

July 2026

Barn Talk

Laughing Pony Rescue



We are so grateful for your support! We have had a busy few months welcoming back sanctuary residents Bonnie and Clyde and helping them settle in, actively helping at-risk equines and building a foundation of training for our sanctuary residents. We continue to look for opportunities to rescue more equines, and at the same time we are expanding our programs to build meaningful connection with our community.

Protecting these relationships takes more than love - it takes financial support to continue rescuing equines, providing for their care and rehabilitation, and building programs that create meaningful moments of connection for our community.

April-June Highlights

- We welcomed home two new ranch residents - Bonnie and Clyde
- First episode of "Speak Horse Now" with Val Capony hits social media! <https://fb.watch/Gs7DaMXlgU/>
- Helped 5 horses at a Washington feedlot find care and new homes, helped two local horses find new homes
- Hosted volunteers from Lido Advisors - they spent the day helping us add dirt to our stalls
- Our sanctuary horses and donkeys helped our military veterans weekly
- Continued to build on training and trust with Willow, our Rocky Mountain Horse sanctuary resident. She has come so far in her journey - building trust with groundwork and learning to understand a rider.
- Worked on consistent halter training with Sammy and Clarabella

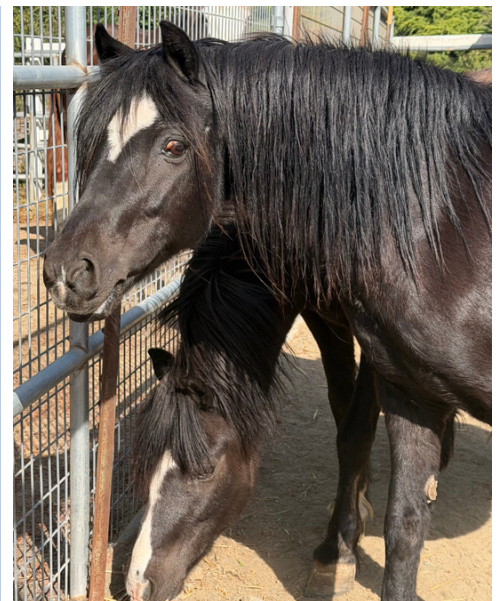
Welcome Home: Bonnie and Clyde

Bonnie and Clyde are brother and sister Welsh Mountain ponies. They were adopted out a few years ago, and found themselves in a situation where they needed to come back to the ranch.

Since they arrived, we've watched them acclimate to the feeding routine, and they are more curious and friendly every day as they settle in. They love to be on the track for turnout time with the minis, Splash and Ariel - and it's always fun to watch the littlest mini bossing everyone around.

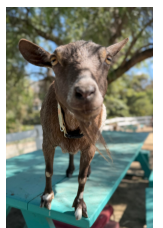
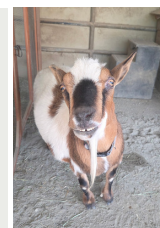
Welsh Mountain Pony

- Originated in the rugged mountains of Wales. where they developed exceptional hardiness and resilience
- Known for their friendly, intelligent and willing temperament
- Recognized for their refined heads, expressive eyes and flowing mane and tail
- Typically easy keepers that generally thrive on modest feed when managed appropriately



Supporting Our Mission: We Need Your Help

- Sponsor one of our sanctuary residents
 - \$500/month covers feed, supplements and hoof care
- Help us build our veterinary care fund
 - Emergencies happen - help us prepare by building a reserve for the times when the animals in our care need us most
- Help us fundraise
 - We are always looking for new ways to connect with our community
- Introduce a friend or family member to Laughing Pony Rescue
 - Come visit us!



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Hay, what's in the feed room?



Determining the best hay for your horse can be essential to long term health. Our sanctuary residents each have a different regimen based on their specific needs. Some of the most common types of hay include:

Hay Type	Protein	Calories	Best For These Horses
Teff	Low-Moderate	Low	Easy keepers, overweight horses, horses with metabolic concerns or a history of laminitis
Timothy	Moderate	Moderate	Most adult horses in light to moderate work; an excellent all-purpose grass hay
Alfalfa	High	High	Growing foals, pregnant or lactating mares, senior horses needing extra nutrition, hard keepers, and performance horses
Bermuda	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate	Adult horses at maintenance, easy keepers, and horses needing a lower-calorie forage

Around the Ranch



Happy Anniversary Daisy and Dynamite



This little married couple is celebrating their seventh wedding anniversary on July 7. That's right - seven years of wedded bliss for these two!



Chicken Nonsense

Why do chickens go BROODY?

Broodiness is natural instinct. When a hen sits on a nest, the physical warmth can stimulate her brain to release prolactin. This makes her want to sit and hatch her clutch - even if it doesn't exist!

Breaking broody behavior is important - hens will reduce their water and food intake if they are broody too long. Cooling their core temperature by removing them from the nest and blocking access during the day can help.



Broody Besties:
Ebony and Ivory

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