

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



“Only if we understand can we care. Only if we care will we help. Only if we help shall they be saved.”

Jane Goodall



“We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals.”

Immanuel Kant

Today, there are an estimated 170,000 unwanted horses across the nation, with 6,000 in Colorado alone. Of these, almost 130,000 horses are shipped to slaughter in Mexico and Canada every year, where they are processed for human consumption. In addition, each year the BLM rounds up over 9,000 wild horses off of public lands, but only 1 in 3 find homes.

Mountain Valley Horse Rescue (MVHR) is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization committed to rescuing, rehabilitating, and re-homing abused, neglected, abandoned, and unwanted horses.

As one of the only horse rescue organizations on the Western Slope, we cover a lot of territory. Though we are making a small dent in the need, we make an everlasting difference for those horses we can save, and with help we know we can save many more.

We work to reduce horse abuse and neglect through education and outreach and through relationships with local law enforcement agencies, veterinarians, concerned citizens and private horse owners.

When possible, MVHR networks to find horses new private homes. When necessary, horses are taken in and cared for with the ultimate goal of returning them to full health and adoption into a loving, forever home. To meet this goal, rescued horses are provided with food, shelter, care, medical treatment, and training to help them become adoptable. As space and funding allow, a limited number of horses are provided sanctuary care at the Rescue for the rest of their lives.

Mountain Valley Horse Rescue operates out of our recently purchased 114-acre ranch, located between Vail and Steamboat Springs. We are one of the only horse rescues on the Western Slope and our services are provided wherever a horse is in need. We rely on volunteers, foster homes, donations, and sponsorships to provide for these horses.

Horse rescues do not receive any federal funding, and it costs up to \$5,000 per year for the basic care of one horse (not including key support like winter blankets or training). With every dollar we raise, the lives of horses are saved and their futures, secured, because of caring people like you. *Hopeful hearts....helping horses.*



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

RESCUE HEROES – \$10,000/year

Our Rescue Heroes provide broad-reaching support for the day-to-day needs and activities of the ranch. Rescue Heroes are our largest supporters and ensure that MVHR is always moving forward with its mission to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home every horse in need.

EQUINE ADVOCATES – \$5,000/year

Equine Advocates assume the cost of care for one horse on property. Each underwriter is matched with a horse, and his or her name is listed on a plaque of the stall for that horse. We provide updates on the care and status of your horse and encourage you to come out to the ranch to meet the beneficiary of your support.

WRANGLERS – \$2,500/year

Wranglers provide the support for our team to be engaged in the community, providing for MVHR's outreach and education programs. The education programs allow hundreds of local community members to learn about the care of the horses, and how to intervene, when needed.

RANCH HANDS – \$1,000/year

Ranch hands provide the basics of care for our horses: hay, feed, halters and other essentials that all horses need to thrive.

STABLE MATES – \$500/year

Stable Mates support our volunteer efforts which are the lifeblood of MVHR. We depend on the kindness of our volunteers to muck out stalls, water and walk the horses and provide plenty of love to them. We have more than 100 active volunteers today but are in need of constant outreach and training to expand our reach.

PONY PALS – \$10–\$499

Every dollar given to MVHR is needed, and used to provide care to our horses in residence. We thank you for your kindness!

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We were blessed in 2015 to receive a gift of \$1 million from the Shaw Family Foundation, to purchase the ranch our horses now call home. However, the ranch will need another \$1 million in improvements to provide for the horses into the future, including building of a barn, caretaker residence, indoor and outdoor arenas and hay storage.

“I wish people would realize that animals are totally dependent on us, helpless, like children, a trust that is put upon us.”

James Herriot

Today, Mountain Valley Horse Rescue has 25 horses on property. Four of those horses are mustangs saved from another horse rescue that was neglecting its animals. When called upon to help save these horses, we didn't hesitate. We realized taking them in would stretch resources, but we had the heart.

Four mustang mares joined us in April, plus a surprise addition—a colt foal—adding to our family! Because of the generosity of our community, these magnificent animals have a new life, a new home, a new future. Thank you!



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