



Dear Friend,

Can you join us?

Wild Horse Sanctuary

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Since our last newsletter, winter has come and gone and blessed us with a lot of rainfall. I hope you weathered the storms as well as our wild horses did. Although feeding the horses was at times a challenge because of the rain and mud, rest assured, they didn't miss a meal thanks to your generous support!

The long wet spring we're having has brought some really good grazing and what a blessing to have plenty of native feed for the horses for at least a little while. Spring also marks the start of the Wild Horse Sanctuary trail ride season. We still have a few openings and invite you to join us if you can, so you can experience firsthand the thrill of seeing a herd of wild mustangs and their newborn foals roaming this land that is their home.

The winner of our 2009 fundraising raffle Grand Prize - three-day trail ride for two and two-night stay at a local bed and breakfast inn - joined us on our first weekend ride in May. This year's raffle is now underway with a number of great prizes topped by a three-day Wild Horse Sanctuary trail ride for two and two-night stay at our very own guest cabin. Other prizes include a private tour and wine tasting at Sbragia Family Vineyards in Sonoma County, premium wines, original art, a show saddle with accessory tack, and much more. A book of five raffle tickets is only \$10. Check our Web site for more details. The winning tickets will be drawn at our annual Open House on Saturday, August 21, 2010.

Incidentally, last year's raffle proceeds enabled us to buy 40 tons of hay, which is enough to feed the wild horses for more than a month.

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Trail riders at a creek crossing.



A stallion and his harem with a beautiful new foal.

For centuries, Americas' wild horses have faced challenges that threatened their very existence, and their survival today is even more critical than ever before in history. The Bureau of Land Management continues to round-up wild horses from *our* public lands at an alarming rate. More than 30,000 of these magnificent animals are confined in Federal holding areas, when they should be roaming free on the lands they deserve to be on! We encourage you to contact your U.S. Senator asking them to support S. 1579 - the Restore Our American Mustangs (R.O.A.M.) Act, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives last summer. The legislation has been languishing in the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. If passed, the R.O.A.M. Act will amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971 to revise provisions concerning the management of wild horses and burros on public lands.

We are so thankful that we are able to provide freedom for hundreds of wild horses and burros at the Wild Horse Sanctuary, which wouldn't be possible without your support. Thank you for being a member of our Wild Horse Sanctuary family of supporters!

Best wishes for a wonderful summer and we hope to see you at the Wild Horse Sanctuary Open House!

Warmest Regards,

Dianne

Dianne Nelson

P.S. As the situation for wild horses continues to worsen on public lands - I focus on those we can save here - Thank you for whatever you can do to help!

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Trudolly poses proudly with her foal

Wild Horse Sanctuary Contribution & Order Form

- Yes, I want to help!
Enclosed is my check for:
- \$38 to feed one unsponsored horse for one month.
- \$50 to become a member of the Sanctuary
- \$114 to care for an unsponsored horse for 3 months.
- \$456 to sponsor a horse for one year.
- I would like to order ___ Book(s) of Raffle tickets \$10.00 each

Name _____

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