



# EQUINE VOICES RESCUE & SANCTUARY

"A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS"

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## Equine Voices Awarded Three Grants Totaling \$6,500

*Funds used to feed Monero Mustangs; toward fencing for new barn*

Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary, a Southern Arizona non-profit organization dedicated to saving horses and burros from neglect, abuse and slaughter, today announced that it has been awarded three grants totaling \$6,500.

Equine Voices received \$2,000 from the *American Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals* (ASPCA) and \$1,500 from *Best Friends Animal Society* for its participation in the society's Monero-Mustang Rescue Mission, a crisis intervention effort to save more than 140 Monero Mustangs from the risk of going to slaughter by helping to relocate this large herd in family bands, including those that will be permanently re-homed. Equine Voices cared for 14 of the mustangs for a three-month period, from August to October 2014, and the grant was used to purchase hay. While in Equine Voices' care, the mares and their foals thrived and gained a substantial amount of weight.

The ASPCA also awarded Equine Voices \$3,000 to be used toward fencing for the sanctuary's new barn. The barn, which is in the early stages of being built, will serve as extra housing for the horses that are in training and those needing special care or are in quarantine at Equine Voices' Jumping Jack Ranch in Amado, south of Green Valley. The fencing will be used as a turnout for the horses that will be residing in the barn and on the additional five acres Equine Voices recently acquired.

"I am extremely grateful to the ASPCA and Best Friends Animal Society, both for the outstanding work each organization undertakes every day to save unwanted and abused animals and for the support they provide organizations such as Equine Voices that share their commitment," said the sanctuary's Founder and President, Karen Pomroy. "Equine Voices depends solely upon the generosity of donors and ongoing grants to carry out our mission of saving horses and burros from neglect, abuse and slaughter. Grants such as those we are announcing today are a critical component to our fund-raising efforts and play an important role in enabling us to carry out our mission."

According to Pomroy, since Equine Voices' inception in 2004, the sanctuary has provided loving homes to more than 500 horses and burros, with 53 currently being cared for at the sanctuary and another 18 mares are receiving care in Canada.

Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to saving horses and burros from neglect, abuse and slaughter. It is accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), only the third equine rescue in the U.S. and the first in Arizona to meet the GFAS' Standard of Excellence. Through education and building community awareness, Equine Voices works to end the senseless abuse, suffering and slaughter by enlightening the public about the horrors of the Premarin and horse slaughter industries, and serving as a catalyst for change so these noble creatures are able to live their lives free of abuse, pain and suffering.

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