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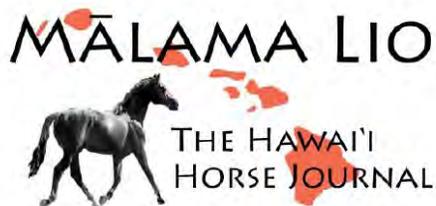
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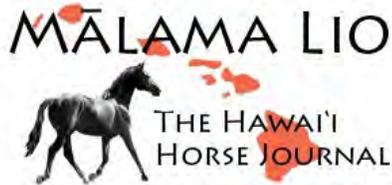
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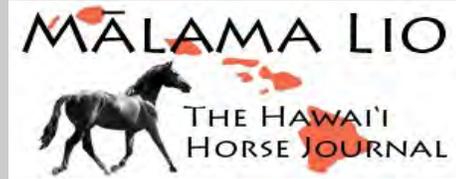


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## PUBLISHER'S DESK

As you are aware, the Summer issue of ML was dedicated to horse rescues. To date, ML has donated approximately \$850.00 to Equine 808 Horse Rescue. We here at ML plan to do more to help the rescues on the island - hope you will join us. Every little bit counts, but don't take our word for it....see the letter below from Mrs. Betina Parker, Director of Equine 808 Horse Rescue. Send what you can, today...and tomorrow. It's just that simple.

Also, a big thank you to all who attended and supported Hawaii Horse Expo 2013. In six years, the HIHS Horse Rescue Fund has raised more than 70k. Again, thank you.

Laurence

Dear Laurence:

Thanks to you and your \$75 donation, two of our rescued horses were able to have their hooves trimmed by a certified farrier. As you know, this is essential care for their overall health. Many of our rescues come to us with issues that began with hoof problems, so we work hard to ensure we're diligent with their hoof care regimine and greatly appreciate your contribution to their rehabilitation and ongoing healthcare.

We also owe you a tremendous thank you for your most recent issue of Malama Lio!!! What a great, passionate plea to the horse community to help the unwanted, abused and neglected; and hopefully turn this problem around. While we treasure and grow emotionally attached to every horse (and donkey!) that has ever come through our program, we would love nothing more than to be put out of business because there was no longer a need! We are deeply grateful for your commitment to this cause and hope we've all taken a step closer to that dream day when rescues are a thing of the past.

Your commitment to helping unwanted, abused and neglected horses in our community is greatly appreciated by those who help them and, most importantly, by those who benefit from our services – the horses who've found people to help them recover and find new, caring homes.

Thanks to donors like you, Equine 808 Horse Rescue has been able to assist with over 85 calls concerning neglect of a horse and we've rescued 29 equine animals.

If you find yourself on Oahu, we invite you to take a tour of our facility and meet some of our current four-legged friends. We are always proud to show off our facility and have our supporters meet the animals we serve with the help of your generosity.

Again, thank you for ALL you do for our organization and for ALL horses in Hawaii.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betina Parker". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with a large initial "B" and "P".

Betina Parker  
Director, Equine 808 Horse Rescue

## COVER

## Where is Hawaii's Collegiate Polo Team?

By Laurence Todd

*Editor's Comment:* Ever since the first polo clinic was held at the University of Hawaii-Hilo, people have wondered why we don't have a collegiate team. How hard could it be to start one?



Back in August, Malama Lio posted the following entry on its facebook page: **"Polo, the oldest sport in the world, is popular on the islands. We have four clubs sanctioned by the USPA - Hawaii Polo Club, Honolulu Polo Club, Maui Polo Club, and Mauna Kea Polo Club. Interesting.....why are we not competing on the collegiate level if the sport is so popular on the islands? We have the space...the horses...the crowd/interest...why isn't the University of Hawaii a contender in this sport? Or is it?"**

We got several likes and replies; the most interesting reply was from the Big Island – Mauna Kea Polo Club – **"We tried to get it going there a couple years ago. We held polo clinics in the outdoor arena (and covered arena when it rained). Pudding brought in extra horses for the students to use and some rode their horses over from Panaewa. The College owned one horse who was great. Dr. Steiner worked hard to help get it going."**

In the Oct. 2008 issue of Malama Lio we documented the first polo clinic held at the University of Hawaii - Hilo. Wilbur O'Farrell from the U.S. Polo Training Foundation led the two day clinic. So what happened? We still have the the horses and related equipment; do we still have the interest? Based upon the happenings of this most recent polo season as reported by our sanctioned clubs, polo is alive and well on the islands. Heck, we even got His Highness the Maharaja Gaj

Singh II of Marward-Jodhpur to take in some polo action on the islands. So what's stopping us from starting a collegiate polo team?

### Getting started is fairly simple:

**First**, research your school's requirements to becoming either a sport, club sport, or student organization. The USPA requires that every Intercollegiate Polo Program is recognized by their College or University. Competition is available for both men's teams and women's teams. Students have four years of eligibility to play polo, but must be under the age of 26-years-old, and be academically eligible to participate in sports as verified through the college/university. Upon learning the schools requirements for an intercollege team, it is highly recommended, if not required by the school, that the team have a faculty advisor. The advisor will serve as a liaison between the school and team, and also establish a format that will sustain the team's future. Note: Individuals with an equine background is ideal...as are individuals specializing in animal science.

**Secondly**, the team will also be required to create a Constitution and set of By-Laws for the club, the USPA and the University/College will participate in this task.

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(Polo Team Cont.)

**Thirdly**, the team will be required to become a USPA Collegiate Club. The club application, constitution and by-laws, along with a letter from the school recognizing polo as a sport, club sport or student organization, must be submitted together to the USPA. This paperwork is only required the first year of applying. Once the club is approved, only the annual dues of \$100 will be required by Jan 1 of each year.

**Lastly**, once the teams becomes a registered I/I Team with the USPA, it can apply for programs, which include funding, mentoring, umpire support, etc. We're not in this alone.

It should be noted, however, that intercollegiate teams are required to play at least two regular season games against other teams in their region. There are none in the area...the closest would be California.. Currently there are over 30 col-

leges across the country with polo programs. California has nine teams. Teams, again, also exist in Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut; Delaware; Florida; Georgia; Idaho; Kentucky; Massachusetts; Michigan; Minnesota; Montana; New Mexico; New York; Ohio; Oklahoma; Oregon; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; South Carolina, Texas; Virginia, Washington; and Wisconsin. For a complete list of clubs visit [www.uspolo.org](http://www.uspolo.org).

So, while the USPA has made organizing a team fairly simple, organization of "play" will require some attention which is where the faculty advisor (and Hawaii's horse community) comes in.

Anyone interested in starting a college team should contact Amy Wisehart via e-mail at [awisehart@uspolo.org](mailto:awisehart@uspolo.org).

## PRESS RELEASE



Betina Parker, Director of Equine 808 Horse Rescue is branching out her organization and programs to Colorado.

Established in 2008, Equine 808 Horse Rescue, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization has received over 85 calls for help, rescued 23 horses and adopted 16. Just last week, they received 5 more Waikoloa Donkeys from the Big Island to adopt here on Oahu to approved homes.

Betina Parker, originally from Colorado Springs, Colorado has family ties there. She said that through a wonderful twist of fate; she is able to operate the shelter on 120 acres. In April, Betina and Facility Director, Cleveland Tadiarca were approached by a friend they met at the California State Fire Training (FSTEP) Class for Large Animal Rescue Operations in Pueblo, Colorado. They were informed that there is a huge need for more horse rescues to help assist in the growing numbers of unwanted horses. "This was one reason for my decision for the expansion." said Betina. Betina and Cleveland will be working with the sheriff's department through the C.A.R.T (County Animal Rescue Team). "You can imagine our

excitement when we were presented with this opportunity. Our goal is to provide a sanctuary for abused, neglected and unwanted horses and provide education to horse owners and potential horse owners about horse care and management no matter how far we have to go."

Equine 808 Horse Rescue's current location in Kunia, Hawaii will continue to operate with a core volunteer staff of 7; to which 3 are board members and over 30 shelter volunteers to assist in the operations here in Hawaii. Betina will continue to be heavily involved with the operations here on Oahu as the President with quarterly visits. She hopes to organize a C.A.R.T team here in Hawaii in the near future.

**"Cleveland and I really want to thank Diane Cornish, Patricia & Duke Curcio, Barbra & Ed Nugent, Aleisha James, Courtney, Lisa Hampton & family, Keith Gruce & family, Roy Resentez, Rick & Malia Cox, Inga Gibson from the Humane Society of the United States, and many others for their support of our endeavors."**

The organizations website is [www.equine808.com](http://www.equine808.com).

### **Recommended Reading:**

There are many how to's about taking care of a horse, but Rutgers Equine Science Center 2012 report entitled **Responsible Horse Ownership: How to avoid contributing to the Unwanted Horse Problem**, got it right. It's simple and to the point. It's an easy read for readers of all ages. We like Page 11 entitled **"Who is responsible Everyone!"** which states:

**This means every individual horse owner, breeder, trainer, veterinarian, horse industry organization, and service provider.**

**All must learn to "Own Responsibly" and help educate others!**

visit [www.esc.rutgers.edu/rho](http://www.esc.rutgers.edu/rho) for more information

VIEWED

## Hawaii Horse Ombudsmen - Election 2014?

By K.T. Wheatty

*Editor's Comment: Is it time we take our equine concerns to the voters? Who would you vote for?*

November 5th, was election day across the country – there were many winners ...and losers. As with any election, voter turnout is paramount – no matter how good a campaign is, it's all for nothing if voters don't vote...or feel the need to vote.

Granted, all elections are important, but I noticed that elections regarding school boards, in particular, generally are not taken seriously. For example, one city I followed had 27k registered voters; the top three winners won a seat on the school board with each getting less than 1k votes. I'll spare you the importance of education – that's a given, but in this one city, again, less than 3k people decided what was best for the other 27k registered voters and the 10k kids enrolled in the failing school district. Is that right?

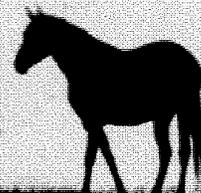
The above scenario had me thinking about elections as it related to the equine industry. Are there any candidacies for "Equine Ombudsmen?" I couldn't find any...do they exist? If so, we could literally change the equine industry with only a few votes. We could elect one or a group of individuals to enforce equine education - preclude uneducated buyers from purchases horses; monitor breeding practices thus reducing the vast numbers of unwanted horse; collect a sales tax on every horse in which the proceeds would be used to fund local horse rescues; regulate feed costs, foster the development of Veterinarian college on the island, etc. The possibilities are endless.

I know what you're thinking – "These services are already being handled by a state department or federal law." Not true. Most, if not all of the laws, regulations, etc. on the books are centered towards data collecting which we have to pay for i.e. permits and licensing fees...none of which address the concerns noted above.

Based upon the lack of interest presumably by those outside the equine industry, we may be able to vote in an elected official with a specific title with specific responsibilities to finally address our concerns. If not a Hawaii Horse Ombudsman – then what?

Just a thought.

## Hawaii Horse Expo



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Deey Lawrence

Thanks so much  
for your continued  
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Hope to meet you  
sometime.

All best, Nancy

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## RE-SADDLE



# Sharing the Trails

As open space for riding becomes harder to find, horseback riders in many areas are finding they need to share the trails with hikers and bicyclists. Everyone who rides on multi-use public lands should understand how the basic rule works: Mountain bikers yield to hikers, and cyclists and hikers both yield to horseback riders.

This rule acknowledges that our horses have special needs and may react unpredictably, so we, the riders, need to call the shots. But it also means that we riders – the privileged users – carry extra responsibility for being alert so others and tactfully educating other people about horse behavior. We want to create a positive image as responsible trail users, to the hikers and cyclists understand our needs without resenting our presence on the trails.

**Stay alert for others.** Listen for hikers talking to each other or their dogs, or for the squeak of mountain bike brakes. Watch for people who may startle your horses because he can't see them easily until they're quite close.

**Good manners mean good communication,** so make voice contact with the other people. This alerts others to your presence, and helps your horse identify the hiker or cyclist as a person, not a monster.

**Be ready to slow down or halt.** As soon as you're aware of someone else on the trail, slow to a walk and call out "hell!" Don't assume the other people see you, so speak, make eye contact and use hand signals if necessary.

**Take responsibility.** As the trail user with the right of way, you must direct the situation to keep everyone as safe as possible. But if the other hikers or cyclists don't see you in time, be ready to move off the trail to stay safe.

**Lastly,** be cheerful. Say "thank you" when others cooperate. Show them how courteous and friendly horseback riders can be.

**Editor's Comment:** This article is a reprint from 2008/2009.

**Posted**

(Calendar /Events/ News/Letters)

**Hawaii Horse Expo 2013**

The 6th annual Hawaii Island Humane Society's Hawaii Horse Expo was another success – netting a donation of more than \$15,000 for HIHS Horse Rescue Fund.

Hawaii Horse Expo is a unique opportunity for horse owners and enthusiasts to learn from world-renowned experts, most of whom would otherwise only be seen at Expos on the mainland.

Hawaii Island Humane Society has already rescued fourteen unwanted horses this year. Each animal requires extensive evaluation, veterinary care, nourishing feed and perhaps most of all, care and attention. The Horse Rescue Fund helps offset some of the costs associated with the rescue efforts of Hawaii Island Human Society.

To date, the HIHS Horse Rescue Fund has raised more than \$70,000. "The money has literally meant the difference between life and death for 125 horses."

Hawaii Horse Expo also included the presentation of the **4th annual Mana Award by HIHS and Veterinary Associates to Edwin Nobriga and Wallie Kimura-Nobriga in recognition of their dedication to the Hawaii High School Rodeo Association.**

Hawaii Horse Expo clinicians and presenters included: Dr. Brady Bergin, David Bodin, Lester Buckley, Sharon Camarillo, Dr. Kelley-erin Clabaugh, Rick Lamb, Elizabeth Mason, Dr. Robert Miller, Dale Myler, Charles Wilhelm, Solomon Singer, and Dr. Lisa Wood.

Sponsors of the 6th Annual Hawaii Horse Expo included AK Ranch and Hawaii Lowline Cattle Co., Aloha Auto Group, Dr. Harm De Blij, Henry Dallal Photography, Malama Lio-The Hawaii Horse Journal, Pony Express Mail Services, Kapauu Veterinary Center, and Dr. Jan Ellison.

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Aloha!!  
I just want to commend you on such a great article!!! I volunteer for Equine 808 and am so grateful for your enthusiasm and passion for the

horses!! We are the only rescue on the island and need more help and awareness from our community! Thank you for starting the spark and hopefully this will cause a wild fire of help for the animals!!!! I heard we missed the deadline for the Expo and was hoping to go and meet some of your staff. If you ever have any functions on Oahu please let me know so we can join forces and make a positive change!!! Mahalo for all you do!

Courtney

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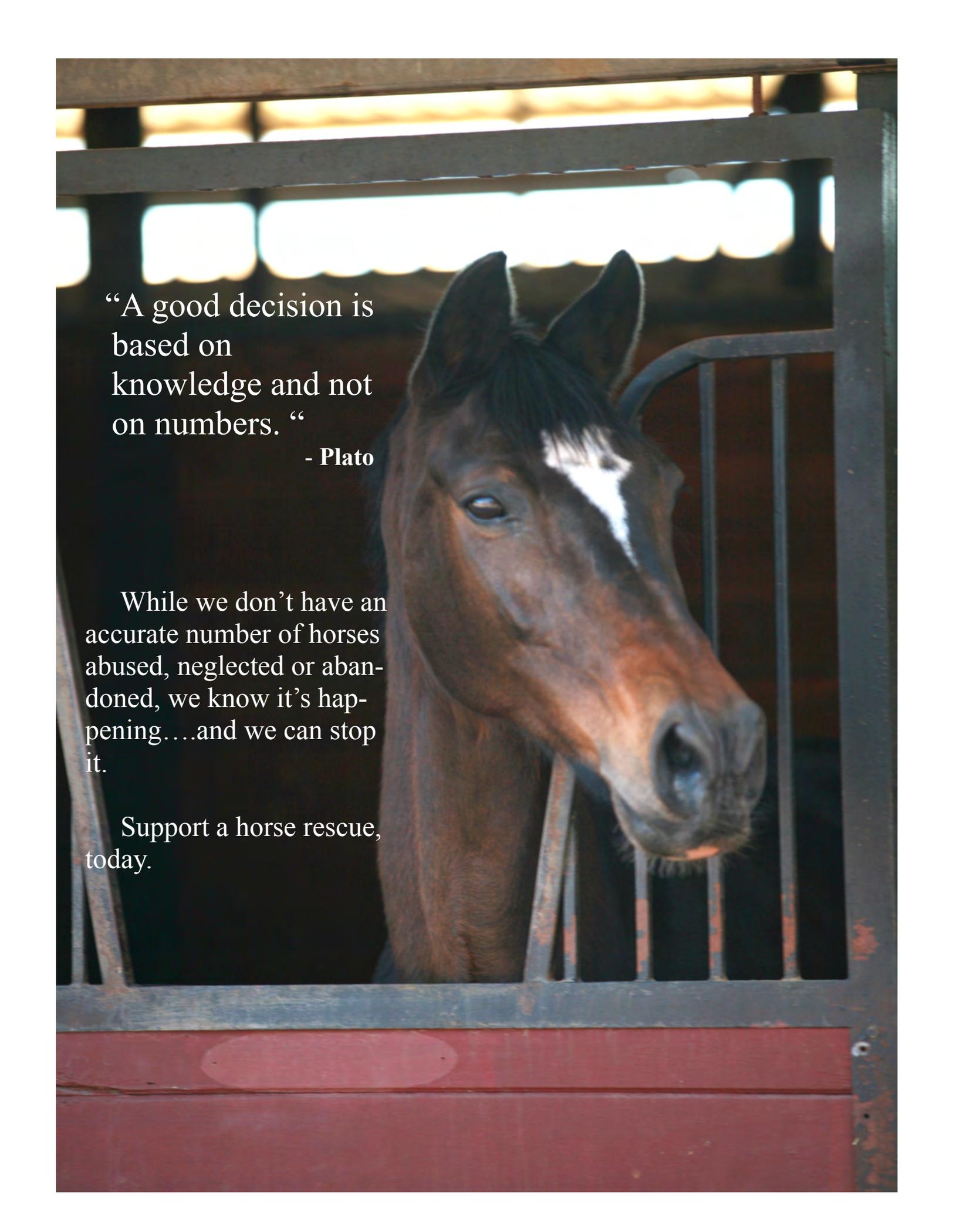
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“A good decision is based on knowledge and not on numbers. “

- Plato

While we don't have an accurate number of horses abused, neglected or abandoned, we know it's happening....and we can stop it.

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