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Oklahoma Non Profit Organization Awarded ASPCA Grant

Wister, Oklahoma USA - December 27, 2013 - Non-profit organizations partner with ASPCA to combat equine neglect/abuse by providing care to horses which have been seized by law enforcement agencies.

The owners/operators, Elizabeth O'Neal and Walley B. Orona of Triple O Ranch Equine Sanctuary in Wister OK are feeling exceptionally blessed this holiday season when they learned about being a recipient of an anti-cruelty seizure grant.

"We've assisted law enforcement in the past, but never in a case involving so many horses that needed so much care to be rehabbed" says Orona.

"Thanks to the \$10,500. grant from the ASPCA, we've been able to assist our local law enforcement agency on a large neglect case while still providing care to the current residents which includes several blind horses" stated O'Neal.

The horses were seized by Leflore County Sheriff's Department. The 19 horses which the Triple O assumed responsibility for became 21 horses with two healthy baby girls born in May. Some of the horses have ongoing health issues which have required continued vet care and medical treatments.

O'Neal feels that the generous support provided by organizations like the ASPCA is vital to the enforcement of state statutes regarding equine welfare and will ultimately change the way animal neglect/abuse is dealt with across America. "Most local communities don't have the facilities nor the resources to be able to deal with horses seized from neglectful owners without help from concerned individuals and rescue organizations. Already overburdened rescue organizations are provided a life line when the ASPCA steps in to save the day by awarding the additional funds needed to complete the mission of rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming horses" says O'Neal.

Orona is preparing the site for the four new stalls that will be made possible by the ASPCA grant. "With 19 stalls, we still need more, soon we'll have 4 more stalls thanks to the ASPCA. The remainder of the grant funds will help provide hay, feed, supplements, vet care, dental care and hoof care. We are very grateful".

The Triple O Ranch Equine Sanctuary is a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization dedicated to equine in need in Leflore County, Oklahoma.

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