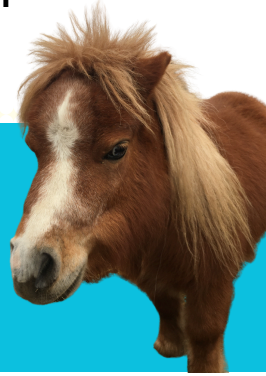




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Property Update

As you know, we have been raising capital funds to try and purchase our leased property. We continue to look at purchase options as well as visiting lenders to discuss requirements for obtaining a mortgage.

The good news is that **our lease has been extended to April 30, 2026**, so we still have time to do more fundraising and looking at options. Thank you to everyone who has donated and sent messages of support. We are very hopeful that a permanent home for Wings is on the horizon!

You can still donate directly to our capital fund by using the QR code above or visiting www.gofundme.com/ahomeforwings.

Our Capital Matchings Funds Challenge ended on December 31st, and we are happy to report that the \$5,000 challenge was met and was matched by an additional \$5,000 from our special donor! Thank you to everyone who donated to the challenge!

If you have donated to Wings and need a donation receipt, please email us at thewingsprograms@gmail.com with your name, address and donation amount.

Volunteer Spotlight

Pamela Allen and Sydney Brown have been regular volunteers, coming to the ranch weekly to do chores and work with the equines. This mother-daughter duo show up in all sorts of weather to fill water troughs, pick hooves, muck pens and whatever else is needed to keep things running smoothly.

One of the important volunteer tasks is to help handle the equines, especially the ones who are hard to catch and need socializing. Pam, Sydney and her sister Aubrey have formed a special bond with Mama, who is not quite ready to trust humans completely but is doing much better with regular handling. **Thank you to these three for their continuing support of Wings!**



Pam, Sydney and Aubrey with Mama

Horse Updates



Sugar and Coco

Sugar and Coco are sweet mini-horses who were relinquished to Wings last year after their owner passed away. They are in good health but were overdue on dental floats and hoof care. Both need extra handling as it takes extra effort to catch them. Sugar is much more skittish than Coco, so several volunteers have been working on haltering them regularly.

We're happy to report that it only takes one person a few minutes to catch Coco, and two people about five minutes to catch Sugar. This is a tremendous improvement from the 20 minutes it used to take!

We take the girls into the barn, give treats, groom them, and generally make being haltered a pleasant

experience. We also make sure to lift and clean their hooves so they are well-behaved for our farrier. **Doing this kind of work on a regular basis ensures that they will be adoptable.** Being able to be caught, haltered and handled safely is one of the main requirements before we will adopt out an equine. Thank you to the volunteers who have helped with this important work.

In other news, we are sad to report that our little pinto mini-horse Josie has passed away. Josie came to us last year with a serious stifle injury from being kicked by a big horse in her previous home, and was severely lame on her left hind leg. An evaluation by our veterinarian determined that surgery was not an option, so we made Josie as comfortable as possible.

She integrated into the mini herd and bonded with Peggy and Ginger, so she had pals to hang out with. She was very skittish around humans, although various staff and volunteers tried to work with her.

Over the past summer her lameness worsened to the point that we were unable to keep her comfortable, even with the maximum dose of pain meds. After another evaluation with xrays, our veterinarian recommended humane euthanization. We did not want to let Josie suffer in the winter weather, so the decision was made to follow the vets recommendation. **Although it is very hard for us to let one of our rescues go, their quality of life is our most important consideration.** We miss our little pinto girl.



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