

Equine Spirit Sanctuary

A sanctuary for horses and people who care about horses



Our Mission

The Equine Spirit Sanctuary (ESS) is a 501c(3) non-profit 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.

What we do

ESS is a licensed horse rescue with the State of New Mexico, with our goal to improve the lives of horses through our programs of horse rescue and rehab and education. Our equine-assisted services programs for people include a PATH, Intl.-based therapeutic riding program and educational classes. Our programs are designed to honor the intrinsic value of horse and human relationships.

The ESS family

Horses, Donkeys and People - a few stats from 2023:

Volunteers: 47

This number includes a core group of 8 dedicated volunteers who worked 200 or more hours each, and 35 seasonal or occasional volunteers that worked anywhere from a few hours to 160 each, for a total of 4,069 hours. One of the perks of volunteering at ESS is the opportunity to learn horse handling skills and basic bodywork methods, which benefit our horses.

Programs:

- Therapeutic riding, individual lessons: 32
- Adult equine-assisted services (EAS): 5 adults two group sessions
- Regular adult lessons and experiences: 8 adults, 14 lessons
- Kids' EAS group sessions: total 49 kids, 14 sessions
- Plus special outside events with kids and visitors: Barbara Meikle Art Gallery and Millicent Rogers Museum



Visitors:

- Special events included Open Barn in May
- December Holiday Open Barns – held the first three Saturdays, with a total of 114 visitors
- Along with regular open days with additional visitors

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To learn more, follow ESS on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/equinespiritsanctuary> or sign up for our email list at <https://www.equinespiritsanctuary.org/> (a donation form is also on this page for on-line donations).

You can also make checks payable to Equine Spirit Sanctuary or simply "ESS" and mail to: Equine Spirit Sanctuary, 13 Los Caballos Road, Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557.

Better yet – come out and visit us!



*Thank you for helping ESS help horses
in need – and people, too!*

