



LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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I am writing this letter of appreciation so the extra efforts of Cindy Kingsberry on the night of 03-02-13 are recognized by the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

On 03-02-13 at about 1753 hours, I was dispatched to Highway 20 near Santiam Terrace for numerous horses that had gotten loose and were running in traffic. I arrived and located the horses in a field on the north side of Highway 20. This area had no means available to contain the horses. Minutes after my arrival, Cindy Kingsberry arrived on scene with two young females. She explained her husband had heard the horse call over his scanner and called her. Upon getting this information, Kingsberry immediately responded. It was obvious she left her home in a hurry because she was dressed in cowboy boots and pajamas. Kingsberry asked if she could help, I welcomed her help. She quickly located some lead ropes and placed two horses on lead. She directed the two young teens to control these horses. By this time, the sun had set and it was getting dark. The remaining horses became harder to contain and control due to the limited light. Due to the uncontrollable demeanor of the rest of the loose horses, Cindy determined more resources were needed. She made several phone calls and within minutes, there were numerous people on scene with lead ropes, halters, and flashlights. Some of the additional horses were placed on leads. The remaining horse's demeanor continued to decline as they became more frantic. She directed people to different locations in an attempt to contain the horses. Kingsberry concluded she needed to obtain several horse panels from her home in order to set up a temporary corral. While she was gone, the horses bolted, crossing Highway 20, eventually returned to their home pasture.

Kingsberry has once again gone beyond with what is expected of her. On this night, without her horse handling knowledge and skills, it is my opinion several of these horses as well as a passing motorist would have been killed if it were not for her assistance. Her ability to control some of these horses as well as her personal ability to contact and draw upon numerous resources (other horse lovers) in no doubt aided in this situation being resolved without any injuries to the animals or passing motorists.

Kingsberry and her efforts were greatly appreciated by this deputy. I wanted it known to this administration that Kingsberry is an incredible resource and her efforts on this night should not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

To: Whom It May Concern
From: Sergeant James Welch
Date: April 14, 2009
Re: Linn County Animal Rescue

I am a Sergeant with the Linn County Sheriff's Office. One of my functions/responsibilities is to review any animal related complaints that come through our office. I have been assigned this task for three years. I head up the Linn County Sheriff's Office Livestock Investigation Team. Our team seizes animals from neglect and abusive situations. These animals are placed in the care of a rescue organization for the duration of the criminal case. One of these rescue groups is the Linn County Animal Rescue founded by Cindy Kingsberry. The Linn County Animal Rescue has been assisting me with fostering and adoption placement for horses that we have seized from these types of cases.

I know that the Linn County Animal Rescue became a certified not for profit organization last year and is still involved with most all of our Law Enforcement seizures involving horses. As of January 1st, 2009, the Linn County Sheriff's Office has seized or took possession of 42 horses. The Linn County Animal Rescue has taken all but a handful of these horses at their own expense. They have fed, housed, provided medical treatment, and cared for these animals without any other assistance.

Without their generosity, knowledge of good animal husbandry skills, and compassion for animals, the Linn County Sheriff's Office would not be successful in any of our cases with seized animals. Before the Linn County Animal Rescue Organization, there were no seizures and the animals were left in the hands of those neglecting and abusing them. I know other Law Enforcement agencies in and about Oregon are not seizing animals or even investigating animal complaints due to funding issues. I believe if there were other similar organizations like the Linn County Animal Rescue for these other jurisdictions, Law Enforcement agencies would be actively investigating animal crimes if they had a place to take the animals.

I fully support the Linn County Animal Rescue and am available to answer any questions you may have. You can contact me at the following: (Work) 541-967-3950 / (Email) jwelch@le.linn.or.us