



## ASPCA Help-a-Horse Day is a HUGE Success All About Equine Wins Grand Prize

**El Dorado Hills, CA** – The ASPCA announced the winners of the 2015 Help-a-Horse Day celebration contest. All About Equine was awarded one of three \$10,000 Grand Prize grants to help organizations with general operating expenses. This event was created as a way to provide a national day of recognition for equine organizations, to spread the word about the lifesaving work they do on behalf of at-risk horses and show their communities how to join in the effort.

“Horses were and continue to be an integral part of the world’s history. They have hauled lumber, fought in world wars and have carried our nations farmers and founders on their back. Equines deserve to be celebrated and respected as well as tended to and cared for. ASPCA’s Help-a-Horse Day brings the celebration of the horse to those familiar with equines but also to those who are not as well versed with the animals. It is an enjoyable and relaxed way to get to know your communities, neighbors and the organizations that make up those beautiful communities,” said Tarah French, AAE volunteer. “Winning the grant funds and putting them towards veterinary care allowed AAE to take in several horses that prior budgeting would not have permitted, and some received surgical treatment that may not have been possible without the funding from the ASPCA.”

AAE kicked-off the event by holding 15 off-site outreach activities on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> including Lee’s Feed, Flying M Ranch, Pet-A-Palooza, and many of the other local feed stores. These activities helped us to not only let people know about our work, we raised some money, invited people to our Sunday open barn event, and answered many questions. On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, we held our ASPCA Help-a-Horse Day celebration, an open barn day honoring our youngest and our oldest equine residents. It was quite the celebration! We celebrated with country music by Robert & Sunny, a BBQ, carnival games, face painting, photos with Marshmallow, our mini horse, a photography meetup group with Don Vilfer’s Photo Jaunts, and more! We also had special guests including Diana Stolba, DVM of Loomis Basin Equine Medical Center, Darin Prociw and Dunbar from the Folsom Mounted Police, Susan Wirgler of Wirgler’s Horse Human Partnerships, and Sue Middleton with the Folsom Lake Trail Patrol. We also had support from several youth groups including several Girl Scout troops, Hands 4 Hope, 4H, and Ponderosa ROP. The event drew an enormous crowd for AAE. People enjoyed picnicking under the trees while listening to music, watching our orphaned foals run about and meeting and grooming our oldest “birthday horses”. This open barn was our largest and most successful to date, drawing more than 300 people. We are so grateful for the outpouring of support from our families, friends, volunteers and supporters.

For more information about our rescue, please visit [www.allaboutequine.org](http://www.allaboutequine.org)

### **About All About Equine**

*Founded in 2009, All About Equine Animal Rescue, Inc. is an equine rescue and rehabilitation organization. The mission of the organization is to rescue and rehabilitate abused, neglected, abandoned, unwanted and/or slaughter-bound animals, primarily equines. The organization’s strategic process is to match healthy, rehabilitated animals with compatible, loving and permanent adoptive homes, to provide long-term care for unadoptable animals, to offer a variety of equine-human interaction programs and to educate neighboring communities about abused, neglected, abandoned, unwanted and/or slaughter-bound animals.*