



SAFE

Save a  
Forgotten  
Equine

2021 Annual Report





### *Our Mission*

To rescue, rehabilitate, and retrain horses facing neglect or abuse, and provide them with the best opportunity for a permanent home and a lifetime of safety.

### *Our Vision*

A world in which all horse owners take responsibility for their animals:  
responsibility for their care,  
responsibility for their safety,  
and responsibility for their passing.

### *Our Values*

Transparency • Integrity • Honesty • Professionalism • Compassion

Above: Portland, photo by Karen Wegehenkel

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On the cover: Coco and Sundae, photo by Oden Photography



## Executive Director's Message

In a way, Year Two of the global pandemic was harder than the first, mostly because we were so tired of it. But horses have a way of keeping you honest. There really isn't time for complaints or self-pity when 30 surprisingly expressive horses tell you it's time for breakfast. You just have to roll up your sleeves and get to work.

The things we learned about ourselves in 2020 were proven true over and over again in Year Two. We learned that SAFE is a strong and healthy organization, made up of people who are passionate in their desire to help horses in need find better lives. Those same people continued to show up day after day, not just to do farm chores, but also to learn more about horses and horse care, and become better humans because of it. To make volunteering more rewarding, we created more opportunities for people to safely get more hands on with the horses, through grooming classes, horsemanship clinics, and scheduled horse walking. When a volunteer tells me that SAFE is their sanctuary, I'm delighted, but I'm also not surprised. Horses have a way of transforming the space around them into places of peace, self-reflection, and calm. I'm glad that more people in our community are getting the chance to experience that.

With so much strength and growth, it's no wonder that things started falling more easily into place for us in 2021. Adoptions hit a record high last year. If you're curious as to why, I would say that our hard work in rehabilitating and retraining our horses is really paying off. Horses get a lot of handling and interaction during their education at SAFE. By the time we're ready to offer them for adoption, they've gained confidence and comfort in a world that makes more sense to them. In plain English, they're happy. Adopters gravitate toward

horses that are healthy, happy, and safe to be around. So, in 2021, 30 SAFE horses headed off to new homes and new lives.

With so many adoptions taking place, we had room to intake more horses than usual in 2021. There were a lot of owner surrenders (17 in total), possibility due to the strain of the pandemic on horse owners, along with 11 animal control seizures, one horse returned, and one little crackerjack of a pony filly who was born at SAFE in April. The need for our help was certainly there in 2021, and we are grateful to our donors and supporters who made it possible for us to provide that help.

2021 was another good year for SAFE, and as we move into 2022, we anticipate another year rescuing, rehabilitating, retraining, and rehoming good horses headed toward better lives. For everyone who supports the SAFE horses, we sincerely appreciate that you're with us on this journey! This Annual Report is a summary of all that we did together in 2021 and some of the many things that we can be proud of. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we have enjoying pulling it together!

Bonnie Hammond, Executive Director  
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Bonnie and Owen, photo by Oden Photography



# 2021 Top Donors

Donors marked **SK** are SAFEkeeper Club members

Two words that best describe donors and donations at SAFE in 2021 are **strong** and **steady**. We came into the second year of the global pandemic with very strong support from our donors, and that support remained steady throughout the year. Donor retention remained positive, with a 6% increase in number of donors and a 10% increase in total donations for the year. The average gift amount was \$441, and half of the donations made in 2021 were \$90 or less, which shows that our “grassroots” support is still going strong.

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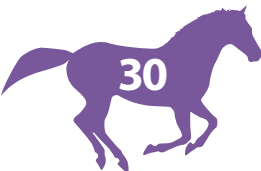
## Program Milestones

# Intakes and Adoptions

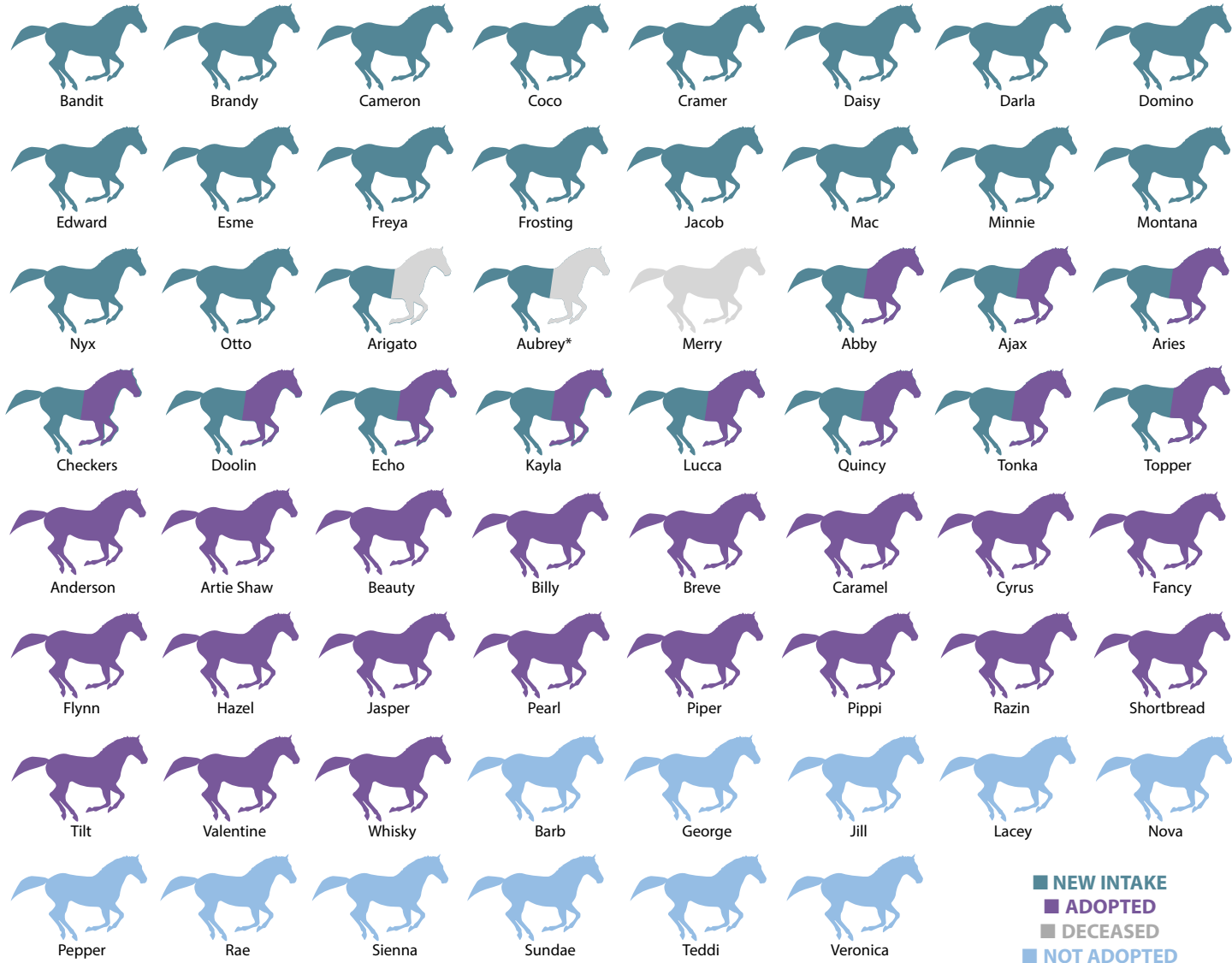
2021 was a record breaking year for new intakes and adoptions at SAFE. We welcomed 31 new horses to our rescue, including pony filly foal Coco who was born here in April. In order to take these horses in, we first had to place horses into great new homes and we did that 30 times! This number is especially exciting when compared to the 15 horses adopted out in 2020. And it's very important to note that our high standards for adoption did not change one bit. The same due diligence that has gone into approving adopters since the start was done for every adoption in 2021. SAFE is not about the numbers — we're about responsible rescue and adoptions that last a lifetime. Sticking to our standards while doubling the number of successful adoptions is a major achievement that we are very proud of!



Intakes



Adoptions



■ NEW INTAKE  
■ ADOPTED  
■ DECEASED  
■ NOT ADOPTED

## Business In Kind Donations and Sponsorships

522 Tattoo  
Adobe Inc.  
All The Best Pet Care  
American Bear Association  
Bainbridge Organic Distillers  
The Bare Horse  
Brown Bear Car Wash  
Buffalo Industries LLC  
Cactus Restaurants  
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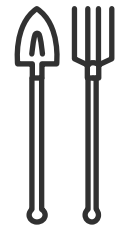
SAFEkeepers Club members make automatic monthly donations to support a particular SAFE horse. These donors provide sustainable support to our horses, and in return, get special recognition and opportunities to meet the horse they sponsor and attend private annual SAFEkeepers functions at our farm in Redmond, Washington.



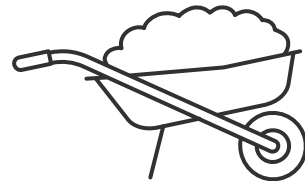
## Program Milestones

### Volunteers: the Heart of SAFE

With only five full-time paid employees on staff, the vast majority of SAFE's work is performed by volunteers. At our Redmond, WA facility, we have three regular chore shifts each day. Morning shifts are responsible for feeding, turnout, and stall cleaning. Afternoon shifts bring horses in for the night and clean their paddocks. Night check serves one last late feeding and ensures that all the horses are tucked away safe and sound for the evening. There are also many other volunteers that keep SAFE operating at full capacity: our volunteer Board of Directors, the volunteers that make up the Operations Council, and the many individuals who work behind the scenes on facility maintenance, special events, fundraising, marketing, and more. Our volunteer program is critical to our success as a rescue, and it's absolutely true when we say we could not do what we do without our volunteers.



In 2021, SAFE had a total of  
**298 active volunteers**  
111 were new in 2021

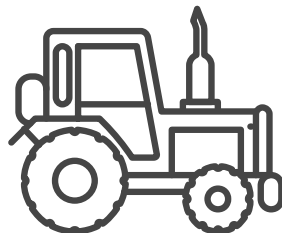


In 2021, we logged

**17,606 volunteer hours**  
which is the same as  
**9 full-time employees**



**Volunteers saved SAFE**  
**\$255,111 in payroll costs!**



## Program Milestones

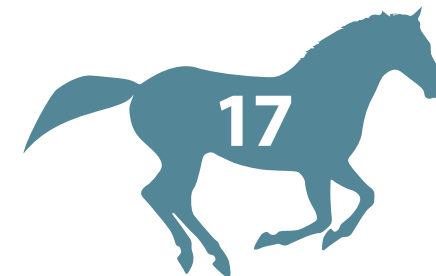
### Extending Community Outreach

Because SAFE operates with a self-imposed cap of no more than 30 horses at any given time, there is a limit to how many horses we are able to help. Our Community Outreach Program was developed to help horse owners keep their horses out of the rescue pipeline. SAFE offers short-term assistance to horse owners facing life changes and challenges, as well as gelding surgery and humane euthanization. We also encourage owner responsibility by providing counseling and advice about safe rehoming and manageable horsekeeping practices. In 2021, SAFE took in a larger number of owner surrendered horses than usual, which we were able to do because of an increase in successful adoptions, allowing us to help more horses over the course of the year.

**In 2021, SAFE was contacted by**

**171 horse owners seeking help**

Most of these horse owners were offered counseling, with an emphasis on **safe rehoming** and **owner responsibility**.



**owner-surrendered horses were taken in and SAFE spent \$11,776 to stabilize and rehabilitate them in their initial year at the rescue**

**SAFE provided hay to 82 horses across Washington State at a cost of \$8,277**

**SAFE spent an additional \$10,973 on Community Outreach Assistance:**

**3 humane euthanizations**

**4 horses provided with veterinary care**

**10 stallions turned into happy geldings**

**19 assisted adoptions.**



## 2021 Financials

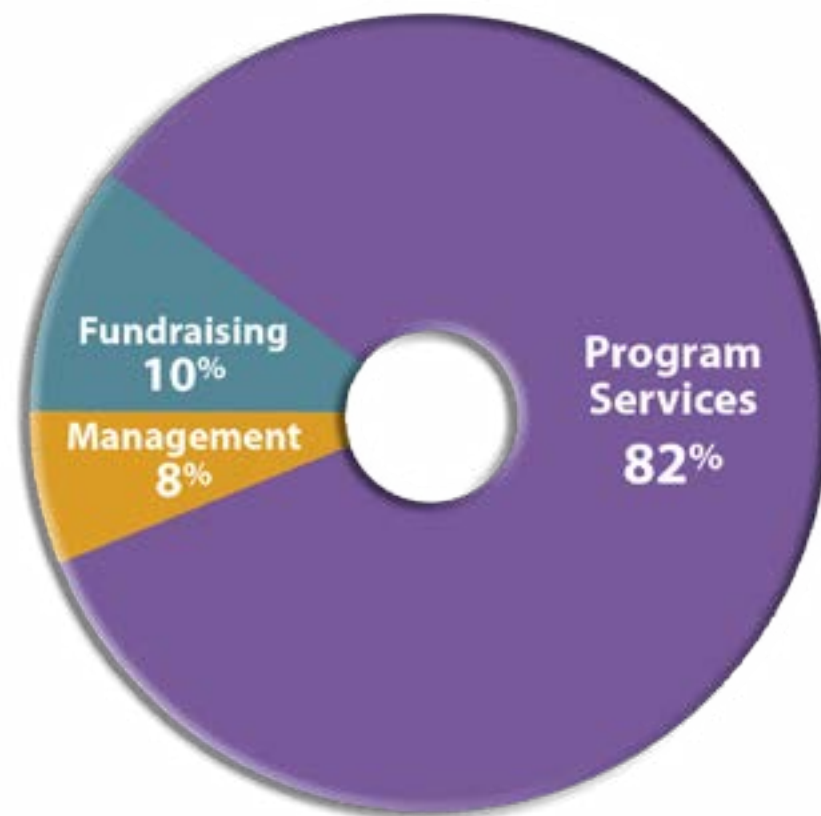
### Revenue

Income in 2021 came from a well diversified revenue stream. Donations from the general public had the largest increase from the previous year. COVID-19 prevented us from holding our normal in-person fundraising events once again, but another virtual Heart of the Horse produced a slight increase in Special Event income. And Corporate Workplace Giving programs remained an important and steady source of income, largely thanks to programs at Microsoft and Boeing that match donations and make contributions based on employee volunteer hours.



### Expenses

Financial stability for SAFE allows us to uphold the promises we make to each horse that we take in. Our annual budget is prepared using historical data and researched projections, and monitored carefully to keep spending on track. In 2021, facing another year of economic uncertainty, we remained conservative when making decisions on special projects and focused on the needs of our horses. As a result, we finished the year with a budget surplus, further strengthening our emergency reserves.



### Statement of Activities

#### OPERATING REVENUE

<strong>Public Support</strong>	
Donations	\$360,125
Special Events	175,714
Bequests	30,000
Workplace Giving	93,460
Grants	50,400
<strong>Other Revenue</strong>	
Adoptions	23,487
Miscellaneous Income	2,936
<strong>Total Operating Revenue</strong>	<strong>\$ 736,123</strong>

#### OPERATING EXPENSES

<strong>Program Services</strong>	
Rescue Program	\$540,553
Community Outreach	\$15,849
<strong>Supporting Services</strong>	
Fundraising	71,958
Management	51,574
<strong>Total Operating Expenses</strong>	<strong>\$ 679,934</strong>

### Statements of Financial Position

#### ASSETS

<strong>Current Assets</strong>	
Bank Accounts	\$543,490
Accounts Receivable	0
Other Current Assets	1,600
<strong>Fixed Assets</strong>	
Leasehold Improvements	7,291
Rescue Assets	95,555
<strong>Other Assets</strong>	
Lease Deposit	6,833
Lease Last Month Payment	5,765
<strong>Total Assets</strong>	<strong>\$ 660,534</strong>

#### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

<strong>Current Liabilities</strong>	
Accounts Payable	11,842
Credit Cards	29,833
Other Current Liabilities	199
<strong>Long-Term Liabilities</strong>	
Kubota Tractor Loan	5,094
<strong>Equity</strong>	
Retained Earnings	463,229
Net Income	55,792
SBA PPP Loan Forgiveness*	94,545
<strong>Total Liabilities and Equity</strong>	<strong>\$ 660,534</strong>

\*PPP loans received in 2020 and 2021, plus SBA EIDL loan. Forgiven in full in February 2021.





## Accomplishments & Highlights

### Empowering through Horsemanship

The importance of equine education cannot be overstated. It's not enough to just save their lives — we have to guide our horses down the path toward new and better lives. At SAFE, we do this through horsemanship. There is so much potential for an untrained horse to become dangerous or risky to be around, and rarely does that end well for the horse. We give SAFE horses a foundation of good ground manners, boundaries they can understand, and basic skills that can take them in any direction. This applies to both riding horses and companions. And the results speak for themselves. In 2021, we had a record number of successful adoptions that paved the way toward more intakes and more horses helped. We are committed to our Horsemanship Program, and proud to see it continue to grow. Our dream is that our horses not be seen as somehow “less than” other horses.



Terry works with Doolin on the ground (photos by Kristina Oden)



Sue and Sienna (photo by Kristina Oden)



Lexee and Lacey (photo by Kristina Oden)



Lexee and Lacey (photo by Kristina Oden)



### Anderson's Story

When a horse has been at your rescue for more than six years, you get to know him pretty well. You know that if he turns his head away when you go to bridle him, pause for a moment and he will move back and gently accept the bit. You know that if he pins his ears when you ask for the canter, you probably didn't ask correctly, at least as far as he's concerned. You know he prefers orchard grass to timothy, but will eat both. And you know that if it takes six years to find his perfect adopter, he's worth it. One of the principles of the horsemanship program at SAFE is that each horse be given the time needed to build a solid education. The same principle applies to our adoption program. We put no limit on the amount of time a horse can stay at SAFE. We believe that there is someone out there for every one of our horses, and that the right person is worth waiting for.

Many potential adopters showed interest in Anderson over the years. But when his perfect person arrived in 2021, there were several characteristics that helped us recognize that Ari was the one for Anderson. She took a good amount of time to get to know him before making a commitment to adoption. She rode him at SAFE multiple times, and even participated in a horsemanship clinic with him. But the thing that made Ari a perfect adopter for Anderson was her healthy attitude. She understood that to be the best she could be for Anderson, she would have to continually grow and improve her own horsemanship skills. And she accepted this challenge with enthusiasm and excitement. Terry Phelps, SAFE's Operations Director, would love to see every adopter start their journey with the same healthy attitude and willingness to learn and grow. It certainly has gotten Anderson's adoption off on the right hoof.



(top) Anderson, photo by Dirtie Dog Photography

(right) Ari and Anderson working with Joel Conner, photo by Kristina Oden





## Accomplishments & Highlights

### Highlights of 2021

There were a lot of wonderful things that happened at SAFE last year — a lot we can look back on and feel good about. Here are just a few of our favorite stories from 2021:



#### The Birth of Coco

Here at SAFE, we frown upon backyard breeding and blame it for the continued need for rescue. But when we're called upon to take in a mare that is pregnant, the impending arrival can't help bringing joy and excitement. Sundae was one of seven ponies seized by Animal Control and turned over to SAFE over the winter. Her filly foal Coco came into the world on the evening of April 21, 2021. Everything about Coco was easy. Her birth seemed effortless, she was in perfect health, and everything we taught her, she learned quickly and with ease. Coco was, and still is, a reminder of the magic that horses bring to life.



Top Left: Sundae and Coco, 2 days old  
Bottom Left: Coco, 1 month old  
Above: Coco, 6 months old  
(photos by Kristina Oden)



### GFAS Accreditation Achieved!



In 2021, a long held goal was achieved: SAFE submitted an application to become Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) and we were awarded Accredited status in early 2022. There are only 209 GFAS organizations worldwide, and the standards set by GFAS are extremely high. We're proud to say that SAFE met

and even exceeded those standards. Before awarding Accreditation, GFAS scrutinized every aspect of our rescue operation: not just our property and animal care practices, but also how we operate as a nonprofit. GFAS Accreditation shows the world that SAFE is rescuing horses at the highest level. It means we do things right, even when there might be an easier way. It means that we are unquestionably devoted to the well being of the horses that we take in. And it means that when you chose to support our horses by making a tax deductible donation, you can be sure that your gift will be used to change horses' lives.

### A Storybook Ending for Flynn

About half the horses that end up at SAFE come through animal control agencies. We make it our mission to support animal control in our area because they can take action in the worst situations of neglect or abuse. From time to time, we're asked to take a horse that has been seized from its owner because they failed to provide necessary vet care. Errol Flynn was removed from his home because he had an eye infection that had gone untreated for more than a year. Upon his arrival at SAFE, he was immediately examined by our veterinarian, who recommended that the Flynn's eye be removed to relieve the pain that he was suffering. Surgery was a complete success, and Flynn transformed into a happy and comfortable pony who easily adapted to seeing the world through a single eye. Flynn made an instant connection with a young lady who came out to meet him, and she and her family took him home not long after. Flynn is about to start a new role as a therapy horse to help people going through marital separation gain confidence by working with him on the ground.



Flynn and his girl meet for the first time.



# Acknowledgements

SAFE is all about the horses, but helping them would not be possible without people who chose to make our mission their own. If you find inspiration from the members of the community that is reflected in the pages of this Annual Report, please consider joining us. You are welcome and encouraged to follow in their footsteps and become part of SAFE.

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