



Wild Horse Sanctuary

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*Determined in
our efforts*

Dear Friend,

Although spring has officially sprung, the mornings are still cool and crisp as we venture out into the Sanctuary to feed the horses. And, with spring comes new life. We have already spotted two mares with recently born foals at their sides. The moms and babies are absolutely beautiful! I wish you could see them!

Due to your support, our horses are blessed to be able to live out their natural lives at the Wild Horse Sanctuary with the dignity and freedom they so richly deserve. All wild horses deserve a life of dignity and freedom. With that thought in mind, we continue to monitor the plight of America's wild horses, some 33,000 at last count, which have been rounded up by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and placed in long term holding facilities. We are fortunate to have Madeline Pickens, President, National Wild Horse Foundation, leading an effort to save America's wild horses and burros and provide a reasonable alternative to the BLM's outdated and inhumane practices. Ms. Pickens' plan to establish a one million acre sanctuary for the horses has hit a snag because of her inclusion of federal land in the sanctuary and a request for some federal funding. But despite the current impasse, the fight is far from over. Fortunately, the BLM has tabled any plans to euthanize the horses until September 2009. In the meantime, a grassroots effort is underway encouraging people to contact Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar to once again voice their concern on behalf of America's treasured wild horses and burros. For more information about the effort that includes a direct e-mail link to Secretary Salazar, please visit www.MadelinePickens.com.

When I think about the wild horses in BLM holding facilities and reflect on what we have done here at the Wild horse Sanctuary during the past 30 years, I am determined as ever to continue our rescue efforts and continue to lend a voice to the nationwide movement to save America's wild horses. With your help we can make a difference!

In less than a month we will begin our trail ride season, which has turned out to be a major fundraiser to help pay our rising feed costs. And, of course, it is such a wonderful way to introduce our guests, who come from all over the world, to the inspiring beauty of the wild horses. It never ceases to thrill me when I hear their glowing comments about the horses.

With this season's below normal rainfall, grazing has been limited, so we are working hard to improve the range through cross fencing and eventually, seeding. I feel so fortunate to have such an extremely reliable corps of willing volunteers who help with the many tasks required to maintain the Sanctuary. We are economizing as never before and making sure every donation we receive is put to the best use possible for the horses.

We know that everyone is affected by the nation's struggling economy and we thank you for the important role you play in helping save our wild horses and providing them with this home at the Wild Horse Sanctuary. Hard to believe, but we have been rescuing wild horses for 30 years! Our annual Open House on Saturday, August 15, 2009 will commemorate this milestone with fun activities, raffle prizes and plenty of food and drink. So I hope you'll mark your calendar and plan to join us as we celebrate our 30th Anniversary!

We are very proud of what we have accomplished with your help at the Sanctuary and look forward to your continued support! Thank you for whatever you can do to help.

Warm regards,

Dianne

Dianne Nelson

P.S. I know Today's turbulent, unpredictable economy presents difficulties for us all - but together we can still feel good about positive accomplishments!



New foal and mom—doing fine—Thanks to you!

Please continue to support our life saving work in anyway you can - Thank you

Wild Horse Sanctuary Contribution & Order Form

Yes, I want to help!

Enclosed is my check for:

\$38 to feed one unsponsored horse for one month.

\$50 to become a member of the Sanctuary

\$114 to care for an unsponsored horse for 3 months.

\$456 to sponsor a horse for one year.

I would like to volunteer

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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