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Don't miss Holiday Horse Party at ESS



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Hope shows off her holiday attire at the Equine Spirit Sanctuary in Taos. The horse rescue and equine therapy nonprofit is having its holiday horse party and fundraiser Saturday (Nov. 24) from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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**By Ruth Bourgeois, executive director
Equine Spirit Sanctuary**

Equine Spirit Sanctuary's Annual Holiday Horse Party is Saturday, (Nov. 24) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event is a benefit for Equine Spirit Sanctuary.

Bring your family and friends out for the party, which includes free pony rides for the kids (weather permitting) and a grooming and petting corral with miniature donkeys and holiday refreshments. The barn is decorated and the ESS equines are looking forward to meeting and greeting visitors.

Gift certificates donated by local area restaurants and shops are available for purchase along with a variety of arts and crafts, horse-related items and baked goods. Proceeds from all sales go to support the ESS programs of horse rescue and rehab, equine-assisted learning and therapy and therapeutic riding, and educational programs about horses.

This year the goal is to raise some extra funds to cover the higher cost of feeding our herd after the severe drought, which resulted in less hay grown and consequently higher prices for the hay.

Join us as we kick off the holidays with our wonderful equines. Equine Spirit Sanctuary is located at 13 Los Caballos Road (off the west end of Cuchilla Road and Los Cordovas). Since its inception in 2005, ESS has provided rescue and rehab for over 80 horses along with offering equine-assisted growth and learning and therapeutic activities, and educational clinics and workshops. The sanctuary is now home to 22 horses, miniature horses, miniature and standard-sized donkeys and a pony.

Equine Spirit Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, volunteer-based healing center that believes in responsible horse ownership. ESS is dedicated to the safety and welfare of all equines, and through a program of rescue, rehabilitation, relocation or permanent retirement and education, serves to establish a connection between equines and humans.

For more information, call Ruth Bourgeois at the Equine Spirit Sanctuary (575) 758-1212 or go to equinespiritsanctuary.org or facebook.com/equinespiritsanctuary.