

# Shiloh Horse Rescue and Sanctuary

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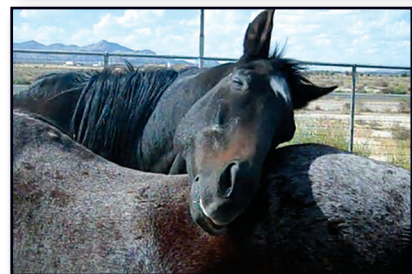
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Nevada holds pockets of wonder and surprise. In one such pocket, just 30 miles south of the whirlwind of activity we call Las Vegas, is a magical and serene oasis. It is not a tourist destination, although there may be, for some, a celebrity mystic about it. This very special place was founded by Jill Curtis and her husband, beloved actor Tony Curtis (who sadly left us at the end of September last year). While it is not meant to draw tourists, it does draw visitors, who arrive to find a hideaway filled with sunshine, laughter, inspiration, sometimes sadness, most times joy, and at all times, a deep and abiding love for animals.

Tucked away in Sandy Valley, with a breathtaking view of land and mountains, is the Shiloh Horse Rescue and Sanctuary. Their slogan: “a place of peace for horses in need.” The spacious 40 acre ranch lives up to that and more. Since 2002, Jill Curtis and her mother, Sally VandenBerg, put their love of horses into action by building a safe haven for unwanted, abused, neglected, injured and older horses. It is not fancy. Most of the shelters and corrals were donated over the years and are mismatched. But they are clean and safe. All of their resources are spent on feeding and getting the horses the care they need. No staff member is paid; all members are volunteers. Shiloh was founded for the animals, not people. And animals they have!

One of the first things that strikes you as you enter the grounds is the amazing diversity of its population. You will see burros, goats, llamas, dogs, pigs and, of course, horses, wandering the grounds. You will also see animals that are recovering from the harm caused to them by people. Recovering horses ranging from thin and scarred to blind. Jill and Sally make the rounds of the auctions and feedlots rescuing as many horses as they can safely take care of at the ranch. Discarded horses, on their way to the slaughterhouse. Animal control has also reached out to Shiloh for help. All horses are evaluated and either adopted out into new homes or placed into the Sanctuary to live out their lives in comfort and dignity. It is amazing the lengths that Shiloh will go to help these unfortunate ones. It is their mission, their love, and their passion.

Experience for yourself the magic of Shiloh. Whether you are a visitor (make sure you stuff your pockets with carrots and sugar cubes), volunteer (horses need to be washed, groomed, walked), sponsor, or potential adoptive parent, you have an opportunity to share in something truly unique. Please visit Shiloh’s website for all the details regarding hours of operation, sponsorship, adoption, and location at: [www.ShilohHorseRescue.com](http://www.ShilohHorseRescue.com)



*A basic belief at Shiloh is that all horses, regardless of age or lameness and health problems, have worth and value and can enjoy second chances at a new life. Even horses with special needs can feel the warm sun on their back, appreciate kind hands, and hang out with the pasture mates.*

**Adopt, Sponsor, Donate, Volunteer, Visit!**



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