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Dharmahorse Equine Sanctuary

A Place Of Kindness

On the side of the Organ Mountains east of Las Cruces, there is an equine sanctuary and riding academy where horses really matter and people find peace. Over the past eight years, many students and volunteers from Sonoma Ranch have found their way to **Dharmahorse Equine Sanctuary** to love and be loved by these horses, including Michelle Roberts, who is interning there doing equine rehabilitation after years as a riding student.

Dharmahorse 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 organic, non-toxic diets for 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 husband-and-wife team Mark and

Katharine Schreiber. They dedicate their decades of experience in organization, equine healing, equine assisted programs and riding instruction from beginning to advanced levels.

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.

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. The Schreibers have donated the use of their land for the sanctuary but the facility has reached its limits. In order



to expand and help more horses, a vision for the expansion of land and a new facility is underway with the help of donors and the Dharmahorse family.

Persons interested in taking riding lessons or learning about horses, helping the sanctuary through donations to buy feed, volunteering, providing services or supporting the facility expansion can learn more by contacting Dharmahorse Equine Sanctuary at www.dharmahorse.org; call 575-541-0137.