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Duchess Sanctuary



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## FACT SHEET:

- Mission Statement: To provide sanctuary for horses in need, using best practices for equine management while preserving and protecting the environment for the benefit of the native plant and animal species.
- Established in 2008 and made possible by a generous donation from the Ark Watch Foundation. Thanks to their continued support, the Duchess Sanctuary is one of four animal care centers in the U.S. operated by [The Fund for Animals](#), a 501c3 organization, affiliated with [The Humane Society of the United States](#)
- 1,120 acre-property home to 196 horses (as of Aug. 2014)
  - 144 horses rescued from pregnant mare urine (PMU) industry
  - 15 rescued Bureau of Land Management mustangs
  - 37 horses via seizure, neglect and other
- Provides safe habitat for native wildlife with portions of the property designed for many species of wildlife including white-tail and black-tail deer, elk, numerous species of birds, raccoons, rabbits, opossums, skunks, foxes, coyotes, bobcats, cougars and bears
- Cooperates regularly with [The HSUS' Equine department](#) on horse issues in Oregon and around the country
- Accredited by the [Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries](#) in 2010
  - Accreditation signifies the sanctuary meets rigorous standards addressing the sustainability of the organization, ethical principles, finances, staffing, education outreach, security and safety and other operational aspects
- Member of the Homes for Horses Coalition, a nation-wide group of industry professionals working together to actively promote the welfare and protection of horses and other equines
- Collaborates with [Doris Day Equine Center](#) on the development of the [Plan 4 Progress](#) program designed to help horse rescues around the country
- Current population breakdown:
  - Drafts and Draft X's: 134
  - Mustangs: 15
  - Quarter Horses: 16
  - Paints: 6
  - Appaloosas: 5
  - Ponies: 2
  - Other: 18

## MEET THE HORSES

More resident bios and photos are available upon request.



<b>Name:</b>	Paisley
<b>Breed:</b>	Mustang

**Rescue Story:** Paisley was abandoned by a previous owner after selling his property. The new property owners wanted her gone no matter what. Still wild and fearful, her only option would have been euthanasia. Douglas County Animal Control contacted Duchess Sanctuary, and she was welcomed into the herd in September 2013.



<b>Name:</b>	Felina
<b>Breed:</b>	Draft Cross

**Rescue Story:** Formerly a PMU mare, Felina stood in a narrow stall while pregnant as her urine was collected to make Premarin®, a hormone replacement therapy drug for menopausal women. When the PMU ranch lost their contract, she was headed to slaughter with 88 other mares. Now she roams the pastures at Duchess Sanctuary and poses for the camera.

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Herbie at time of rescue

<b>Name:</b>	Herbie
<b>Breed:</b>	Pony

**Rescue Story:** Originally rescued by the Ark Watch Foundation, Herbie immediately came to Duchess Sanctuary for the rehabilitation of his severely overgrown feet. More than 24 inches of hoof were removed to start, and sanctuary staff have been diligently working on his feet and comfort for more than two years. Herbie has been a model patient and loves people, despite what he has endured. Read more about Herbie's story [here](#).



<b>Name:</b>	Waldo
<b>Breed:</b>	Quarter Horse

**Rescue Story:** Abandoned by an unknown owner and left to starve on public land with 10 other horses in the Molalla area, Waldo and four others came to Duchess Sanctuary in 2008. He arrived malnourished, terrified of the world and still a stallion. Waldo had further complication of cryptorchidism, meaning one testicle was retained in his abdomen. Surgery corrected that, and he now enjoys life in the pasture with about 35 friends. Shown on right in the photo.

## MEDIA

- High-resolution images of Duchess Sanctuary and its residents are available upon request.
- Duchess Sanctuary on YouTube:
  - [The Duchess Sanctuary](#)
  - [Big Horse Herd on the Move at Duchess Sanctuary](#)
  - [Herd of Horses at Duchess Sanctuary](#)

## SPECIAL EVENTS AND VISITING

Duchess Sanctuary is not open to the general public on a regular basis. The sanctuary hosts two open house events per year where everyone is invited.

**Next Open House: Sept. 13, 2014**

Duchess Sanctuary holds [photography workshops](#) twice a year as fundraising events. Guided by sanctuary staff and a professional photographer, camera buffs spend a few hours in the field with the herds, learn more about horses and photography while using their equipment. It is a rare opportunity to see large groups of horses in a natural environment, and a great chance to photograph outdoors in a beautiful setting. All proceeds from the workshops benefit the care of the horses.

**Next Photography Workshop: Sept. 20, 2014**

Private tours may be arranged with Jennifer Kunz upon request, as schedules permit. Typically these 60-90 minute tours are for small groups, and a minimum donation of \$25 per person is appreciated.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/DuchessSanctuary](http://www.facebook.com/DuchessSanctuary)
- Instagram: [@DuchessSanctuary](#)

## LEADERSHIP

Jennifer Kunz has been the Ranch Manager of Duchess Sanctuary since its opening 2008. Horse crazy since birth, Kunz spent numerous years in the western performance and breeding aspects of the equine industry. In 1999, she became involved with horse rescue by saving a few horses at a time with friends. In 2001, Kunz joined a volunteer organization that found adoptive homes for pregnant mare urine (PMU) industry foals, and placed more than 1,200 horses across Canada and the U.S. during the next four years. After graduating from college, Kunz began working for the Ark Watch Foundation managing their Knightsbridge Farm in Alberta. The farm was home to more than 140 rescued horses, most from the PMU industry. When Ark Watch partnered with The HSUS in 2008 to open Duchess Sanctuary, she moved to Oregon to take on the role as Ranch Manager. Kunz volunteers with the Oregon Hay Bank and is an active participant in the Homes for Horses Coalition.



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## HOW TO DONATE

Duchess Sanctuary does not receive federal or state funding, and relies entirely on the generous support of individuals, businesses and foundations.

- Checks can be made payable to Duchess Sanctuary and mailed to:  
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1515 Shady Oaks Lane  
Oakland, Oregon 97462
- Online:
  - [fundforanimals.org/duchess-donate](http://fundforanimals.org/duchess-donate)
  - [Amazon Wish List](#)
  - Sign up with the [Amazon Smiles](#) program, select Fund for Animals as your designated charity, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of qualifying purchases to us.
- In-kind donations including feed, grooming supplies and gift certificates for Home Depot, DC Farmer's Co-op or Coastal Farm & Ranch can be dropped off at the sanctuary.
- Purchase a card, print, or canvas through our [Fine Art America store](#) and a portion of the sale comes back to the horses.
- Purchase an annual calendar and all proceeds go to the horses. Calendars for 2015 will be available for ordering in October.
- Donate your time by volunteering.

## VOLUNTEERING

Duchess Sanctuary has an expanding [volunteer program](#) allowing community members to learn about horses, sanctuary management and more while supporting the sanctuary's mission.

There are opportunities for volunteers of all experience levels, including:

- Direct equine care – feeding, grooming and etcetera
- Landscaping
- Office assistant
- Community outreach and events, fundraising
- Volunteer leadership

To make best use of resources, individuals who have the time to make a regular (weekly or biweekly) effort, and can commit to an initial minimum 50 hours of service are preferred.

Casual volunteers may attend any of our monthly work days.

**Next monthly work days: Sept. 6, 2014 and Oct. 4, 2014**

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