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The New Rescue Ranch Sanctuary Will Help At-Risk and Special Needs Dogs

YREKA, California, July 9, 2021 — Rescue Ranch today announced that it is expanding its operations to include a new dog sanctuary and training facility in the Shasta Vista area of Siskiyou County, in northern California. The sanctuary will be housed on a 151-acre property owned by another local nonprofit, Humanity For Horses.

Rescue Ranch delayed the announcement of the new facility because of its proximity to last week's devastating Lava Fire. Thankfully, it escaped the flames completely and is already housing some of the dogs recovered in the burn zone, including puppies, very young dogs, a nursing mother, and other adult dogs.

After moving to Gazelle, CA, Humanity For Horses, a long-time supporter of Rescue Ranch, offered to lease its recently vacated installations to the dog rescue for \$1 per month.

"This is an incredible opportunity for Rescue Ranch, we can't thank Humanity For Horses enough for their generosity. We've been looking for better ways to respond to the various needs of the dogs that come through our Yreka facility. Now we can offer them more room and true sanctuary." —John Golay, Executive Director.

As a no-kill shelter, Rescue Ranch prioritizes dogs most at risk for euthanasia in the state of California. Dogs are put down for all kinds of reasons, including overcrowding, behavior, age, health issues of all kinds and even treatable injuries. Unfortunately, the kill-lists are long.

The new property is vast enough to accommodate multiple uses, and Rescue Ranch principals look forward to exploring all of the ways it will help them fulfill their mission. For starters, they will address one of their most pressing needs by establishing a sanctuary for at-risk dogs and dogs with special needs, such as physical disabilities or chronic conditions, as well as nursing mothers, puppies and seniors.

"Space is at a premium and, even in a great facility like ours, the intensity of shelter life is not appropriate for long term or special needs residents. The sanctuary will provide the low-stress environment they require to thrive. It will also be a great place for any of our dogs who need extra training or a temporary break from the shelter while they wait to find their forever homes." — Laura Finley, board member.

Rescue Ranch Sanctuary Location:

11208 Harry Cash Rd, Montague, CA 96064

About Rescue Ranch:

Rescue Ranch was established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 2001. Its purpose is to rescue dogs of all breeds and create opportunities for dog adoption. The ranch currently saves more than 600 per year. It promotes responsible dog ownership and provides the community with assistance in the care of their pets.

Rescue Ranch is a no-kill shelter and relies on generous donations from the community and local businesses, as well as grants from foundations and organizations. It does not receive funding from any State, County or City agencies. Proceeds from the boarding facility and thrift store also help cover some of the general operational costs.

All dogs are spayed or neutered, and receive the best care while at Rescue Ranch. The organization also offers donation-funded community assistance programs, such as Kitu's Fund, a no-interest loan program for high-cost emergency veterinary expenses; a dog and cat food bank, low-cost parvo-distemper vaccination and microchipping, free and low-cost dog training, as well as help with transportation for veterinary appointments booked through the facility.

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