

Pixie Projects

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It is always a heartbreaking struggle for rescues!

With the need and suffering of so many helpless animals pulling at our hearts, and the never ending work, losses, and worry about finding help, it is NEVER easy! But this is what we have chosen to do.

To all of you who have been so very kind to the animals in our care, I want to sincerely say "thank you" for the love and support you have given them.

And.....I also want you to know that you are very much a part of their lives, and in our hearts forever for your help.

Because of your donations, the lives of so many animals have been saved and changed.....and their care, rescue and forever homes have been made possible.

But...The last few months have been VERY, VERY HARD for us with HUGE emergencies and losses. (It is what happens when you do rescue).

The animals in our care are now in critical need of donations, and are hoping for your continued kindness and generosity.

It REALLY is all they have!



On behalf of all of us, and especially the animals that we love and care for, we wish you a Happy Holiday Season, Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year, and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the help you have given them.

Gini

Palomino a forever love story..... Remember me in your heart with smiles and laughter.....



On August 26, we lost our beloved Pixie Pony. She was quietly put to sleep and our years together came to an end. I had thought about not sharing her loss but a beautiful and unexpected email and Facebook post from Mikie, the vet tech who helped us care for her through her last night, is a testament to the love and bond we share with our animals. I am so sorry if anyone is offended but I wanted to share this touching tribute. They have such great hearts and love us unconditionally, and actually look out for us.

From the first day Pixie got a trailer ride out of the hell hole she had been kept in and was left at our gate, I was told the little pregnant 2-year old three legged pony mare could not survive, let alone have a normal life. I didn't listen! I just wanted her to have a chance. She did, and she thrived, and took over. It WAS truly the journey of a lifetime!

Email and Facebook Post from Mike Congdon-Vet Tech at Clovis Equine Hospital

"I've been a vet assistant for 16 yrs. In that time I've seen so much. Yesterday my heart was touched in a way I truly cannot explain. Horses can get gas (tummy ache). Basically the intestines fill with air/gas like a balloon. There is usually not much that can be done. I've learned owners will do everything they can to save their kid. You learn to read their body movements. After all these years and not one day of school, I consider myself a critical care specialist when it comes to horses, even though there's no such thing. However doing IV fluid treatments and being on a 24/7 schedule, the doc I work for has taught me well. We had a patient come in yesterday afternoon with gas distension and owners that would stop at nothing to save her. Age was a factor as well as a colic pattern. So doc's prescription was IV fluids and keep her comfortable, and she'd let us know if it was her time. She was hospitalized and I came and went through the night keeping fluids flowing but didn't sedate her because she looked pretty bright. Every time I came back, I was amazed! She still had her ears up and a kind eye. At 8:30 a.m. the next morning, bless her little heart, she was loaded up in the trailer and her owners took her home with fluids and meds. She left still gas distended and in bad shape but she was going home where she belonged".



My friends have cared for this beautiful 3 legged pony for over 17 years.

They were there every day and night to care for her and put on and take off her homemade prosthetic leg. They've been there for her all these years and to see her you'd not believe how beautiful she was. Not a sore, a scratch, a flaw, a hair out of place. It was only today when it hit me. At 9 p.m. last night that pony knew it wasn't going to make it, but as I came and went through the night, her owners never left her side. That little pony made sure they didn't worry about her. If I didn't see it with my own eyes I would have never believed it. Horses just don't stop hurting especially when they continue to bloat. The love these folks gave this little pony and most of all a quality of life for 17 years has left me in tears.

To see this pony know her owners were upset and concerned for her and show no discomfort when night set in has left me speechless. Don't ever tell me horses or animals don't know who cares for them and the effort they have been given. My friends and their pony have touched my heart. That's what you'd call a ticket to ride.

There was only one news story ever done on Pixie (without my knowledge). I didn't haul her around showing off and claiming great success even though she was only one of the few amputee horses in the world to survive for any length of time. I was grateful for everyday we had together. She always stood up for herself. I loved her for her love of life and determination to not let her handicap ever stop her. It didn't! There were no limits for her. We called her "Little Miss You Are Not The Boss Of Me." She broke water lines, ran all over the ranch and picked on all the other animals, pushed on fences, and would kick or bite you in the back side if she didn't get her way. She was funny and an inspiration that tested us



everyday. She left great memories. **I would like to sincerely thank all of you for your help and donations. You made her life possible and were part of our incredible journey. I could not have done it alone.**

Where do your donations go?



100% of all donations go to the animals. Food, hay, feed, veterinary care, and warm blankets (from Goodwill). The work and love are free!



BIG Website and Email problems!

For many years we used a small local provider for our email and web site hosting. When the company was sold and moved back East with support from out of the US, we continued to use their services. But, this last summer there were problems and our site and our shagpony@psnw.com email were up and down many, many times and were not accessible through no fault of our own. They did not work!

We finally had to change to another company and build another site (it is still under construction). Our Giniricharddson@comcast.net email has always worked and you can always reach us at that email address.

If you had our old site bookmarked (several months ago) at pixiepony.com, it may still go back to the old provider's address but nothing is there. To access our new site, type in pixiepony.com and it will take you to our new site that can be bookmarked again.



From Gini:

I am very honored and happy to volunteer and work everyday as administrator on two very large, successful and interactive Facebook pages to help animals, keep visitors informed, post news articles, alerts and updates, provide info about adoptable animals, and help fight for animal causes and rescue.

If you are on FB, please visit:

[https://www.facebook.com/Libertydeathcamp?](https://www.facebook.com/Libertydeathcamp?notif_t=page_invite_accepted)

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or

<https://www.facebook.com/Valley-Pet-Advocates-250463125074244/>

FOOD4LESS.

In April we were honored to have been again chosen as one of five NO KILL/NON-PROFIT organizations in the **Food 4 Less** "Paws for the Cause" Annual Fundraiser.

They are such nice people and we are so very grateful to have been selected.

Thank you again **Food 4 Less**, your employees, and customers from the bottom of our hearts for caring about and helping so many animals and rescues.

Lilly-No one would help her!



Devastated, Sacred and Alone!

All Lilly wants to do is cling to any human she can find!

Lilly's life changed as her elderly beloved owner became increasingly ill and passed away. For many years all she knew was a boarding stables corral where she was left alone. She would go to eat and drink but just stood all day in one place not even moving around!

At nearly 30 years old and arthritic, **with no** money for her feed or care. She had to go, but no one cared. She knew what was happening, you could see it in her face and old eyes as she begged for attention! She was on her own now, scared, and a burden!

She really only had one option. She would be sold for a feed bill and would take the ride to hell through the slaughter pipeline to Mexico or Canada to be killed (she is old and frail and would not have even survived the fighting in the holding pens, let alone the trip), but there was no longer money for her care, or humane death.

With HUGE worries about how we could take on any more..... we knew we could not walk away from her..... Lilly wasn't going to slaughter! So..... a few weeks ago, on a cold and rainy morning Lilly became legally ours and was lead out of the corral where she had lived alone for years. She stepped into a horse trailer and came home.

Scared and shaking she just did not want to let you get away from her. She still stands still in one place for hours with her head down (it was her way of coping with the loneliness and isolation, and the only life she has known for years), but now she is starting to move around and loves her warm winter blanket.

There is a saying that "once in every horse's life it should belong to a little girl." Lilly has her chance again! But...it will be in a rescue with a middle aged lady and a lot of new friends.



Sam

Sam gets his Willie Wheels!

It all started years ago with a little paralyzed dog (Daytona) that was abandoned in a field. We saw her picture and pleas for help posted on Facebook and knew we could make a cart for her. Over the last few years, a number of special needs handicapped dogs and kitties (whose owners and rescues could not afford a cart) have been given a custom made one, free! We were so very happy when Sam came to visit and got his new set of Willie Wheels, and the freedom to live his life and run and play with his friends again.



Daytona

"I am moving and can't take my dog with me!" An Inspiration



Everyday animals are turned into shelters with the excuse that "we are moving and can't take them with us, or the new landlord will not allow pets."

But.....

This couple, and many more like them fleeing war torn countries bring their animals when they leave. They choose to not leave them behind. (I believe I saw an update that this couple still had their dog with them when they made it to safety and one of the camps). They are an inspiration.

Every once in awhile when someone is making excuses about dumping their animals in a shelter (usually a high kill public shelter), I send them this picture and story!