

TECATE HORSE RESCUE NEWSLETTER

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Adoption Spotlight

Meet Lola, a striking Thoroughbred mare ready for a second chance. After spending seven years unhandled in a front yard, she's learning trust and connection at Tecate Horse Rescue. Intelligent and rideable, Lola needs an experienced, patient rider to help her continue blossoming. With consistency and care, she has the potential to become a loyal, rewarding partner.



Our 3rd year as a rescue:

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Sip & Paint

February 21, 2026

from 1-4 PM—Paint hats, sip wine, relax, connect, create art, and support rescued horses.

* The Commons

March 7th 11-5pm

a relaxed, family-friendly day at the ranch featuring community, horses, and hands-on experiences

* Women's Wellness Weekend

April 11, 2026

A restorative retreat for women featuring horses, nature, connection, reflection, and healing.

As we close our third year as a rescue, we do so with deep gratitude. We've rescued over 100 horses, mules, donkeys, and ponies, and 58 have found their forever homes. While we lost several horses this year, each was cared for with dignity, safety, and love until the end. More than 300 volunteers supported the ranch this year, helping us provide daily care and equine-assisted therapy for individuals, school groups, and community partners seeking healing and connection.



In 2025 alone, we welcomed 14 owner surrenders, hosted three community events, traveled over 1,200 miles for rescues, and invested heavily in feed, water, veterinary care, and new shelters to support the herd. Fundraising remains challenging, but our commitment has never wavered. This year we also strengthened how we share our story—launching regular newsletters, blogs, and preparing to unveil our new website, along with beautiful new signage generously donated by Joel Anderson and Rachel. We are proud of how far we've come—and grateful to everyone who makes this work possible. Thank you for being part of the herd that heals.

BUILDING OUR VOICE: GROWING TECATE HORSE RESCUE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Rescue work doesn't stop at the fence line—and neither can our storytelling.

This year, Tecate Horse Rescue has worked to strengthen our social media presence, sharing the daily realities of rescue, rehabilitation, and healing with a broader audience. From quiet moments with the herd to major milestones, social media helps connect supporters who may never visit the ranch but still want to be part of the journey.

We've made progress—but we need help.

Creating consistent, engaging content takes time and skill: photos, short videos, captions, scheduling, and engagement all matter. As a small nonprofit, our priority is always the horses, which means communications often happen late at night or between emergencies.

If you have experience with content creation, photography or video, writing, or managing social platforms—or simply love sharing meaningful work—we'd love to hear from you.

Growing our online presence directly supports fundraising, volunteers, adoptions, and education. One shared post can lead to one new supporter—and that supporter can change a horse's life.

A little help here can make a big impact.

December Photos



EVENTS

Wine Tasting Valentina Vineyards

One of the highlights of the season was our afternoon wine tasting fundraiser at Valentina Vineyards, where about 60 guests gathered to enjoy excellent wine, good music, and meaningful connection in support of the herd. Thanks to the generosity of Mayela and the vineyard owners, 100% of the tasting proceeds were donated to Tecate Horse Rescue, helping us raise over \$1,200. The atmosphere was relaxed and welcoming, our original Tecate Horse Rescue music played throughout the tasting room, and Stephanie's photography beautifully captured the spirit of the day. We're excited to continue this collaboration with a Sip & Paint event on Friday, February 21, from 1-4 PM at Valentina Vineyards' Dulzura tasting room.

Support us!

Caring for our horses requires consistent support—from feed and farrier care to veterinary services and daily operations. To sustain the rescue, our goal is to raise \$25,000 each month through a mix of one-time gifts and monthly supporters. Monthly donations provide stability and planning power, while one-time contributions help meet urgent needs. Every gift directly supports the herd that heals and keeps us moving forward.