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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Oakdale Equine Rescue. Merced County Animal Services has been working with Oakdale Equine Rescue since 2011; they have rescued over 50 horses, donkeys and a calf from us. In addition they have helped us in situations where folks have gotten over whelmed and could not provide proper care for their horses, Oakdale Equine Rescue has accepted the responsibility for those horses to alleviate the suffering of the animals and help educate the owners.

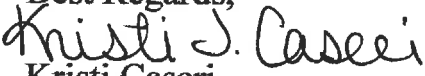
Some of the cases they take on are of horses that might normally be euthanized, but because of their expertise, knowledge, common sense and compassion they are able to rehabilitate many of them. They are top notch, they devote their focus on rescue not sanctuary, not every horse is able to be saved but they save everyone that is able to move on to a forever home. They know their limits and stay within those parameters.

The equine clinic they have all of the horses vetted through does a fantastic job, in the event of a criminal case they are willing to testify in court. The reports that the veterinarians write are detailed and professional.

Oakdale Equine rescue provides training for the horses that the rescue. They have taken horses from us that were so emotionally damaged that we could barely touch them. These horses learn to trust these folks and then they eventually are trained by their local trainer, and some are trained by Monty Roberts. I have witnessed firsthand the transformation these horses have gone through. It is nothing short of a miracle sometimes!

This group is also proactive in educating our youth in humane treatment of equines, by going to different venues and showing them photos , and talking to them about everything from basic care

I would encourage any law enforcement or animal control agency to make Oakdale Equine rescue a choice for help when it involves equines, they are completely 100% vetted. I have been to the facility that they house the animals at, it's absolutely a place that does it right! If you have any questions in regards to this Rescue or its members please feel free to contact me at Kcaseri@co.merced.ca.us or call me at 209-600-2371

Best Regards,

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