



Horse Mesa animal displays his battle scars. (Photo by Judy Barns Photography)

EQUINE SANCTUARY

A Place of Kindness

Peaceful life therapy for horse and human

Dharmahorse Equine Sanctuary in Las Cruces is a soft landing for unwanted, injured and neglected horses who become cherished members of a herd. The facility is an Herbal Stable Yard which means that health care is based upon nutrition, plant therapies and an organic, non-toxic environment for the horses.

Horses that are able to be ridden participate in programs with families, assisted therapies for various disabilities, riding lessons and confidence building. Horses who are compromised physically or are suffering from abuse are kept safe and cared for by Mark and Katharine Schreiber. A husband and wife team, they combine decades of experience in organization, equine healing, equine assisted programs and riding instruction from beginning to advanced levels.

The Sanctuary is able to care for the horses thanks to donations and the hard work of volunteers. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Dharmahorse is licensed by the New Mexico Livestock Board and inspected yearly to be certain the horses are properly cared for. The sanctuary is at capacity and rarely adopts out any horses because of their extensive special needs. Existing

right now on private land whose use is donated by the Schreibers, the facility has reached its limit. To be able to expand and help more horses, a vision of land and a new facility beside the current location is now developing with the help of donors and the Dharmahorse family.

The vision for Dharmahorse includes a "paddock paradise" continuing loop path in which the horses live a more natural style of life in near constant motion through varied terrain. There will be an indoor arena for the equine-assisted programs, a classroom and office building with a memorial garden built with engraved bricks to honor horses who have passed.

Anyone interested in taking riding lessons or learning about horses, helping the Sanctuary by donations for feed, volunteering or services can learn more by visiting www.dharmahorse.org or calling 575-541-0137.

The facility is open by appointment only and lessons are scheduled as private, hourly sessions or a one time, family experience with horses lasting two and a half hours. There are half hour lessons for very young riders and many workshops on horse care throughout the year.

Horses will live inside a continuous loop of Paddock Paradise, in a natural environment.

