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Announcing the arrival of 7 Spanish Mustang mares and their foals to Equine Voices, Arizona

Green Valley, AZ, July 29, 2014 – Wild for Life Foundation (WFLF) is thrilled to announce the arrival of seven mares and their babies to Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary. These majestic icons were in grave danger of going to slaughter, but were saved as part of a collaborative grass roots rescue mission by the Wild for Life Foundation (WFLF).

"Equine Voices is honored to be part of WFLF's Monero Mustang Rescue Mission, a nationwide effort under the Wild for Life Foundation Safe Haven Rescue Partnership program," says Karen Pomroy, founder and executive director of Equine Voices. By helping to save these imperiled horses' lives, we will also be helping to build awareness for the need to protect America's wild horses from roundups and slaughter."



"We are proud to collaborate with Equine Voices as

an official WFLF Safe Haven Rescue Partner," says Katia Louise, filmmaker, founder and president of the Wild For Life Foundation (WFLF). "It's an honor to welcome these Spanish Mustang mares and foals who will have this wonderful opportunity to heal through their transitional stay at Equine Voices." The foals, ages six weeks to three months in age, will build strength over the next 2-3 months in preparation of their final journey with their mothers to WFLF's Wild Horse Sanctuary program in California.



The Wild for Life Foundation recently launched the WFLF Monero-Mustang Rescue Mission, a large scale emergency operation established to help save over 130 Wild Horses. The Monero herd members are direct descendents of America's most historic Mustangs; Spanish horses, Indian ponies and

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early Calvary mounts that once roamed the western region of the U.S. in great numbers, but are now under extreme threat of extinction. They had lost their protected rangeland homes in New Mexico and became at risk of barbaric slaughter.

These mares and foals together with approximately twenty other Mustangs have been positively identified as the El Rito Spanish Mustangs; descendants of the Spanish horses brought to the Americas by Juan de Onate in the 1500's. These rare blood line Mustangs were part of the Monero Mustang conservation program founded by WFLF's Wild Horse Conservation Manager Sandi Claypoole. This special conservation program was established for their protection after they had narrowly escaped government eradication.

The WFLF Monero Mustangs Rescue Mission is a grass roots effort to save the lives of these endangered Mustangs. By supporting this special project you are helping to provide feed, medical care, transport and safe haven placement for these survivors; to assure they will never be subject to roundup or slaughter again. Volunteer rescue team members have been working around the clock to truck in hay and water on a daily basis to keep them fed. The last of the herd members are being evacuated out of the temporary

shelters in New Mexico where they had received emergency refuge.

"With wild mustang herds across the west vanishing, the importance of protecting and preserving them, and providing the public the opportunity to view and experience wild mustangs in their natural environment is essential to the history and the future of our Nation," adds Ms. Louise. "WFLF is poised to welcome these special rare breed Spanish Mustangs to its California sanctuary program where they will soon join the Red Rock Herd of sacred Navajo Mustangs."

Donations go a long way by helping to save and care for rescue horses. Community member support has helped to pay for hay, veterinary medical care and transport, but continued donations are needed to see this mission through. The ASPCA donated \$10,000 to help with transport and veterinary care. Best Friends Animal Society donated \$3,000 to help with Coggins tests and \$1,500 to help pay for hay to feed the mares and foals at Equine Voices.



Equine Voices needs additional help with the care of the Monero Mustangs and is looking for short term sponsors to help one or all of the fourteen mustangs in need. Donations will help with special supplements and vet care. Through monthly gifts and one-time donations supporters can help support these special mustang mares and foals.100% of each donation goes directly to help these horses, and helps to assure that these vulnerable imperiled horses will never be at risk again.

WFLF partnered with the Monero Mustangs in April 2014, and has since successfully placed the majority of these imperiled horses into new sanctuary habitats. "Horses heal our hearts and they can heal the lands" adds Katia Louise. "As ambassadors for the horse nation these wild horses are helping to educate

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and show the world that the re-introduction of horses to America's rangelands, in truth can rejuvenate the environment."

Craig Downer, BOD Wild for Life Foundation, wildlife ecologist, and author of "The Wild Horse Conspiracy" points out that wild horse are a big benefit to the ecosystem. They help to create that very important soil substance known as Humus...which makes the soils more nutrient-rich, adhesive and more retentive to water. This aids greatly in increasing the moisture of soils and elevating the water tables. The manure of wild horses builds the soils and disperses the intact seeds of many species to a much greater degree than cattle and sheep. Wild free-roaming horses also greatly reduce the possibility of catastrophic fires which can sterilize the soils and destroy its seed banks."

About Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary: Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization accredited under the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries for adhering to the true mission of providing safe haven and humane care for abused animals. Equine Voices is exemplary in their work to help pregnant mares cruelly exploited for urine collection, used in the manufacturing of Premarin. Not only does Equine Voices rescue the horses that are victims of this ruthless industry and the cast-off foals created by the process, but they also work to educate the public and members of the medical community about the source of these estrogen-replacement drugs and the cruelty inherent in procuring them. Equine Voices is a voice for all horses and other equines who cannot speak for themselves, and works to end their senseless abuse, suffering and slaughter. For more information log on to http://www.equinevoices.org/horses/ - Federal ID - 74-3127794

About The Wild For Life Foundation: Founded in 2008, the Wild for Life Foundation (WFLF) is a 501 (c)(3) U.S. registered tax exempt nonprofit charity dedicated to saving, protecting and preserving equines through rescue, sanctuary and education. The WFLF has been at the forefront of efforts to rescue and provide safe harbor for at risk animals, providing the space, natural habitat and quality of care which they deserve. WFLF and its wild horse preservation initiative serve as an educational platform for the protection and preservation of America's imperiled wild horses and burros. The WFLF provides community enrichment through charitable equine assisted learning activities to aid youth and adults in building positive life skills. To find out more about Wild for Life Foundation, please visit us on Facebook or our websites at – www.wildforlifefoundation.org, www.LifetimeEquineRefuge.org, www.LifetimeEquineRefuge.org, www.LifetimeEquineRefuge.org, www.LifetimeEquineRefuge.org, www.LifetimeEquineRefuge.org, www.LifetimeEquineRefuge.org,

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