

Horses Needing Homes

Greetings Sonoma (and others):

Yes they say "make hay while the sun shines" but methinks that should be retooled.....a little more rain around here will make hay season a lot more abundant. We are still 50 to 75% of normal. Ok ladies and gents- do the dance!

We have some horses on the website that need homes, including a child's pony.
http://www.saferhorse.com/horses_available.htm If you want to list a horse please see http://www.saferhorse.com/listing_horse.htm and send me the info. If you are unable to take the pictures, please email me and I will help if I can.

We now have our "Donate a Bale" program in two feedstores as of today (see <http://www.saferhorse.com/EquineAngels.htm>) and I have appts with several others. It is going over very well as it really is a no-brainer for the owners. First - any donated money we spend buying feed from them so it really is a great way for them to increase their own sales, and second, the more horses we can keep in the local economy the better off the businesses will be that depend on them. Remember that horses are the second largest industry in Sonoma! If you can please give SAFER's name and number to your favorite feed store and encourage them to participate. In this way we can contribute to the support of fostered horses as well as help out those families that still have their land but have lost jobs.

We have had a wonderful donation of a mini-paddock by Kate Schaffner so we can now quarantine if we have to.

Thank you Kate! (Yup, 'nuther Kate) She also just adopted a rescue from TBfriends. Go here to meet him

<http://www.saferhorse.com/news.htm> .

We have an issue I would love to have input on. I also discussed this problem at the "Unwanted Horse" Symposium held Feb 18th at UC Davis and hosted by vet Dr. John Madigan. Part of what makes euthanasia so expensive for people with sudden financial emergencies is that all of our horse carcasses must be transported out to Merced for rendering. (Unless the owners have sufficient land and machinery to bury.) This is the bulk of the expense. The transport even has a sharpshooter that will dispatch the animal - and I hear he is very very good. Why this is important is because a family may have no other economic option but to send their pets to slaughter either directly or via the auction. This isn't right. Of course placement is preferred but many horses are kept as pets that cannot be placed. So we need to be able to offer a landfill burial here in the county for free or reasonable cost. How do we accomplish this in a timely manner? Any ideas?

We are still needing donations (we have paypal now on the website) as well as foster homes that are willing to care for displaced horses. If you are willing to transport either horses or hay - please email me. I esp need someone to help on a Monday when the auction is going on. Remember services rendered will also be tax deductible. Our tax exempt is still upcoming and we keep checking to see where it is on the docket. It should be reviewed soon.

Spring is sprung and we all - horse and human- are getting a new lease on life. May it be so.

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