

# Ever After Mustang Rescue Newsletter - August 2021

**A Little Review:** In 1983 Mona and Brad Jerome purchased 40 acres of land to house two horses. With limited funds, we knew this would be a challenge. The land was beautiful, pristine and close to the ocean with salt air breezes. This was a family effort with different ages, ability and as time allowed. Let me make this perfectly clear, the men in this family have always been in command, but they have had to deal effectively with the very strong-willed women of this family. God Bless these men! Most everyone knows our mission and growth provide optimal care for these horses most in need. With no master plan, Ever After Mustang Rescue took on a plan and life of its own, beyond anything we could have ever imagined.

**Present Day:** A little rain must fall. No sadness, no tears. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, with extreme shortness of breath, I went to the hospital where, within hours, they found two masses. Within days I learned I had stage 4 lung cancer that had metastasized to the brain as well. Treatments have started and it is not time to say goodbye just yet. My faith and your prayers will get me through. There is much work yet to be done. Remember that family support system, they are all united and 100% in place. ~Mona

*We are stronger and more committed than ever. The work is ongoing.*

## **Meet our Board:**

Brad Jerome (Skip) – President  
Sue Booth – Vice President  
Lynne Gaudette – Treasurer  
Don Furman – Legal Council  
Mona Jerome – Director / Founder  
Lydia Studley – Barn Manager / Assistant Director

All faces recognizable and familiar with the barn.



## **Updates**



A successful compliance check by our Barn manager/Assistant Director & her daughter.

**Paiute** found his forever home with former UNE Intern, Miranda Bragan. Following graduation Miranda finalized her adoption to bring Pi home to Presque Isle, Maine. Pi is currently being boarded with a close friend of Miranda's, and shares space with two mares, while Miranda builds a large event barn, Legacy Ranch and Event Center. Miranda will eventually move Pi to that location. We are so excited to see the future of these two!

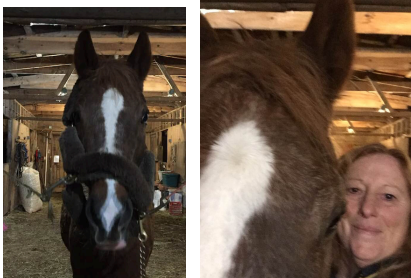
**Magic** found his forever home with Courtney Schrepf, who worked with Magic, at the Rescue, for about a year before moving him home, where the once very guarded horse has made big strides with her help and patience. Courtney hopes to get Magic out to some local horse shows in the near future. They definitely have a special connection and we are excited for what is to come!



**Hali**, a retired show horse and 20+ year resident of the Rescue, crossed over the Rainbow Bridge in July at the age of 36. She will be missed but forever in our hearts.

Our heartfelt thanks to volunteer Kim Doody for her many years of love and devotion to Hali.

for upcoming activities such as an Open House, Ter Dance, etc. [www.mustangrescue.org](http://www.mustangrescue.org)



**Our Mission:** Our specialty has always been our ability to take in a horse that has never been touched by human hands. These horses' strength of character is seeded upon the western plains. Our mission is to foster their trust, build their confidence in humans and strengthen them in order to transition them into safe, forever homes.



**Our Vision:** The new barn plans address the issues we are now facing, like leaky sills and structural deficiencies of the existing barn, which was built in the early 1980s. The new barn provides for the growth and development we have experienced since our beginning.



- Trailers can be backed up to a new receiving wash/examining stall to safely unload a newly admitted horse. This stall has direct access to a quarantine stall or 20'X20' holding/handling stall, depending on need. Both will have access to an outdoor turnout for exercise or relaxation, and safe transfer to a training area within the 40' center aisle.
- The wash/treatment area will have hot/cold water, wash sink, cabinetry for supplies and allow for veterinary exams and treatments. Refrigeration and a heated cabinet are included to keep medications at proper temperatures. As well as meeting present needs, this provides for future programs for veterinary technicians and pre-veterinarian programs.
- The 40' wide center aisle is spacious enough for training, "hands on" clinics and existing and future programs, demonstrations and evaluations.

- There are also 20 10'x12' stalls in the wings of this barn, providing some privacy and protection to the horses. These are easily accessible and have clear routs to turnout.
- This barn connects the two existing buildings, so all is under one cover.
- The second floor offers classroom space for students, programs, etc. Space is planned to allow an observation area to the indoor riding ring.
- This plan meets our priority of allowing maximum natural light, warmth and ventilation with placement of numerous windows and cupola. Not to mention a first-floor heated bathroom for volunteers and the public, located just behind the receiving/washing examining stall.
- Improve pastures to facilitate daily life enrichment with herd populations.



We feel thankful and blessed to be a part of such a strong, supportive community.  
Enjoy every day.  
Hug your family and loved ones often.