

## Event will aid equine adoptions

3 Sisters Equine Refuge is participating in the ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) national Help A Horse Day contest, competing for a chance to win some of the \$110,000 available in grant prizes.

The rescue outfit invites the Central Oregon public to meet their horses next weekend, June 29-30, at Oregon Rescue Challenge held at the Rim Rock Riders Event Center, Brasada Ranch. 3 Sisters Equine Refuge recently adopted a formerly wild orphaned mustang filly.

The nationwide competition for rescues, shelters, animal-control agencies and sanctuaries that adopt out equines is designed to raise awareness about the year-round lifesaving work they do to find homes for horses. As a participating group, 3 Sisters' goals align with the 2018 ASPCA's National Help a Horse Day. The ASPCA event is focused on how to reach more potential adopters, and thereby enhance placement of adoptable equines in qualified homes.

Motivated by the results of ASPCA equine research

suggesting there could be approximately 2.3 million adults in the U.S. with both the resources and desire to adopt a horse in need, Help a Horse Day 2018 is focused on finding more good homes for horses.

Help a Horse Day is celebrated annually on April 26 — a date chosen for its significance in the ASPCA's long history of horse protection. In 1866, ASPCA founder Henry Bergh stopped a cart driver from beating his horse, resulting in the first successful arrest for horse mistreatment on April 26 of that year. Now in its fifth year, Help a Horse Day has been a meaningful way for hundreds of equine rescues and sanctuaries to garner community support for their lifesaving work. Since 2014,

the ASPCA has awarded equine groups more than \$300,000 in grant funding through the Help a Horse Day contest.

3 Sisters Equine Refuge launched their efforts in the contest in April, and they culminate with the event this month.

"The ASPCA Help A Horse Day contest is a wonderful opportunity for 3 Sisters to raise awareness about amazing adoptable horses in Central Oregon and place them in good homes," said Cyndi Davis, president, 3 Sisters Equine Refuge. "Horses are majestic, loving animals, and we hope our local supporters will come out to learn more about equine adoption and help us win grant money so we can continue our lifesaving efforts for

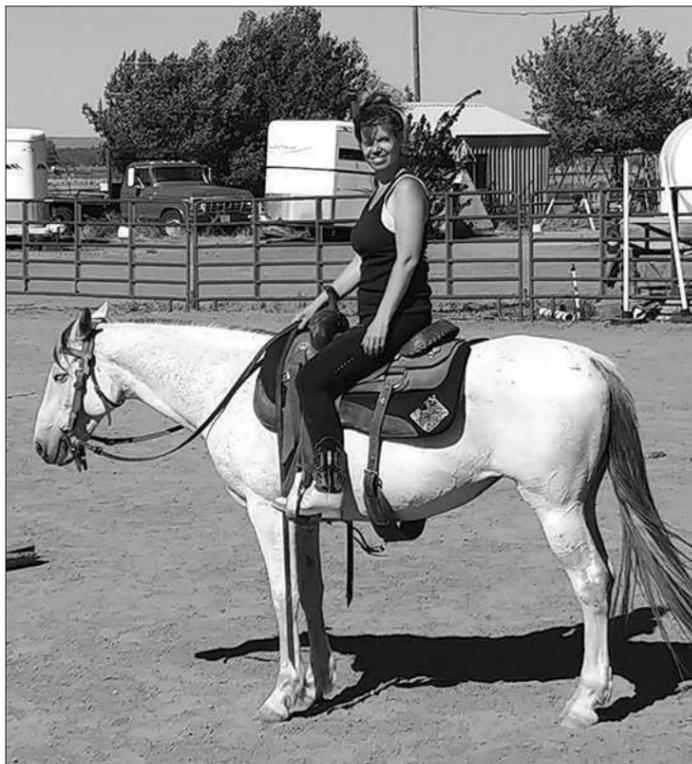


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