

Pixie Projects

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Rescue, **ADVOCACY**, Sanctuary, Special Needs, Networking, and Forever Home

Our hearts and prayers are **ALWAYS** with the helpless animals who cannot help or care for themselves.



Somewhere in time's own space there must be some sweet pastured place where creeks sing and tall trees grow. Some paradise where horses go. For by the love that guides my pen I know all horses live again.



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Hello and Welcome.....

To our 2019 Fall/Winter newsletter.

There is a true reality for those of us who choose work on animal legislation! What seems simple, logical, and understandable many times is NOT. Proposed legislation should bring us all together as one united voice but unfortunately ...it doesn't!

Every year as new legislation is introduced some groups fight and bicker among themselves about the wording while well paid and influential opposition/industry lobbyists work to see the proposed bills are amended in their favor or dropped.



This last year was no exception for a group of us who had worked so very hard to pass a precedent setting California ballot initiative (Prop 6-a felony that banned the sale of California horses to slaughter) as well as a number of other very effective laws tried to bring some insight to what was being proposed and how it would lessen and compromise existing law.

Our days were filled with letter after letter, email after email, networking, multiple faxes (daily), and phone calls (that were basically ignored, blocked, and not shared), hollow promises were made while we tried to explain and help point out the obvious problems with a VERY bad toxic bill. But.....

No one cared to listen, or really wanted to understand the wording they were proposing, and a very BAD PR bill (AB 128 by Assembly Member Todd Gloria) was signed into law despite its many glaring obvious problems.



Please remember that just because it is an animal bill, it does not mean that it is a good animal bill!



Racing...

There is now a HUGE outcry to completely ban all horseracing in California because of the ongoing suffering and tragic deaths of these helpless horses. 60+ horses at one track alone in the last two years. **But.....**

Now ... a proposed ballot initiative to legalize sports betting in California has been filed that will allow betting at tribal casinos and five racetracks. Titled the **Gaming Fairness and Accountability Act**, it will go on the 2020 ballot. Even more horses will continue to suffer and die if this initiative is passed!



On behalf of all the animals in our care and all of those we help, we would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness and generosity, and wish you, and those you love (animals too) a Merry Christmas, Season's Greetings, all the blessings of this special time, and a VERY happy, joyful and prosperous New Year.

Gini

We have a dream! - "That's Racing" - AB 128 A VERY BAD Bill



For some time we have wanted to go back to Sacramento and again work to pass good enforceable laws that will really make a difference in the lives of California's animals.

We are now seriously considering forming a 501c4 non-profit corporation that would allow us to ask for help, hire a lobbyist, and go to work for the animals in Sacramento. We will see if this dream can become a reality.

Racing— 60+ horses die since 2018 at one California track alone!



In *Ruffian* the movie at the very end of the film after they ran and shattered both of Ruffian's front legs in a match race...they buried her at Belmont Park...they were placing her blankets in the grave with her and a reporter went up to the trainer played by Sam Shepard (won an Academy Award) and said, "I'm really sorry.".....and Sam Shepard replied, "That's horse racing." ...END OF THE MOVIE.

There are not words enough to express how we feel about the cruel and inhumane drugging and exploitation of racehorses. The suffering and deaths of these great animals has to stop!

For some time we have wanted to introduce a bill in the California State Legislature that if passed and signed would help stop many catastrophic injuries take the lives of these innocent animals who are sacrificed for the sport of "Racing". By simply changing a very few words in several already existing codes so many horses could be helped and saved with a law that would be very easy to regulate/enforce by racing its self.

Assembly bill 128 a look back at a VERY bad bill!

2019 in Sacramento saw the passage of a number of good animal bills, but AB 128-by Assembly member Gloria was riddled with a number of problems from the start that would be obvious to anyone who read the proposed language or understood existing laws and how they were enforced! The original members of the Prop 6 Pac worked in vain trying to point out these problems to the author and sponsors, but when the dust settled and the phones, emails, and fax machines went silent, AB 128 was signed into law. AB 128.....

- ◆ Weakens and reduces Prop 6 -Penal Code 598c by adding an alternate penalty of \$1,000 fine that slaughter buyers will be happy to pay as a cost of doing business expense. The sponsor's knowingly attempted to weaken Prop.6 from a FELONY TO A LOW FINE in an agreement with the Cattlemen and Farm Bureau (slaughter industry supporters) to drop THEIR opposition to the bill?
- ◆ Requires descriptions of all sale horses be taken and posted online, BUT NEVER gives a time requirement to ever post this information, so it does not ever have to be done.
- ◆ Does not cover wild horse auctions and private sale yards as the Author claimed.
- ◆ Does not strengthen existing law, but weakens it. Also requires a sworn statement to be signed.
- ◆ Incorrectly changes the notice wording on signs at auction's regarding the sale California horses to slaughter.
- ◆ Reduces the current sale yard record keeping from two years to one, but did not amend another code that makes it a misdemeanor to not keep same records for two years? So the two laws are in conflict!



There is always such an **unbelievable** need to help animals, but we sincerely hope that you will consider making a tax deductible donation to the disabled, unwanted, homeless, and special needs animals that make their forever homes with us.

They truly depend on your help!

100% of all donations go to caring for animals.

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All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law, and so very much appreciated!



A unique and special gift that helps so very much!!
Is there is someone you would love to give a unique gift to? We would love to help. Please contact us..... And we will send a card telling them of your gift in their name that will help homeless, injured, and unwanted animals.

"When I look into their eyes, I see a living being. I see a soul."



Moca— The Cadillac and the calf— FaceBook Pages— Happy Trails



“Mocha”

Was abandoned when her owners moved. Limping on wobbly hind legs she somehow found her way here and is welcome to stay, but if you tried to pet her, she would hiss and limp away.

She has managed to live on her terms with her handicap, and we admired her for that, but really worried every time we could not find her. We would look around and she would be near by. But.....

As the summer’s hot sun and blistering heat came we knew she had to have her own place where she could be watched and cared for, and we didn’t have to keep going to find her! She just needed some help and we needed peace of mind!

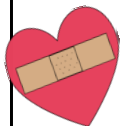
So a special pen with all the comforts was put up in the barn after a net brought her out of hiding from under a trailer.

She liked it and moved right in and made herself comfortable and started meowing for treats.

But.....as fall came and the nights started to get colder a sweater was put on her and she had her blankets. Well.....

That lasted for two nights. She has now moved into the office where she purrs and reaches out with her paws to say thank you.

She is happy and so very grateful!



If you do what makes you happy, you will be a success.



The Cadillac and the calf? The things rescuers do! A sweet memory from the past.

Growing up my family was NOT wealthy, but we had a Cadillac.



Baby Trixie

One rainy day I decided to ditch school (one of many, many times) and drove out to the local cattle auction where I was about to fall in love and rescue a baby calf.

My heart broke when I saw her laying in a muddy manure filled corral waiting to die!

I asked one of the auction workers who she belonged to and was told that, “it was mostly God now”!

I asked if I could have her knowing that most don’t survive. There was an immediate “YES”. To them she was just another baby calf that would die, but to me she was a beautiful and suffering. I dreamed of saving her and beating fate. But....

I knew that I had to get her help as soon as possible as I drove the cadillac through the muddy parking lot in the pouring rain and up to the loading area. I had no thought of the car or the consequences of what I was about to do as they waited for me to open the car’s trunk .

There was no way she was going to be put in that trunk. I helped them (gently) put her in the back seat and I triumphantly started home as she manage to stand up and poop all over the back seat while looking out a window.



Old Trixie & Chlay

With determination and some expert help, Trixie survived and like so many others lived out her life with us. She learned how to bow down and give kisses, and that is why she was called Trixie!

In some ways we have all did something out of the ordinary and like brining a calf home in a Cadillac.



From Gini: I am very honored to volunteer everyday as administrator on two very large, successful and interactive Facebook pages to help animals.

You can visit them at...

Central California Animal Watchdogs
&
Valley Pet Advocates

The End! ...
until our Spring
newsletter.....

Happy Trails!

