



2006 Annual Report

Formation of SAFE

The founding members of SAFE met online on the Chronicle of the Horse (COTH) bulletin board in the spring of 2005. What began as a few people pooling money to purchase a single horse off a feedlot turned into quite a large group of people banding together in support of a Washington rescue group called Columbia Basin Equine Rescue (CBER). Money raised on COTH was used to purchase and sponsor a large number of slaughter-bound animals, and the group expanded to overseeing the adoption of these horses into permanent homes.

After nearly a year working together, the core group from COTH began to have differing opinions from CBER about conducting a rescue. At the end of 2005, the group broke away from CBER to form a rescue of their own. Upon leaving CBER, this group took with it approximately \$5,000 of the money they had helped raise for CBER to care for the 16 horses they were now responsible for following the split.

The new rescue was christened Save a Forgotten Equine, or SAFE. SAFE created a new website and bulletin board, and selected a Board of Directors consisting of the following 6 members: Jaime Taft, Bonnie Hammond, Jenny Mscichowski, Connie Kudsk, Peri Devlieg, and Melanie Davis. The Board worked together to establish formal adoption policies and guidelines, adoption contracts, and foster home criteria. They adopted the following as their mission statement:

Our mission: To make a difference in the lives of forgotten and at-risk equines through direct intervention, education, and community outreach, while stressing the importance of owner responsibility and **advocating a steadfast anti-slaughter philosophy.**

During 2006, SAFE cared for a total of 17 horses, obtained from various sources.

- **Horses rescued from the Eastern Washington feedlot via CBER**, included Honeycutt, Vivian, Trey, Redmond, Bassett, Azalea, Bacchus, Delaney, Ishmael, Larkspur, Rainbow.
- **Horsed obtained from auction:** Sarah.
- **Horses surrendered by their owners:** Silvidia, Brandy, and Wildfire.
- **Horses born to SAFE horses:** Benedetto.
- **Horses rescued from Colorado feedlot:** Desert Spark.

Of the 17 horses obtained during 2006, 11 were placed into permanent homes.