



FREE REIN

HORSES HELPING HUMANS

Summer/Fall 2021

OUR MISSION: To heal humans and rescued horses by creating a bond that empowers and nurtures both.

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One of Free Rein's newly arrived mustang colts, Smoke, greets Luna, a young mare ready to be rehomed.

Mustang Round-up

Emergency, life-saving round-ups of mustangs are underway in Nevada, Oregon, Colorado and California, according to the Bureau of Land Management. Round-ups of more than 6,000 wild horses and burros began in August because of severe overpopulation, the West's prolonged drought, and pressure from ranchers who don't want the mustangs competing with their livestock for limited forage and water.

Free Rein Foundation has been part of the solution to the mustang crisis since 2019, having so far rescued 13 mustangs. Most have been matched with their "forever homes."

Luna and Sandra are four-year-old mustangs from Northern California who are currently available to be re-homed. Mustangs are known to make magnificent domestic horses that are sure-footed, responsive and intelligent. These two sweet, sound and gorgeous mares have received professional training from top-notch trainers at the Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center, and will make wonderful additions to the lucky families found to be the right fit.

This past spring, three two-year-old bay mustangs from Northern California – Modoc, Governor and Smoke – were welcomed into the fold. Alert, fearless, and oh-so friendly, they immediately won the hearts of the Free Rein family. Training for these irresistible newbies will soon begin.

Anyone who is interested in adopting a Free Rein Foundation mustang, or supporting this important and fulfilling cause, is urged to email info@freereinfoundation.org.



Sandra awaits adoption

Finding Kindness Behooves Us at NEW Corporate Hug & Grooms

Tucked in the heart of Huntington Beach is a pasture like no other – a sanctuary for people, as well as horses rescued from abuse, neglect, slaughter, or with nowhere else to go. These animals all serve a noble purpose, as Free Rein therapy horses in non-riding sessions led by mental health professionals certified by Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA). Equine learning and psychotherapy programs serve men, women and children who are often coming to Free Rein through challenging life situations.

This past summer, Free Rein's outreach expanded to serve the corporate community. Coworkers leave their cares behind to spend time team building as they come to know more about the herd and each other.

The Corporate Hug & Grooms evolved from the first-Sunday-of-the-month family Hug & Grooms, which came back this past summer after a year-long hiatus and typically sell out every month. Reservations are made at freereinfoundation.org/events.

Interested in this refreshing opportunity for a Corporate Hug & Groom? Please email info@freereinfoundation.org.

Free Rein Tours Mark 6 Months

Dozens of individuals, couples and families have now taken the two-hour Free Rein Tours of discovery. Along with meeting Free Rein's rescued horses and mustangs in the pasture, guests tour the impressive, 400-horse Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center; and discover a hidden gem, the neighboring Urban Forest, on a docent-led walk through expanding habitat.

The tours spur support for Free Rein Foundation's non-profit mission of rescuing horses and healing humans. To learn more, please visit freereintours.com.

MANE EVENTS at Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center, 6956 Ellis Ave., Huntington Beach

2nd Annual Walk for Horses Saturday, Oct. 17, 2021!

Take a walk in nature on a course surrounding the Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center. Have a great time hoofing it for a great cause! Bring the whole family to meet rescued horse! All proceeds help rescued horses to help humans in equine-assisted therapy programs. Watch for details at freereinfoundation.org/events.

Corporate Sponsors Wanted! Please call 714-842-7777 or email info@freereinfoundation.org.

3K Walk for Horses



Beaming with Gratitude over 2021 Sunshine Classic Gala's Success



The West Palms Events Huntington Beach Sunshine Classic Gala at the Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center on July 17 raised more than \$35,000 for Free Rein Foundation.

The annual four-day equestrian event, held by West Palms Event Management, and the Saturday evening Gala returned after being sidelined in 2020 due to COVID-19. As Free Rein's major fundraiser to support the 100-percent volunteer organization's rescue of horses plus equine therapy and learning sessions, the Gala's return was cause for celebration.

"Until California re-opened in June, we couldn't commit to hosting the event," shares President of Free Rein Foundation Justine Makoff. "Once we had the green light to mobilize, the

Gala sold out within 10 days. It was an amazing testament to the enthusiasm people have for this very special event, and for fulfilling the mission of Free Rein Foundation."

Along with the horse jumping competition, guests enjoyed a warm summer breeze, meeting a rescued mustang, a delicious dinner, refreshments from the Thirsty Horse Saloon and a robust silent auction, with two dozen high-dollar baskets and donated items procured by Free Rein's volunteers.

HB Mayor Kim Carr presented Makoff with a commendation award on behalf of the city recognizing Free Rein Foundation "for helping veterans and at-risk youth and rescuing horses—a winning trifecta."



Event photography compliments of Robbie Clark

Benefactors Raising the Bar

Gala Chair Lesley Teasley and her committee thank everyone attending and contributing to the Gala's success! These businesses gifted Free Rein with donations and auction items valued at \$100 or more:

- Albertsons / Vons/ Pavilions
- Beef Palace
- Blinking Owl Distillery
- Marco Cavallieri, Le Corti Dei Farfensi
- City of Huntington Beach
- Costco Wholesale
- Dover Saddlery
- Duke's Huntington Beach
- Chris Epting
- Heart Root Health Costa Mesa
- Hudson Wellness Center
- Huntington Beach Reiki
- Huntington Health Center
- JoJo Brooks Laguna Beach
- KCRW "Good Food" Show/ Evan Klieman
- Los Padres Outfitters
- Trevor Masid Photography
- Lincoln Fine Wines
- Los Angeles Angels Baseball
- Modern Acupuncture Huntington Beach
- Nieto Family
- Ola's Mexican Kitchen/Mahé Seafood
- Parachute
- Paddock Cakes
- Seven Gables
- Solita Tacos and Margaritas
- Woodland Park Manor