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# All Seated in a Barn

*A second chance for horses and donkeys bound for slaughter – and,  
we discovered, a place of healing for the people who meet them.*



**3,008**

RESCUED SINCE 2018

**517**

CURRENTLY IN CARE

**8**

PROPERTIES · CA & TX

**2018**

FOUNDED

# What began as a horse rescue has become a circle of healing.

All Seated in a Barn is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit equine rescue, sanctuary, rehabilitation, training, and intake facility. We intercept horses, donkeys, draft horses, mini horses, mules — and even zebras — from the kill pens and auctions where they are at risk of being shipped across the border for slaughter. We bail them, vet them, rehabilitate them, and find them safe, permanent homes.

Founded in 2018, we have grown into one of the largest equine rescue operations in the American West. To date we have rescued more than **3,008 horses and donkeys**, and today we care for **517 animals across eight properties in California and Texas**, supported by a network of dedicated foster homes.

## OUR MISSION

To rescue at-risk horses and donkeys from slaughter and neglect — providing safety, rehabilitation, and the opportunity for a second chance at life. We work to break the cycle of the auction pipeline through rescue, education, and community action, ensuring every animal we save has the care, dignity, and love they deserve.

## OUR VISION

A future where no horse or donkey is sent to slaughter, neglected, or discarded — where every equine is valued and protected, and where education on responsible ownership is free and accessible to all who need it.

*"We didn't set out to create a place for people to heal. But watching these discarded, forgotten animals bring peace to veterans, strength to women in recovery, and comfort to at-risk youth — that became part of our mission too."*

# Slaughter didn't end in America. It moved across the border.

Horse slaughter is an ongoing crisis. It is illegal to slaughter horses in the United States — but it remains completely legal to ship them across the border, and when the last domestic slaughterhouse closed in 2007, the pipeline didn't stop. It simply relocated. Tens of thousands of horses and donkeys enter it every year — the vast majority healthy animals discarded for reasons of convenience, hardship, or changing circumstances. They do not need to die. They need advocates.

**360**

horses shipped to slaughter  
*every single week.*

**70,000**

horses waiting in kill pens  
across the United States right  
now.

**75%**

of slaughter-bound horses are  
healthy — they simply need  
someone to step in.

Because it is illegal to slaughter horses on U.S. soil, they are trucked to Mexico and Canada, where the meat is then exported to Europe and Asia for human consumption. Yet American horses are raised as pets and companion animals — routinely given vaccinations, medications, and steroids never intended to enter the food chain. They are auctioned off, loaded onto crowded trucks, and shipped hundreds of miles in conditions that leave them injured, starved, and terrified. Someone has to stand in front of it.

# We intercept horses before they cross the border.

Every animal we save moves through the same deliberate path — from the auction lot to a home that fits. Rescue is only the beginning.

## STEP 01

### Rescue & Intake

We bail equines directly from kill pens and auctions, then transport them safely to intake, where every animal is triaged and quarantined.

## STEP 02

### Rehabilitate

Recovery stalls cradle injured and starved horses as they heal, regain weight, receive veterinary care, and slowly learn to trust people again.

## STEP 03

### Rehome

Every adoption starts with a promise: to match each animal with the person or family that truly fits their skills, space, and goals.

## THE CIRCLE OF HEALING

### The horses don't only get rescued. They rescue people, too.

We never set out to build a place for people to heal — but through watching the transformations happen in our volunteers and guests, it became a second mission. These animals reach people in ways nothing else can: peace for veterans, strength for women in recovery, comfort for at-risk youth, and light for those navigating trauma and grief.



# The scale of the work, in figures.

**3,008**

*horses and donkeys rescued from the slaughter pipeline since our founding in 2018.*

**1,500+**

*of them vetted, rehabilitated, and placed into adoptive or lease homes.*

**517**

EQUINES CURRENTLY IN OUR CARE

**8**

PROPERTIES ACROSS CA & TX

**2018**

YEAR FOUNDED

**\$6M**

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

**\$1.5M**

VETERINARY CARE EACH YEAR

**\$100K**

FEED & FORAGE EVERY MONTH

**1,500+**

*horses adopted into loving homes and therapy programs.*

**\$50K+**

*donated each year to other equine rescue nonprofits to support their programs.*

EVERY KIND OF EQUINE

Horses

Donkeys

Draft Horses

Mini Horses

Mules

Even Zebras

+ a network of foster homes

# Four pillars of the work.

## Rescue & Intake

Bailing equines from kill pens and auctions before they ship for slaughter, and moving them safely into quarantined intake for assessment.

## Rehabilitation & Training

Recovery stalls, veterinary treatment, weight recovery, and patient re-training to restore each animal's health, soundness, and trust in people.

## Adoption & Placement

Thoughtful, responsible matching of each equine to a home suited to their temperament and needs — and lasting support for the adopters who take them in.

## Education & Outreach

Opening our barn to the public each month for hands-on learning, and offering free, accessible education on the slaughter pipeline and responsible ownership.

Rescue is  
just the  
beginning.

What happens next — the healing, the learning, the connection between an animal and a person who both needed a second chance — is the part we never expected, and the part we will never stop fighting for.

# We do this work with our community, not apart from it.

We partner directly with local programs to bring awareness and education about equine slaughter — and to put our horses to work healing the people who need them most. These partnerships are the beating heart of our second mission.

**Path Point - for adults with disabilities**

**GREAT Emotional Wellness Program**

**Veterans**

**Women in Sober Living**

**ACE FM — therapy for at risk youth**

**Girl Scouts**

**School Districts**

**Home Schooling Networks**

**Retirement Homes**

**Kern Canine Therapy Dogs**

**Marley's Mutts — Miracle Mutts Therapy Dog Program**

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## Awareness

Every partnership carries the message about equine slaughter to a new audience.

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## Education

Hands-on activities, brochures, and monthly public barn hours teach responsible ownership.

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## Rehabilitation

The horses themselves become partners in healing the people who work alongside them.

# Meet Motley.

In July of 2024 we pulled Motley — a sick, unhandled stallion — from a kill pen. He arrived with a summer sore the size of a baseball on his belly and no reason to trust a human hand. This is what a second chance looks like.



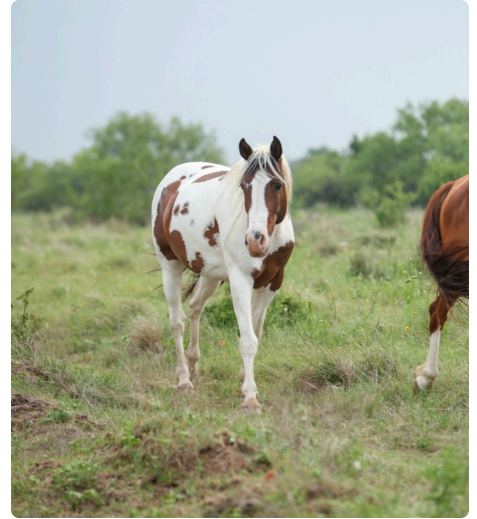
**DAY ONE · KILL PEN**

Sick and unhandled, with a baseball-sized summer sore on his belly.



**REHABILITATED · GENTLED**

Through quarantine, wound care, and patient training — healed and whole.



**TODAY · 350+ ACRES**

Living free with our wild horse herd in Texas.

## A story that repeats itself

Motley's journey — from a kill pen in July 2024, through quarantine, rehabilitation for the baseball-sized summer sore on his belly, and gentling, to a life on more than 350 acres with our wild horse herd — is one of hundreds. Some animals arrive so sick, so starved, or so injured that we genuinely don't know if they will survive the first night.

Multiply Motley by more than 3,000 rescues since 2018, and you begin to see the scale of what your support makes possible.

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*These animals — discarded, broken, forgotten — have a way of reaching people in ways nothing else can. It is a beautiful circle of healing.*

— ALL SEATED IN A BARN



**THE SUMMER SORE**

The open lesion on his belly — the size of a baseball — that our team treated through his recovery.

# Media & Press Coverage

All Seated in a Barn has been recognized by national and local media for its rescue work, community programs, and rapid emergency response — including a key role during the January 2025 Los Angeles wildfires.

## Wall Street Journal

*January 16, 2025*

Featured in coverage of the Los Angeles wildfire horse evacuation — how cowboys and equestrians stepped up to rescue horses during the Eaton fire.

## KGET Channel 17 (NBC)

*January 13, 2025*

"All Seated in a Barn: Lending a Helping Hoof Amid Los Angeles Wildfires" — local news coverage of our emergency response.

## Yahoo News

*January 13, 2025*

Syndicated coverage of our wildfire relief efforts, reaching a national audience.

## The Washington Post

*December 9, 2021*

A feature on donkey sanctuaries and the emotional bonds formed between rescue animals and their advocates.

## 23 ABC News

*November 3, 2021*

Founder Tahlia Fischer speaks out on animal abuse after witnessing the extreme neglect of a horse.

## 23 ABC News

*August 14, 2021*

"Organizations Team Up to Rescue Donkeys from Abuse and Trauma" — coverage of collaborative rescue efforts.

## Bakersfield Californian

*October 12, 2019*

"Like a Vortex: Equine Rescue Pulls Heartstrings of Volunteers and Supporters Alike."

## KBAK Bakersfield Now

*June 15 & August 1, 2020*

Two features on our rescues, including a story about an injured horse saved in a race against time.

# Where your support goes.

Caring for 517 animals across eight properties is a roughly **\$6 million** annual undertaking. The overwhelming majority of every dollar goes directly to the animals — their care, their food, and their recovery.

## VETERINARY CARE

**\$1.5M**/yr

Roughly a quarter of our budget — emergency treatment, surgery, dental, farrier, and recovery care for animals who often arrive in critical condition.

## FEED & FORAGE

**\$1.2M**/yr

About \$100,000 every month keeps 517 animals fed — hay, grain, and specialized nutrition for horses rebuilding their weight and health.

## THE REMAINING BUDGET

The balance sustains everything that keeps eight properties running across two states: intake & bail costs, transportation, land and facilities, shelter and fencing, and the small team and volunteers who make the daily care possible.



## TRANSPARENCY · CANDID PLATINUM 2026

All Seated in a Barn is a registered 501(c)(3) (EIN 82-5455179), recognized with Candid's Platinum Seal of Transparency. Our IRS Form 990 filings and full financial profile are publicly available through Candid / GuideStar or by reaching out directly to us.

# Funding designed for the long haul.

We take the long-term sustainability of this work seriously. Rescue is only possible if the funding behind it endures — so alongside grants and major gifts, we are continually building diversified, recurring revenue streams that keep our stalls full and our doors open, year after year.

## Monthly Donors

A growing base of recurring donors gives us predictable, month-over-month support — the foundation that lets us plan rescues and care with confidence rather than uncertainty.

## Patreon

Our Patreon community turns followers of our rescue stories into sustaining members who fund the work directly, month after month, at [patreon.com/allseatedinabarn](https://patreon.com/allseatedinabarn).

## Merchandise

Branded merchandise turns supporters into ambassadors — every purchase carries our mission further and returns revenue straight to the animals.

## 2026 FLAGSHIP CAMPAIGN · RESCUE SOCKS

**1,000,000**

PAIRS — OUR GOAL



**\$500,000**

UNLOCKED FOR RESCUE

Selling one million pairs of our rescue socks unlocks a \$500,000 donation from Strideline, dedicated entirely to horse and donkey rescue, veterinary care, and sanctuary support — proof that a small act can carry enormous impact.

# Original Founders



**Tahlia Fischer**

**FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Tahlia co-founded All Seated in a Barn in 2018 after rescuing Kevin the donkey from slaughter. She oversees all rescue operations, programs, partnerships, and strategic direction — her passion for equine welfare and community impact drives every decision the organization makes.



**Jennifer Noel**

**CO-FOUNDER**

Jennifer co-founded the organization alongside Tahlia in 2018. Jennifer's passion has always been in horses and even showed alongside Tahlia when they were younger in 4H programs and with the APHA. She has since moved to Florida for work but still maintains connection with Tahlia and the team.



**Margaux Fischer**

**CO-FOUNDER & PHOTOGRAPHER**

Margaux brings the visual heart of the organization to life. As co-founder and our photographer, she documents every rescue story and rehabilitation milestone — imagery that has been central to connecting with supporters nationwide.



**LeAnn Guelker**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS & EVENTS**

LeAnn leads public relations and serves as Head of Volunteers. She coordinates community events, manages volunteer relations, and ensures our story reaches the audiences who need to hear it — and is the primary point of contact for volunteer inquiries.

**ORIGINAL TRAINING PARTNER**

## Brian Lawson — Lawson's Ranch

We partner with Brian Lawson at Lawson's Ranch for the training and retraining of rescued horses. Before any animal is placed for adoption, Brian works with them to refresh their skills and build their confidence, ensuring every horse is set up for lasting success in their new home.

# Our Board of Directors

As a 501(c)(3) public charity, All Seated in a Barn is governed by a formal Board of Directors responsible for oversight, finances, and long-term strategy.



**Tahlia Fischer**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



**Brian Lawson**  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



**Margaux Fischer**  
TREASURER



**LeAnn Guelker**  
SECRETARY



**Hillary Novak**  
DIRECTOR  
Completing her term at the end of 2026



## Board in Transition

We are welcoming additional directors throughout 2027 as we broaden our leadership and deepen our expertise.

### STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PARTNER

## In partnership with Long Play

To strengthen our governance and long-term capacity, All Seated in a Barn has teamed up with Long Play — a highly regarded organization based in Arizona — to help manage the nonprofit and to serve on our Board of Directors. Their operational leadership and proven expertise bring added structure, accountability, and stability to our mission, ensuring the organization is built to endure well beyond any single chapter.

# 2027: a year of strategic transformation.

With Long Play, we are entering 2027 on the strongest organizational foundation in our history — from our team and vendors to our merchandise division and governance. That stability lets us make a bold, deliberate move: repositioning the organization for the next decade of growth.

## CALIFORNIA — REFOCUSED

### A leaner, mission-focused presence

Rising costs in California no longer make sense from a growth perspective. We will maintain our California location but intentionally downsize it — focusing on adoptions, therapy work, and local events at our property that spread awareness and host educational clinics for the community.

## TEXAS — OUR NEW BASE

### Relocating head operations

We are moving our head operations to Texas, where we hope to establish ourselves outside Dallas or Houston. Nashville remains under consideration as well; the final location will be determined by funding and the site that best suits our needs for long-term growth.

### Launching the 143 Vet Clinic

Our goal is to open the 143 Vet Clinic and make it available to **all nonprofit horse rescues at a significant discount** — relieving the single greatest cost burden the entire rescue community faces.

### Growing the merchandise brand

We expect our merchandise division to keep growing as a dependable revenue stream — building a brand that also lifts up and supports other nonprofit horse rescues.

**Stronger together.**

We believe deeply that the more we work together with other rescues — in partnership and in shared growth — the more horses we can save, and the bigger the change we can make in an industry that so badly needs it.

## 14 — THE 143 VET CLINIC

# Building the 143 Vet Clinic in Texas.

Veterinary care is the single greatest need — and the single greatest cost — for equine rescues everywhere. Our most ambitious project is a dedicated veterinary clinic in Texas built to serve not only our own animals, but the broader rescue community.

### FLAGSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

## The 143 Vet Clinic

A veterinary facility in Texas focused first on aiding equine nonprofits with the veterinary care that so often overwhelms their budgets — and, over time, expanding to serve dogs and cats as well. It is designed to multiply our impact far beyond our own barn, strengthening the entire rescue ecosystem.

## Our funding priorities

### Veterinary care funding

Underwriting the ~\$1.5M in annual care our animals depend on.

### Capital for land

Securing the acreage that lets us take in more animals in need.

### General operating grants

Flexible support to keep eight properties running day to day.

### Building the 143 Vet Clinic

Capital to construct and equip the Texas clinic serving equine rescues.

# Every dollar keeps rescues moving and stalls ready for the next soul.

Foundation partners make the difference between turning a horse away and saving it. We would be honored to discuss how your support can advance this work — and to provide any additional documentation your review requires.

## WAYS TO GIVE

Grants & foundation partnerships

Sponsor a recovery stall

Underwrite veterinary care

Fund the 143 Vet Clinic

Monthly giving

PayPal · Venmo · Amazon

## ORGANIZATION

### LEGAL NAME

All Seated in a Barn

### STATUS

501(c)(3) Public Charity

### TAX ID (EIN)

82-5455179

### FOUNDED

2018

## REACH US

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### PATREON

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### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

LeAnn Guelker  
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*Thank you for taking the time to learn about All Seated in a Barn. Every horse and donkey we rescue is alive today because of the generosity, compassion, and belief of people like you. We would be honored to have you as part of our community and our mission.*

# All Seated in a Barn

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