

# FRIENDS OF LACKOTA ANIMAL SANCTUARY

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HORSE &  
DONKEY  
RESCUE

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- Finally, with deep gratitude, we want to thank all of you who believe in our work!  
*Please know that **sanctuary funds are never used to purchase kill lot animals.***

### Our Mission

To provide food, shelter, and appropriate medical care to equines, livestock, and other animals in need. We are a safe haven for animals to live their lives to the fullest in peace and harmony without fear or neglect.

## Upcoming Events

**Elk Fest**  
Sep 27 - Sep 28, 2025



**4th Annual Holiday Online Auction**  
Nov 27 - Dec 7, 2025



# From the Kill Pen To a Second Chance:

## Why We Need the SAFE Act Now

*Every time we walk into a kill lot,  
our hearts break a little more.*

We see the same terrified eyes. The same trembling bodies. The same quiet desperation. Horses that once ran freely—bonded with humans, carried children on trail rides, pulled wagons, or stood proudly in show arenas—are now crammed into pens, waiting to be loaded onto trucks bound for slaughter.

At Friends of Lackota Animal Sanctuary (FoLAS), we do everything we can to save as many as we can. But the truth is... we shouldn't have to. That's why we're speaking out in support of the **SAFE Act**—the **Save America's Forgotten Equines Act**—because it's time to end this cruelty, once and for all.

### What the SAFE Act of 2025 Really Does

The SAFE Act of 2025 is more than legislation—it's a moral line in the sand. It would make it a **federal offense** to slaughter horses, mules, or donkeys for human consumption, whether in the U.S. or through export abroad.

But the SAFE Act goes further:

- It criminalizes the transport, sale, purchase, or possession of equines with the intent of slaughter.
- It applies to all U.S. states, territories, and international commerce.
- It closes loopholes that currently allow horses to be exported to slaughterhouses in Mexico and Canada.
- It includes a narrow exemption for Native American religious ceremonies.



**Most importantly**, the SAFE Act recognizes that horses are companions—not food—bringing them under the same protection we extend to dogs and cats.

### Why It Matters

Although there are **no horse slaughterhouses currently operating** in the U.S., **tens of thousands of horses** are still exported across our borders every year to be slaughtered for human consumption.

We've seen what that journey looks like:

- Horses packed into trailers for hundreds of miles with no food, water, or rest.
- Mares so pregnant they can barely walk.
- Foals too young to be separated from their mothers.
- Seniors whose bodies tell stories of long service—and sudden abandonment.



These animals aren't dangerous or beyond help—they're just unlucky. Sold at auction. Outbid by a kill buyer. Trapped in a system that punishes the unwanted with a certain death sentence.

The SAFE Act would shut down that pipeline—for good.

## What This Means to Us as a Rescue

Every day, we work to undo the damage caused by a system that treats living beings as disposable. We take in the broken, the forgotten, the discarded. We rehab their bodies, rebuild their trust, and help them feel safe again. But the truth is—we're fighting a flood with a bucket.

**We need change.**

We *need* laws that reflect our values and to get that we need the SAFE Act to finally become law.

## What You Can Do To Help Right Now

- **Contact your Representatives & Senators**
  - Urge them to support the SAFE Act of 2025. Tell them why it matters to you.
- **Share this message**
  - Talk about it—with your family, your community, online. Awareness drives action.
- **Support rescues like FoLAS**
  - Donate. Volunteer. Amplify. Your time, your voice, your gift—no matter the size—will always make a difference.



## Make Horse Slaughter a Thing of the Past

Every horse we rescue has a story. One of pain—but also of resilience. Of healing. Of getting a second chance.

Let's make sure their suffering wasn't in vain.

Let's ensure no more stories start—or end—in a kill pen.

***Let's pass the SAFE Act of 2025.***

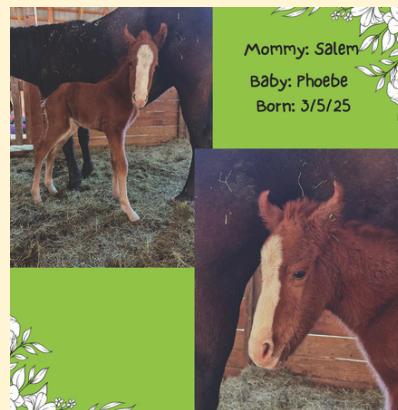
Because no horse deserves to die in fear. And every horse deserves to come home. 



# Baby Fever

## Baby #1: Piper

Our first-ever baby donkey was born at FoLAS—and what a treat she is! Her mama is a BLM donkey we took in a few months ago due to a potentially severe injury to her hind leg. Despite being wild and unhandled she's been so incredibly sweet, and to our surprise, baby long ears arrived one afternoon. Both mom and baby are doing great. Mama has trusted us enough to let us help her and even allows her baby girl to socialize with us. This little one is truly blessed—born into safety, she'll never know abuse, neglect, or starvation.



## Baby #2: Phoebe

We are grateful we decided to choose Salem when we saw her in the kill lot last October and had we not chosen her, both mommy and her unborn baby would have likely ended up on the kill truck. We didn't know she was pregnant nor did we know she would turn out to be the sweetest and most kind horse. 

# Collab Spotlight

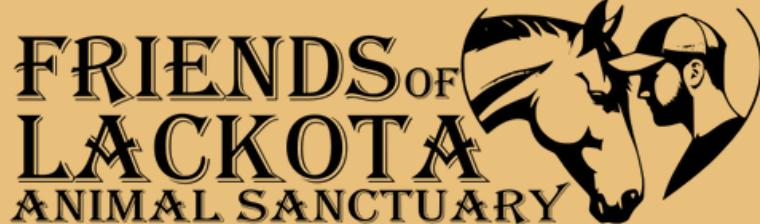


**Hee-Haw Halfway House** Donkey Rescue and Education Nonprofit is a 501c3 created in 2023 and located in Wellington, CO whose mission is to rescue, rehab, retrain, and re-home donkeys and mules. The focus of the rescue tends to be training untrained, frightened, or unwanted longears to find them appropriate homes, though the rescue gets all sorts of animals through its gates. Rachel Ann, the Director, has been training, rehabbing, rehoming and rescuing longears for around 15 years.

In the two years of operation on merely 3 acres, the rescue has taken in 45 animals, almost all of which have found homes (a few were "hospice" cases). The rescue operates by taking on just a few longears at a time, and "graduating" them to appropriate homes before taking on another batch of "students". Rachel and Hee-Haw Halfway House Donkey Rescue and Education Nonprofit are so honored to collaborate with Friends of Lackota Animal Sanctuary, as we believe that working together, we can save more lives!

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