

# Pixie Projects

Spring/Summer 2019

www.pixiepony.com



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

## BLESSED BE



### THE RESCUERS!

Those who work on the front lines doing rescue from their hearts with little to no funds.



The ones usually paying with their own money and begging for help to save suffering animals found in the streets and fields. Animals who are the most hopeless. The worst of the worst, the ones who have no one and have lost all hope. We are a proud member of that effort and the rescue community.

**Animal Health and Safety Associates**  
1175 Shaw Ave. Ste. 104-151  
Clovis, CA 93612  
Ph. 559-294-1632  
Ginirichardson@comcast.net  
EIN #26-2263861

## Welcome....

To our Spring/Summer 2019 newsletter, and THANK YOU for taking the time to visit with us and learn about some of our projects, and also see some of the animals who make their forever homes with us.



### Racing!

## THE DEATHS AND BREAKDOWNS CONTINUE TO ESCALATE!!!

Every few days the news has a story and pictures of the suffering and tragic death of another racehorse.

Beautiful trusting animals that are filled with drugs to keep them running in the hopes of winning a big payoff and celebrity status! Many will never survive racing!

Tortured and raced to death in a cruel and inhumane sport, many will eventually end up in the slaughter pipeline when they are too crippled and/or crazy to be useful.

Lists with the names of horses that have died on California tracks are easy to find on the internet. We downloaded 14 pages of names that were killed since 2014, and the numbers keep going up.

## Legislation/Help Needed!

Even though the deadlines for the 2019 legislative year in Sacramento have passed, a few weeks ago our group put together an "Urgency Bill" with very doable language that would have truly made a difference for race horses.

Our great friend (animals too) and lobbyist John Lovell went to work to see if we could find an author to carry the bill. **Unfortunately, it was just too late in the year.**

It was a very simple change to a few words in an existing law, that if passed and signed could have helped and saved so many horses.

We are older now, but we have not lost the drive, true love, and fire that will take us on another journey. We hope to introduce that precedence setting bill next session to protect race horses.



Please watch for our Fall/Winter newsletter and another from Political Animals a 501c4 sister group giving an update on our efforts.

## Legislation-A word of caution- AB 128 (a bad bill?)



Over twenty years ago I started out on an incredible journey with two friends! We were going to make a difference in the fate of tens of thousands of horses being sold for slaughter.

We were **NOT** a huge organization with attorneys, lobbyists, millions of dollars in donations, or salaries, but we had been very successful in personally writing, fighting for, and passing animal legislation in California including the famous Tripping Bill that banned the roping (by the front legs) and tripping of running horses at Mexican Rodeos. These frail little horses were pulled from the killer pens, trashed and then sent to slaughter.



But the slaughter horses fate stayed in our hearts! It was the one law we wanted to see passed!

We knew that a bill to ban the slaughter of California horses would never make it through the state legislature, let alone be signed into law. We also knew that we would face **very well funded** opposition from such powerful and influential groups as the Farm Bureau, Cattlemen, Quarter Horse Association, Veterinarians, and racing to name a few. The only chance the horses had was a ballot initiative, and it would **NOT** be easy, but we believed it was doable! ***With nothing more than a dream we started out!***

In the months that followed, enough signatures were gathered to qualify for the November 1998 ballot. Prop 6 (as it was known) became famous as one of the best run ballot initiatives of all time, and Save the Horses was passed overwhelmingly by nearly 5 million California voters. Penal 598c & 598d ( a dream ) to protect California Horses from slaughter became law, and a felony! **Prop 6 was the first law ever in the United States to stop the slaughter of horses, and we had done it!**

Over the years, it has become a huge deterrent saving the lives of thousands of horses. It has been used to file charges against suspected Killer Buyers and was recently cited by the California Attorney General and other legislators (state/national) to stop the proposed sale of large band of wild horses to slaughter by reminding the US Forrest Service that it was a crime and a **felony** in California to sell horses to slaughter!



***BUT.....*** This year, AB 128 by assembly member Todd Gloria (California), sponsored by the American Wild Horse Campaign was introduced. The wording tried to amend the hard fought Prop 6 Penal Codes from the felony penalty to a misdemeanor (basically nothing) while it was touted all over social media that they were protecting horses from slaughter .

**(This was accomplished over 20 years ago as a felony).**

It is unbelievable that any group would want to weaken a precedent setting felony crime. It was pointed out to the sponsors, their lobbyist, and author that the only way to change this law was with another ballot initiative. AB 128 is still active and attempting to change /lessen some other laws.

Help was also offered to the bill's other proposed changes (existing laws that we had originally written and passed). The bill has now amended those existing codes by excluding law enforcement and penalties in favor of animal control (local dog catcher ). Sometimes people wrongly think that any bill with 'animal' or 'humane' in the title is good.....**Sadly this may not always be the case.**

***Please take a moment to read and understand legislation before supporting or opposing!***

Gini

# Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

**When you donate** to Animal Health and Safety Associates, you help homeless, unwanted, handicapped, and forgotten animals. Many who have survived terrible cruelty to live out their lives in a **forever** home.

On behalf of the animals who make their homes with us, those we help, and the ones that will come here, we hope from the bottom of our hearts that you will consider making a tax deductible donation to help them.

***It is absolutely all they have.***

**We are an all volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization registered with the IRS and California Attorney General's Office of Charitable Trusts with ALL donations going to the animals.** Your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law and so very much needed.



**Please make all checks out to Animal Health and Safety Associates**



**We also have PayPal available on our website**



## We hope this works!

A Ph.D. student from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Zootechnics of the Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), runs an experiment with a natural drug in dog croquettes, whose goal is to sterilize them non-invasively.

Mexico tops the list with 23 million canines that are abandoned or lost. The Mexican Association of Veterinary Doctors Specialists in Small Animals says that the figures increase by 20% each year.

The student of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Livestock, Sheila Irais Peña, developed and patented a method of birth control that is non-invasive and has no negative effects on the breeds.

"It is in an experimental stage, our idea is to find a solution that is not harmful to dogs, or invasive as surgical sterilization, in addition, there are also other ways to sterilize dogs that can cause problems," said student Sheila Irais Peña Corona.



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:**

Libertydeathcamp?

Valley-Pet-Advocates



## Wizzie/Fiz Bomb

Wizzie doesn't like or trust people... He was never cared for or handled, and we were told he was so bad a dart gun had been used to bring him down so he could be gelded. He really watches us and will move away if he feels threatened, but wants to try to be friends.

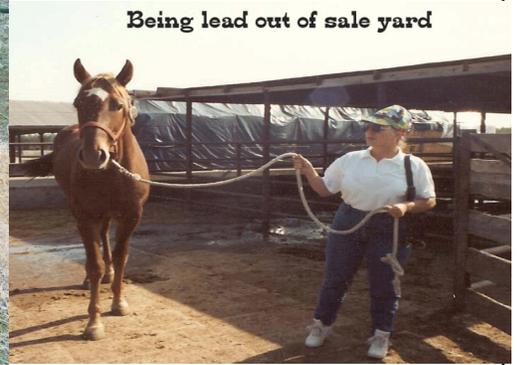


With all of his problems, you can see the good in Wizzie.

He would make a wonderful horse for the right person who has the love and patience to work with him.

*Home! Thank you for being part of our lives!*

We are home to many different animals and some birds.....



Garden chicken strips are now available in stores (frozen food section) and more fast food restaurants are starting to offer vegetarian choices on their menus!  
**YAY!**

