



# THE WINGS PROGRAMS

*Non-Profit Equine Rescue & Sanctuary*

*Quarterly Newsletter*

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Executive Director Debora Lay with Nell at Shed Horn Cellars.

## *Happy 10th Anniversary to Wings!*

This year marks the 10th anniversary of The Wings Programs! Wings officially became a rescue and sanctuary in April of 2014 with two horses, and has grown over the years to where we have supported up to 40 equines at a time, including donkeys, mini-donkeys, mini-horses and standard horses of all kinds. Our most frequent type of rescue is owner relinquishment, due to the owner passing away, moving into assisted living, or simply being physically unable to care for a horse or donkey any longer. Our mission has always been to support senior equines and senior owners in the Bitterroot Valley.

Community support is vital to our operation, and we are grateful for businesses that partner with us to raise funds. This spring the Rocky Mountain Grange hosted a Musical Potluck for our benefit, and Shed Horn Cellars hosted a "Poppin' Bottles" event with a trivia game host and donated a portion of their wine sales to Wings.

## *Goodbye to Dear Friends*

It's been a tough spring season at Wings with the loss of two of our senior sanctuary equines. This is the tough part about operating a rescue—saying goodbye to senior animals that you have cared for and loved for a long time.

Nikki, at right, was the first Wings rescue, coming to us from a good friend of Debora's who passed away. Nikki was the "grandma" of the mini-horse and mini-donkey herd and always watched over her friends. She was a sweet soul and her passing was very difficult for us.



Louise was a standard donkey that was rescued from a field in Arlee and brought to Wings in a very bad state. With loving care, nutritional support, medication and rehabilitation on her hooves, she lived for seven years at Wings. Louise participated in several community events, including the Living Nativity in Hamilton and Mule Days, where she charmed everyone. She loved ear rubs and rolling in the dirt, and she always let us know when it was time for dinner! We miss her very much.

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## Upcoming Events

• **May 11, 5:00-8:00**

Pint Night at Fins TapHouse in Corvallis! Fins will donate a portion of each pint purchased to Wings. We'll have awesome silent auction items, a 50/50 raffle where you get a chance to win half the pot, and some great Wings merchandise.

- **May 18, 10:00-3:00** - Tack Sale at the ranch. Come browse our gently used tack and visit our equines.

- **May 27, 10:00-11:00** - Memorial Day Parade in downtown Corvallis. Come out and see our horses on parade!

- **June 7-9**- Mule Days at the Fairgrounds. It's always a fun time at Mule Days. Come see some beautiful mules and visit the Wings booth!

- **June 14** - Sapphire Lutheran Homes Concert on the Lawn. The first in the summer series of awesome music events. Visit with our minis and hear some great tunes!

- **June 28 & 29** - 50 Mile Garage Sale at the ranch. Get your garage sale fix and help Wings raise some funds for the horses and donkeys.

## Call For Donations

Spring is here and hay stores are low, so we're looking for funds to replenish our hay supply. You can help by donating to our hay fund. You can use the QR codes at right, visit our website or send us a check. We rely on our generous donors and supporters and your contributions are greatly appreciated! As always, your donations are tax-deductible and go directly to the care and feeding of our equines. Thank you!



**Pint Night Fundraiser**

To benefit the Wings Programs  
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**Saturday, May 11**  
**5-8pm**  
Silent Auction  
50/50 Raffle  
Wings Merchandise

Drink a pint for me!

All proceeds go to the equines!  
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