

## Rare Horse Herd Rescued From Noble Birth to Neglect. What Now?

*“Walking calmly amidst this herd of virtually untouched horses is difficult to describe. I’ve been among large herds before, both domestic and wild, but nothing like this. All gathered near – in front of, beside and behind, eagerly awaiting their chance to say hello and be with us.*

*These horses were polite, well-mannered, and seeking our company. They were also desperately in need - malnourished, with feet in dreadful condition, long manes hopelessly matted, parasites flourishing. And all of the mares are pregnant. Two of them ready to deliver within days. The conditions they were living in were deplorable and these magnificent horses were suffering from extreme neglect. Their elderly owners had finally said uncle and were seeking help for their horses. That’s why we were there.*

*The herd of near 30 mostly white Arabian horses, included 9 stallions living alone in tiny pens with inadequate fencing (thus the pregnant mares). One kind and noble white stallion (pictures below) was up to his ankles in mud and his own waste.*



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Cynthia with Stallion Neptune at interim facility.



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Neptune’s former home.

*And yet, although I’ve been involved with horses since birth, I’ve never had such an awe-inspiring experience as the interaction I had with this particular kinship family of gentle horses, all of whom have direct lineage back to champions.*

*This herd was clearly at risk. All across the country, horses that owners can no longer care for are being auctioned off for slaughter every day with euthanasia at an all time high. We knew in our hearts that we couldn’t walk away and leave this herd to a fate even worse than their current circumstances. So we agreed to adopt them all.*



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The herd among years of wreckage and neglect.

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*Our goal is to form a non-profit foundation that will keep the herd intact and create an experiential opportunity whereby human healing (through Equine Assisted Psychotherapy), growth and learning is made possible, where people can experience complete trust and acceptance as a member of the herd. And thereby, become advocates for more collaborative relations with our animal friends, ourselves and the planet.”*

**The above words are from [Cynthia Royal](#), one of the country’s foremost teachers of natural trusting relationships with horses.** She and her partner Tony Royal travel the country demonstrating with their horses through theatrical performance and clinics what can be achieved through collaboration rather than domination (see [www.IMAGINE-DiscoverTheMagic.com](http://www.IMAGINE-DiscoverTheMagic.com) for more information). Molly Jordan, a clinic attendee, said, “Cynthia’s work has allowed me to see what true partnering looks like between a horse and a human. Relying on no tool

*other than trust and a caring relationship, Cynthia's beautiful white Andalusian Blanco willingly - and it seemed joyfully - did whatever was asked of him. I left there inspired, a believer in the magic of collaboration."*

**This is no ordinary herd. Ronald Reagan's letter to the head of the Polish State during his Presidency helped bring the champion stallion Gedymin to America.** Gedymin is the winner of races in Poland equivalent to our own Triple Crown. He came to America to begin the breeding program that is now this rescued herd. Gedymin's son, R.O. Gedymin, is a member of the herd, only four generations from Egypt, only one generation from Poland. Yet this nobility and these famous bloodlines did not prevent these majestic horses from being victims of absolute neglect.

Cynthia and Tony are the right people to oversee this wonderful vision for this unique herd. But it's a huge and complex process to put it all together... and meanwhile this herd needs care. But with the help of the **The PEGASUS RISING Project** these horses will be returned to health and happiness, healed by the kind hands and loving hearts of people, like you. And when the horses have healed, they will find a new job with **The PEGASUS RISING Project**, helping to raise human healing and consciousness to a new level through the way of the horse.

This will be accomplished by providing a permanent home for this remarkable family of horses, where opportunities to partner between horse and human in **Equine Assisted Psychotherapy** programs will lead to emotional healing for such people as veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, troubled teens, children who have suffered neglect and survivors of domestic abuse. The programs will also offer opportunities for all those who partake to realize a clearer understanding of the role that horses and humans can play in healing each other, the community and the world.

### ***So What Do We Need?***

#### **URGENT! FUNDING FOR FEED and SUPPLIES**

The monthly cost for feed is up to almost \$4,000 a month. Every dollar or bale of hay donated helps! ***Donations of funds or products are 100% tax deductible.***

#### **URGENT! VOLUNTEERS:**

**CARE/FEEDING:** If you can spare a couple regular mornings or evenings a week in Rancho Santa Fe or Valley Center, please come be part of the family! Experience the joy and appreciation these horses so readily give. Plus, learn from [Cynthia Royal](#) how to communicate with horses using horse language and culture, resulting in an amazing horse/human relationship.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:** If you can donate help with public relations or promotions, obtaining grant funds, feature story writing, marketing/branding, website design, internet newsletter implementation, administrative, managerial, fundraising, sponsor acquisition, or any other business skill, we need you desperately! Please email [Info@PegasusRising.org](mailto:Info@PegasusRising.org).

#### **URGENT! VETERINARY, EQUINE DENTAL and NATURAL HOOFCARE SERVICES**

There are many issues as a result of the neglect they have suffered. All have huge parasite loads. Some are sick. Stallions need gelding. New foals need shots. All need dental and hoof work. Estimated cost: \$3,000 a month.

**These horses need your help. We need your help.**

**So please, for more information or to donate, please visit: [www.PegasusRising.org](http://www.PegasusRising.org)**

On behalf of the horses and people they will heal, Thank You ~ Joe Camp  
Author **America's #1 Best Selling** Equestrian Lifestyle book, [The Soul of a Horse](#)  
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**Cynthia Royal and Tony Royal with happy members of the herd after adoption.**

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