

Center for a Humane Economy, Animal Wellness Action, The Cloud Foundation and TMR Rescue Partner to Save 14 Burros

The animals were all placed for adoption by the Bureau of Land Management's adoption programs, which put federally protected equines at risk of slaughter

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EINPresswire.com/ -- The Center for a Humane Economy, Animal Wellness Action, and The Cloud Foundation today announced their collaboration with TMR Rescue, Inc., a donkey rescue and sanctuary in Plantersville, Texas, to save 14 formerly wild burros, all titled by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), from going to slaughter in foreign meat plants. The animals were originally adopted by private

individuals through the BLM's adoption programs -- through a program that requires holding the animals for at least a year before title is transferred to them -- they were ultimately dumped in a kill pen. There, they were offered for sale to the highest bidder, putting them at grave risk of ending up being killed for their skins or butchered for meat.



Photo of several of the burros rescued | Photo Credit: TMR Rescue

The BLM's title documents issued for each animal serve as clear evidence that the agency's adoption programs, especially the notorious Adoption Incentive Program (AIP), are being exploited by unscrupulous profiteers who exploit these federally-protected animals. Under the AIP, the BLM pays adopters one thousand dollars per animal, and adopters are allowed to adopt up to four animals apiece. Families or groups of adopters are known to pool together to buy large groups of animals, with a family of five able to be paid \$20,000 in taxpayer dollars. After holding the animals for the required one-year waiting period, the BLM issues the title documents and payment in full to the adopters, who then promptly sell the animals to kill buyers, kill pens, and slaughter auctions -- thus receiving payment twice for the same animals.

“The Center for a Humane Economy has long maintained that the BLM’s Adoption Incentive Program puts wild horses and burros in the slaughter pipeline,” said Scott Beckstead, director of campaigns for Animal Wellness Action, and the Center for a Humane Economy. “The BLM promised reforms, but the agency hasn’t done anything substantive to address the problem. The result is mustangs and burros with the tell-tale neck freeze brands showing up in kill pens across the country.”

“Our effort today brings security for these burros, but they really are just ambassadors for what’s wrong with the BLM and its reckless mismanagement of the wild horse and burro program,” added Beckstead.

“It breaks my heart that these iconic representatives of our pioneering past have lost their freedom,” said Marjorie Farrabee, equine manager at TMR Rescue, Inc.

“To add insult to injury, they were apparently betrayed by their adopters who pocketed the \$1,000 adoption incentive and then placed them in harm’s way.”



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The Cloud Foundation also assisted in this rescue by providing funds to assist with initial care and materials needed to ensure the animals are safe and healthy long term.

“We are very grateful to support the Center for a Humane Economy and Texas Miracle Ranch in the rescuing these victims of the BLM’s Adoption Incentive Program (AIP). Every American citizen ought to be outraged by the AIP,” stated Dana Zarrello, Director of the Cloud Foundation.

“The program uses our tax dollars to pay people who adopt wild horses and burros, keep the animal(s) for a year, then dump them at auction where they are sold,

often to kill buyers, who truck them to a horrific death in a foreign slaughterhouse. It must be stopped.”

The 14 burros will join about 400 other burros, donkeys, and horses on TMR Rescue’s 207-acre sanctuary in Plantersville, Texas, about an hour outside Houston. To support the sanctuary in providing high quality care and a permanent home to the

burros, please visit

<https://www.tmrrescue.com/donate>.

TMR Rescue is home to over 400 rescued donkeys, mules, and horses, both wild and domestic. Our Texas Miracle Ranch is on a mission to change long held misconceptions about longears, and give them back their rightful place in the history books.

We provide our equines with their veterinary needs, nutrition, and

rehabilitation, as well as providing them with the love and compassion that some of them have never known. We love what we do and are happy to share our world and our mission with you. Please, enjoy our site and make an appointment to come see us!



Animal Wellness Action (Action) is a Washington, D.C.-based 501(c)(4) organization with a mission of helping animals by promoting legal standards forbidding cruelty. We champion causes that alleviate the suffering of companion animals, farm animals, and wildlife. We advocate for policies to stop dogfighting and cockfighting and other forms of malicious cruelty and to confront factory farming and other systemic forms of animal exploitation. To prevent cruelty, we promote enacting good public policies, and we work to enforce those policies. To enact good laws, we must elect good lawmakers, and that's why we remind voters which candidates care about our issues and which ones don't. We believe helping animals helps us all.

The Center for a Humane Economy ("the Center") is a non-profit organization that focuses on influencing the conduct of corporations to forge a humane economic order. The first organization of its kind in the animal protection movement, the Center encourages businesses to honor their social responsibilities in a culture where consumers, investors, and other key stakeholders abhor cruelty and the degradation of the environment and embrace innovation as a means of eliminating both.

The Cloud Foundation (TCF), a 501(c)3 non-profit, has been at the forefront of wild horse advocacy since its inception in 2005. TCF was founded by Emmy award-winning filmmaker Ginger Kathrens, creator of three acclaimed PBS Nature series documentaries that followed the wild stallion Cloud throughout the seasons of his life. Dedicated to the protection and preservation of wild horses and burros on our public lands, The Cloud Foundation advocates for protecting natural wild equid behaviors, repatriation of wild horses to zeroed-out Herd Areas, and equal allocation of forage within Congressionally-designated Herd Areas.

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