



LINN COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE

A Nonprofit Rescue & Horse Sanctuary

Individuals who donate to LCAR are **heroes**. Thank you from the animals you help save.

Words of Wisdom and Philosophy used at LCAR, from the heart. It's all about the horses. The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated" ~Gandhi (1869-1948).

Mission: To provide a safe and nurturing environment for abused, abandoned, neglected, and elderly horses; with a lifelong responsibility for the animals we acquire. To work with the public to advocate, educate, and help caring individuals keep their equine friends. To find all of our rehabilitated horses a healthy, happy, forever home for a 2nd chance at life. To have a safe loving environment for those that are not adoptable and must remain at the facility for life.

The Horses are what LCAR is all about. There are many different thoughts and opinions about horses, their use and care. At LCAR they are treated with respect and love. Cruelty and abuse to animals (or anything) are terrible acts and must be stopped. There has to be a place for these injured animals to go for healing, that place is LCAR. Here their injuries, both physical and mental, are treated with care and understanding. When the unthinkable has to happen a veterinarian is consulted, a horse is **NEVER, NEVER** taken from the property to somewhere else!! "The question is not Can they reason? Nor Can they talk? But Can they Suffer" ~ Jeremy Bentham.

The philosophy here is that **each horse is special**, and often referred to as "mine" by Cindy and special volunteers. Do we have skinny and injured horses? Of course we do, that is why LCAR exists. Every horse at the facility is connected to the rescue, there are no exceptions. As a non-profit, everything goes back to the rescue for the welfare of the horses. Most of them were assigned to LCAR from law enforcement seizures; some from volunteer surrender; some free leased for work at the rescue; and some are adopted by volunteers (who pay to keep them at the facility). The money for all the horse related activities goes back to LCAR for the care of the animals and the upkeep of the facility.

**"And God took a handful of southerly wind, blew His breath over it
and created the horse"**

As everyone knows, **volunteers** come and go, the few that are dedicated to a cause are diamonds. To the special people at LCAR, the mission statement is not just words, it is an everyday goal. However some volunteers leave unhappy, they have not been able to put their own twist to the mission statement and procedures. Rarely an individual will decide their opinion is the only one that is important. Their negative complaints effects everyone that has any connection to animals and the animals themselves. But that is called "freedom of speech". Animal activists, law enforcement, rescues, and animal sanctuaries deal with negative opinions all the time. No organization is perfect, LCAR's philosophy is to try to continue to care for the animals to the best of our ability and discount the negative with positive results.

LCAR is a little different than most worthy rescues in that we offers many services to the community and law enforcement that involve many different types of individuals. These

services include: law enforcement community service cases; do these individuals have records? Of course they do, that is why they are doing community service: Law enforcement work crew (always accompanied by a Deputy), Are they good workers? Yes.; Special needs individuals accompanied by a caregiver, most from State run organizations; Senior Experience employment, they pay for the hours their senior clients works at the rescue When the Sheriff's Office does back ground checks for volunteers (my understanding) they look for animal abuse, child abuse and dangerous criminals. Do we have less than perfect individuals at the property, of course we do. We offer the animals a second chance, do we not do the same for people? As an advocate for animal rights, one of the logical things for us to do is teach all people the value of all life. How is that done without involvement with people and animals? Some of our critics would say this is crazy, only perfect people should be allowed to help, unfortunately, since no one is perfect, there would be NO volunteers. "If the people who spend all their time complaining about other peoples lives and work, would just spend half that time to help" Do" the work, more animals would benefit." LCAR will never be a picture perfect Million dollar show facility. It is a rescue with a big heart and a strong will to help the animals and one look at our animals will prove that.

"Animals cannot speak, but can you and I not speak for them and represent them? Let us all feel their silent cry of agony and let us all help that cry to be heard in the world." ~ Trundle



SPEAKING FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T

"60 cents wont buy much these days, but for 60 cents A Day you can help a rescued animal"
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