide a safe haven for these disappearing symbols of the American West.

## Range Management

Range management is an ongoing concern when you are a caretaker of 5,000 acres. High winter winds and Bark Beetle attacks on our pine trees regularly damage the fences that keep our horses safe. Also brush and dead tree removal are important fire mitigation measures against the increasing instances of wild fires in our area.

Thank you to the group of volunteers who helped clear this brush field and shore up the fencing. Periodically, volunteers walk miles of fencing to inspect the condition to make sure it is both safe for the horses and in good repair. Strong cross-fencing allows us to rotate grazing areas, which ensures a healthy range.



## Take a Tour

Take a docent-led walking tour of the Wild Horse Sanctuary and learn about our history and mission. Tours are about 45 minutes and are held 3 times a day on Saturdays at 11 am, 12:30 pm and 2 pm. Available on a first-come first-serve basis and are limited to 12 people. This is an outdoor event. Visitor's center and restrooms open.



## Why We Need Sponsors

The horses and burros that live out their lives here depend upon the support of our wonderful sponsors to pay for food, mineral supplements, safe fencing, and basic medical. If you would like to make a difference in the life of a wild horse, please consider tax-deductible sponsorship.



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### *Donate your unused gift cards*

Do you have unused gift cards? Donate the balance to the Wild horse Sanctuary! Visit the *How You can Help* page on our website for details.

### *Shop our online store*

Logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, water bottles, tote bags, ball caps and visors available in a wide array of colors and sizes.

### *Volunteer*

Whether you are a horse person, love outdoor projects, or like working on ranch projects, we would love to hear from you.

# Events at the Wild Horse Sanctuary

Check our website event calendar for current events.

August 23-29

## Anna Twinney Reach Out to the Untouched Horse

Immerse yourself in a 7-day workshop. This is a unique opportunity to observe wild horses in their natural habitat.

For more information visit [www.reachouttohorsem.com/events](http://www.reachouttohorsem.com/events)

September 16-19

## Natural Lifemanship: SPECIAL Relationship Logic Immersion Training and Campout

This event has sold out. Thank you!

## Meet the Board of Directors

Ensuring we meet our mission to protect and preserve America's wild horses as a living national treasure, our volunteer board of directors is a group of talented and dedicated horsewomen. Take moment to READ about the team working behind the scenes to ensure the continued success of the sanctuary.



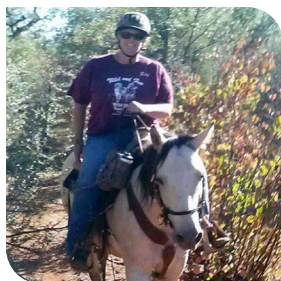
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## Wild Horse Sanctuary Contribution and Order Form

**Yes, I want to help!**

Enclosed is a check for:

- ☐ \$50 to feed one unsponsored horse for one month
- ☐ \$150 to feed one unsponsored horse for three months
- ☐ \$600 to feed one unsponsored horse for a full year
- ☐ \$110 for one mineral supplement tub
- ☐ \$55 to one dewormer block
- ☐ \$18 for each calendar (includes S&H)

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