

Sanctuary participates in Help a Horse Day

Equine Spirit Sanctuary volunteers will be at Cid's Food Market, 623 Paseo del Pueblo Norte, with some miniature horses on Friday (April 21) and will host an "Open Barn" on Saturday (April 22) at 13 Los Caballos Road in Ranchos de Taos.

The events are in conjunction with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' Help A Horse Day, one of hundreds of special events being held by horse rescues across the country.

"Our theme is all about enjoying horses from the magical to the practical," said Ruth Bourgeois, sanctuary executive director, in a newsletter. "We will be introducing our one and only unicorn horse Kat who will be proud to pose for photos. There will be a wide variety of used tack and horse supplies for sale, information available about all of our programs and our equines, and sign-up sheets for the coming

therapy activities. Volunteer training will be every afternoon in May, starting at 1 p.m. No experience is necessary,

just a love of kids and horses and a desire to make a difference in the lives of both.

— *Staff report*



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From April 21-26, equine rescue groups nationwide will host events related to the ASPCA Help a Horse Day contest, a nationwide grant competition for equine rescues and sanctuaries to raise awareness about the work they do to save and care for at-risk horses. Contestants are eligible to win a grand prize of \$25,000. Participating rescue groups will work to recruit new volunteers, expand their support bases, collect donated supplies and find homes for adoptable horses as part of the contest.

Equine Spirit Sanctuary is now taking applications for the summer Horses Helping Kids program. Volunteers are needed for this program of therapeutic riding and equine-assisted learning and