

OSBORNE STABLES EQUINE RESCUE, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

To rescue and/or assist in the rescue of abused, abandoned, injured or unwanted horses, provide them with the rehabilitation permanent they deserve. The horses then assist/teach in educating youth and the public it the needs and care of horses along with Leadership and Life Skills Development. Horses brought to Osborne Stables Equine Rescue, Inc. will be provided with a permanent home. This is a permanent refuge for the horses.

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1. DEDICATION

The Osborne Stables Equine Rescue, Inc. is dedicated to the life and memory of William E. and Frances H. Osborne; two of the world’s most exceptional people and two of the world’s greatest animal lovers.

2. ORGANIZATION TYPE

501 (C) 3 Not for Profit Corporation

A. DIRECTORS

Claudette Osborne – President

Megan Wenzel – Former Vice President

Kelsey Nicoles- Vice President

Bill Osborne – Secretary/Treasurer

Renee Pena - EAL Facilitators

Deana Phillips - Fundraising

3. QUOTES

M. Gandhi

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

Col. Sherman T. Potter, United States Army, MASH 4077th

“I’d rather spend a day with my horses than most people I know.”

4. THE PROBLEMS (or part of the problems)

Reported as of July 2017 - Simple Summary: There are approximately **200,000 unwanted horses** annually in the United States. Many are shipped to slaughter, enter rescue facilities, or are held on federal lands.

Some of the issues leading to this statistic are:

- a. The demand for horse meat for human consumption, or as a by-product in dog food can or people who choose to sell the horse at auction instead of Euthanasia of a sick horse. As horse lovers and vegetarians we find this beyond comprehension. Side note, all of our dogs are vegetarians.
- b. Some states that legalize horse slaughter report significant increases in horse theft. When California banned, horse slaughter horse theft dropped 50%.
- c. It seems that everyone wants to own a horse. However, according to Pat Parelli, 90% of first time horse buyer’s get rid of the horse sometime during the first year.
- d. Breeding for the sake of reproduction has to add to the problem of too many horses and not enough people qualified to provide a proper home. As with puppy mills breeding are a matter of conscience.
- e. According to <https://equineinstitute.org/blogs/horse-care-tips/how-much-does-a-horse-cost-understanding-horse-ownership-expenses>. The Cost of Owning a Horse: Feed, Maintenance and Healthcare Needs in 2024 numbers.

Maintaining your horse's hooves adds even more to the cost of a horse. Whether or not you plan to shoe your horse, you'll need to have a farrier check and trim his hooves every two months or so. This usually

Routine medical care is an additional cost of owning a horse and includes vaccinations, de-worming and annual teeth cleaning. For a healthy horse, this can cost as little as \$400 a year. However, if your horse gets injured or ill, you could pay hundreds or even thousands for a one-time treatment. Although you can't predict such expenses, prepare yourself for the possibility before you buy a horse.

This does not include the time requirement or emergency situations.

If there were an easy solution to the problem, someone would have found it by now. It is our goal to find enough people who care to at least put a dent in the challenge.

5. CARE OF RESCUED HORSES

Horses brought to Osborne Stables Equine Rescue, Inc. are provided the following:

- a. Immediate and complete physical examination at Retama Equine Hospital, Inc.
- b. Supplied with the best available nutritional program including (Purina) Equine Senior, Impact Hay Stretcher, clean coastal and alfalfa hay, hoof supplement, supplements. Also, all horses are given Neigh-Lox, Natural Glo Rice Bran, Electrolytes.. They also love carrots, Chester is partial to watermelon.
- c. The horses have coastal pastures for grazing.
- d. Horses are stalled at night in a covered barn due to the nutritional monitoring needs.
- e. Horses are provided training by an experienced equine person. Some will eventually be ridden while others will be granted a life of grazing and leisure. We are only interested in people who believe in and practice non-abusive training methods. Of the different training methods reviewed Claudette is most comfortable with Ray Hunt, Mark Rashied, Pat Parelli and other quiet natural horsemanship

training methods. She is currently level III certified Parelli. With studies in Natural Lifemanship and Equine Connection the forms of training and ways to help people move forward in their lives has been made complete.

With young horses brought in from a Premarin farm in Canada. Older horses have come in with limited or no training and need to be trained or tuning up to be used in educational programs. Help is definitely needed in the training area.

6. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

An Advisory Committee is formed from people who love horses and have their best interests at heart. Being an experienced equine professional will be helpful but not a prerequisite. The Advisory committee's primary purpose will be to share their experience and help organize the operation and assist in areas they feel they can contribute the most.

Due to everyone's schedules, regular meetings will not be held. However, groups can schedule meetings among themselves, and the necessary information can be shared by e-mail.

The goal for advisory committee members will be to include an Equine DVM, a Farrier as well as other equine professionals. Advisory members can be added by a nomination of an advisory committee member and approval of the directors.

Advisory Committee members will not be for a specific term. However, it is our hope members will become permanent fixtures to establish continuity. Members can resign at any time or can be replaced with thirty (30) Day written notice from the Directors.

A. INITIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Claudette Osborne (Equine Professional)
2. Bill Osborne (Commercial Real Estate, Health Background, former boards served on (Heart Association, Easter Seals).
3. Michael F. Martin DVM (Retama Equine Hospital) Texas A&M
4. Megan Wenzel Head Veterinary Technician. (Retama Equine Hospital)
5. Brooke Hildreth (Animal Science Major Texas A&M)(Fire Chief San Antonio Fire Department)
6. Dana Parrish (Audio Visual consultant)
7. Cathryn Friske Industrial Arts, Animal Science (Horse Specialist)

7. FUNDING

The initial funding and continued funding to care for the existing rescued horses has come from Bill and Claudette Osborne. All future funding will continue to be provided by Equine Education Events, Clinics, and Classes. Civic Service participation, At-risk youth programs, and rehabilitation programs for children and adults, However, financial help from grants and the following are needed to run, develop and expand the programs:

- a. Individual donations
- b. Corporate donation/Sponsors
- c. Trail Rides
- d. Fundraising events implemented by the advisory board.
- e. Seeking grants
- f. Equine Assisted Leadership and Life Skills Development with the horses as the teachers along with certified EAL Facilitators Claudette Osborne and Renee Pena helping guide the way.

8. PROGRAMS

- a. Offer ground safety courses.
- b. Provide general equine knowledge through training sessions.
- c. Horse Day Camps. Summer, Spring Break and Winter Break.
- d. Equine Assisted Leadership and Life Skills Development with the horses as the teachers along with

certified EAL Facilitators Claudette Osborne and Renee Pena helping guide the way.

e. Work days. The plan is to schedule once a month workdays to help do a major cleaning of the barns, arena and bathe the horses. Any fence repairs or other repairs can be addressed by anyone qualified.

f. Training sessions will be decided on by what everyone feels is needed and what professionals are available.

Examples are ground control, basic riding, training, nutritional seminars, trailer loading, trailer maintenance, proper saddle fitting.

g. A strong emphasis will be placed on targeting 4-H horse clubs, youth groups, and individuals with special needs to provide them with the tools to build confidence, self-esteem, responsibility, and knowledge through their participation.

h. The idea is to implement a “holistic approach” or whole horse approach to the treatment and care of these magnificent animals entrusted to us by God.

9. RESCUED HORSES AND DONKEYS

CHEYENNE: Paint

Born a parrot mouth (overbite). The breeder could not show or breed her due to this problem.

SUNDANCE: Appaloosa

Abandoned

JH DANDY DESIGN: Appaloosa

Lame on right front leg, corrective shoes on front hooves. A loss of a family member left them unable to care for her needs. She was touch cue trained and anyone could ride her. The care takers did not think that she had any training except for being shown in halter class.

SUNSHINE: Tri-Color Paint

Came here at the age of five. Sunshine was in a 30 foot round pen with mud up to knees. She had a cut on the right hind leg that wrapped around to the bulb of the heel. Our first issue was to get her to trust touch especially with the leg. She was a kicker. Now in her late 20's she has Cushings disease and is on a special diet. She no longer rides, but is a teaching partner in the Horse Assisted Learning Program.

CALLAGHAN: Thoroughbred

Born with deformed tendons and ligaments in front legs. He walked on his pasterns. Owner orders him removed the mare only a few days after he was born. After surgery, he is doing well. He would have been destroyed.

CHINAREY aka WILLEY: Thoroughbred

Blinded in his left rail eye during a race resulted in the end of his racing days. The owner ask the Veterinarian where he could go to have a full life and he came here. We love him. He and Callaghan are best buddies and at the bottom of the pecking order. They either want to come in to the barn first or last. Staying away for the rest of the crazy horses makes them very happy.

I'M A TEJANOS DANDY aka PONGO: Leopard Appaloosa

Pongo was diagnosed with OCD at the young age of 6 months. Supplements like osterform and Adequan were used to help with the development of the stifles. He was shown at World and Nationals as a young colt although the degeneration in the stifles has kept him from ever being ridden. He has reactions to fly that are severe. One nick or cut and he has a reaction. Also came in extremely head shy.

MR PROMISE KEEPER aka PROMISE: Appaloosa with white blanket

Promise has moon blindness and has always been extremely head shy. Lots of quiet work around his

head and face has been done. One must always be calm around him for him to maintain calmness.

WILLIAM: Donkey

FRANCIS: Donkey

CHESTER: Foundation Quarter Horse

Went through several trainers. Very aggressive. More than one recommendation to destroy him. Was abandoned with the last trainer. He now rides and is like a different horse.

LI'L TEXAS ROSE aka TESS: Quarter Horse

The owner got out of horse business.

CHINERAY aka WILLIE: Thoroughbred

Willie lost his left eye at Retama Race Track when a horse in front of him kicked up a rock. The owner wanted him to have a home, instead of destroying him.

WHITE CLOUD DANCER aka CD

CD was a 4-month-old who was to be sold off to the first to come along due to the passing of the stud who sired him had passed, and it was thought that he would never be anything special. The lineage would stop with him. A lanky white Appaloosa that fractured two of Bill's ribs the evening we brought him home grew up to be a good looking, loving and exceptional horse. He is no longer with us due to growths in the lungs.

PEEK A BOO STREAKIN aka BOO Quarter horse

Boo was victim to a divorce. She was in foal when she came to us. Boo was the head mare and lead with calm strength and leadership. Boo had ringbone and arthritis. We had to put her down just before Thanksgiving 2018

SIERRA MIDNIGHT STREAKIN aka STREAKIN

Foal from Boo. She does not get her mothers disposition. Head mare want to be although the heard has a different take on the subject.

SLICK Appaloosa

Slick came to us at the Floresville location in 2000. Given a second a being a calm and happy horse. He became one of the best horses this program ever had. We lost him to cancer and colic in 2018

DAKOTA SIOUX aka Dakota: Belgian/Paint X

Canadian Premarin

Farm Rescue. Came to us with 4-month-old filly on her side. 2004

Dakota Sioux and Majestic were bred back in Canada.

SIOUX SIOUX aka SIOUX: Belgian/Paint X

Canadian Premarin Farm Rescue. Dakota's 1st Foal. (Filly) 2004

LAKOTA SIOUX aka LAKOTA: Belgian/Paint X

Canadian Premarin Farm Rescue. Dakota's 2nd foal. (Filly) 2005

Dakota gave birth to a beautiful on filly between 4:45 am and 6:00 am on May 28, 2005.

INDIAN PRINCESS aka PRINCESS: Belgian/Paint X

Canadian Premarin Farm Rescue. 2004

INDIAN SPIRIT aka SPIRIT: Appaloosa
Canadian Premarin Farm Rescue.2004

CHEROKEE: Appaloosa
Canadian Premarin Farm Rescue.2004

LEGACY: Appaloosa

A trainer friend called us at approximately 11:00 pm one night on the way from Kingsville to Retama Equine Hospital. The DVM in Kingsville told the trainer and owner she needed colic surgery. When the owners found out the cost of colic surgery, they declined to go forward. At this point, we adopted Legacy in the middle of the night by fax transmission, so she could go to operation. She made it through the first surgery, but complications caused a second surgery which she did not survive. Her foal did not survive.

MAJESTIC: Percheron
Canadian Premarin Farm Rescue. Came to us in Foal. 2004

MAJESTIC'S PRINCE aka PRINCE: Percheron (Majestic's foal) 2004
Majestic gave birth at 9:20 pm on May 29, 2005, to a beautiful black Percheron colt with a white star. With the threads of gray running through his tail and we knew he would grow up to be a Gray.

GREY GABLES OPALINA: aka OPEL: Percheron
Was brought to Texas from Georgia to become a carriage horse. She was too headstrong and not road worthy. She was the joy of all those at horse camp. In 2007 she had a gut twist and went to surgery with a textbook recovery. A year later she was back working with youth; unfortunately, she re-twisted and did not survive the surgery.

SISTER: Appaloosa
Canadian Premarin Farm Rescue. Sister came to us with severe contractions to the rear tendons. With the assistance of Retama Equine Hospital and reconditioning advise from Cathryn Friske, she has shown significant improvement. Came to us Dec. 2005-2019

CLOUD (CLOUD NINE'S DANCER): Tennessee Walker
Cloud has had bouts of lameness for a year. Double founder in both front hooves. The owner chose to find a permanent home for him. With care and rehabilitation, he will be able to go back to driving and riding. Came to us in Jan. 2006 Lost to a colic gut twist in 2010.

KARANDA: Paint Mare in foal due Mid to end of May 2006

THUNDERHEART (THUNDER): Paint/Arabian Cross
Born to Karanda July 3, 2006 Thunder has grown into quite the spirited horse.

LUKE: Morgan

He came to us in 2006 Hooves deteriorated due to standing in a tank. Luke had a 360 gut twist and was taken to surgery. Recovery went well although he had the vein thrombosis (shut down) and now has a very vascular face and throat and does not handle the heat as well. In old age, he has developed Cushing's disease. His diet is closely monitored. He is now 28 in 2019-Passed in 2020

ALWAYS IN PARADISE aka Merlot:

At the age of five Merlot came here to live. His former owners gave him the best of care although his health issues were unmanageable. He has a long veterinary history of everything butterflying his

hindquarters open to chronic colic episodes. His first colic surgery as a young colt resulted in half of his cecum having to be removed. His ongoing colic bouts caused the family to look for other options. He came to us in 2007. Just after coming here he went back to surgery with a gut twist. Since then most everything has been up hill. He still can be quiet painful and has to be monitored but is easy to managed. With diet changes and better food processing he grew another hand taller and at least 150 lbs heavier. Merlot loves attention and knows the world should revolve around him.

JEWEL: Polish Arabian

Local area starvation case. Lack of knowledge can cause unintentional consequences. This poor horse was on a round bale and was said to have been put on the UC Davis re-feeding program. In a pen with an aggressive gelding that would keep her away from attempting to chew hay. The problem was that she did not have enough teeth in her head to chew properly. She would chew and grass would fall out. She gained all her weight back and lived a full life. 2018 She at the age of 37 and her buddy Whiskey at the age of 35 were put down together. Blindness in Jewel and Colic in Whiskey. They would not have made it without each other. Jewel was with us for 10 years.

KOTA: Belgian Warm-blood

Former hunter jumper who had a tendon injury along with miscellaneous lameness. His movement indicated possible neurological problems. He was tested for EPM and the results were positive. After treatment he became the best riding and lesson horse the rescue ever had. In 2018 he did a head over heels flip resulting causing his retirement. He loved his job and people. Now with the EAL Program he has a new purpose and is happy as ever.

MELMAN(MEL): Quarter Horse Cross

Mel came here at the age of three and had arthritis in his stifle that looks like what you would see in a 30-year-old with hard miles on them. He will be ground trained and learn to stand quietly for the farrier. He will never be ridden due to his condition.

FANCY: Quarter Horse

Fancy has soft tissue stifle damage in her right hind quarter, the injury caused the left hind hoof to founder and an elevated spine with soreness through the back. December of 2006 it looked like she would have to be put down. Many hours of therapy, soaking and wrapping of the hoof, her losing the hoof and has with lots of time and treatment has re-grown a new foot. She remains in need of ongoing rehabilitation on the stifle injury. She looks great now. Of course, she is not ride able but has three best buddies. 2019

DIXIE: Quarter Horse

Abandoned and running loose in a neighborhood off 539. Limited hearing and suffering from starvation. We were able to get her to a healthy weight although her eyesight progressively got worse along with her hearing. After 4 years of being here, she had to be put down. A blind horse can do quite well, but they need their hearing to compensate for the lost sense of sight. At this point she was in danger of hurting herself or other well meaning people who were here to help.

TESS: Appaloosa

One of the few who came in overweight. The weight was causing hoof pain problems and lameness with her hooves. She also has an issue with her neck. She does lead around and riding at a walk and make a good teacher for equine assisted learning.

WHISKEY: Quarter Horse

Former Sheriffs Mounted Drill Team Horse. Founder in front hoof and intermittent lameness. The owner was having to move out of state and could not take him with her. The day he came in he and Jewel who was a loner, connected and were dependent buddies from that day until the day they both

went through heavens gates.

MOLLY: Donkey

Starvation case. Karnes County. In foal 2011

CHRISTOPHER: Donkey

Born to Molly. Albino with dark blue eyes. Born on Columbus Day 2011

CHARLIE: Paint Pony

Came here at six years of age, a stud pony that was suffering from starvation and abuse. He was from here in Wilson County. He has sand burn scars on his neck back and hindquarters. He as evaluated and castrated. Charlie was abused and does have trust issues. Especially with men.

TRAVELER: Quarter Horse

Traveler had been a cutting and team penning horse along with doing playdays. There is (white hair scaring) on his his shoulders from an ill fitting saddle and a lot of stiffness in his shoulders. He has hoof issues and miscellaneous in the hooves. When sound he can be lightly ridden. His mane job is guiding people through the Horse Assisted Leadership and Life Skills Programs.

SNICKERS: Donkey

Abandonment case. Bexar County. Proud flesh growths on both front legs. Underweight and never handled. Was dangerous. Now he has his donkey friends and is getting much better with handling. Has trust issues.

SKY: Paint Pony

A Bexar County starvation case that came in with two other horses in 2016. She was five months in foal but was in poor of a condition to carry the foal. Sky also has a back injury. Small in size, she still feels that she should be the head mare.

UN-NAMED MUSTANG-

Came in with Sky. His condition was so bad that he only lived two days. 2016

COLT: Quarter horse

Also came in with Sky. Colt yearling that was extremely underweight. He as a hand shorter that Sky and now is 16 hands tall. He has exhibited some stifle issues, possibly due to the undernourishment. 2016

THANKSGIVING: aka TG

You won't believe this one. She showed up on Thanksgiving Day this year 2018. Extremely overweight. Halter so tight under throat latch and over the pole of the head. Very scared the rope. She is letting me touch her now. She has been quarantined and is getting her Coggins so she can be put in with the other donkeys. We put the word out about a missing donkey with no response. She will be tested for Cushing's disease.

NAZ: Andalusian

15 Years old with aggressive melanoma and part of his mouth is damaged due to a severe bit. He is a sweet boy and will be assisting with our Equine Assisted Learning Programs all done on the ground. As long as he is comfortable and not in pain he has a herd family and a forever home.

KALUHA: Hackney pony . Starvation/neglect case that come in June of 2024.