

# Sweet River Equine Clinic, Inc.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Oakdale Equine Rescue (OER) is a 501c3 Organization based in Oakdale, California that provides rescue and rehabilitation services for equines in need. The program has, to date, successfully rescued 511 horses from a wide variety of situations, including neglect, abuse, and slaughter. OER is an invaluable resource for the equine community as it gives owners, good Samaritans, animal control officers, and veterinarians the option to save horses that might otherwise be euthanized.

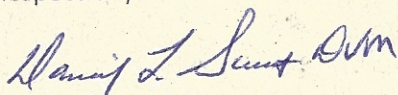
Additionally, OER strives to educate the public to prevent further neglect or abuse through their volunteer program, social media, and direct conversations with members of the public who contact them. All adopters are properly vetted through their adoption application and the adoption is not officially complete until one year later. If, for any reason, a horse does not fit in with its new home, it is brought back to OER until a suitable home can be found.

Unlike some equine rescues or sanctuaries, OER uses their resources carefully, as to not be overrun with animals that are not able to be rehabilitated and re-homed. They focus their resources primarily on those with potential to find a new home, and appropriately choose to humanely euthanize horses that are in chronic pain or pose a danger to themselves and others. They make this often difficult decision with the guidance of a Sweet River Equine Clinic, Inc. veterinarian.

Our two organizations work very closely with one another to ensure that each rescued equine receives appropriate feeding, medications, and preventative care, tailored to the individual's needs. We have often referred our clients to OER when they are looking to adopt a new horse, or when they are experiencing financial hardship and need to relinquish an animal. Furthermore, we have relied on OER when we see a case of neglect or abuse, and need a third party to assist in rescuing the animal from its current situation.

From our close partnership, it is clear that Oakdale Equine Rescue is a reputable organization that ensures the animals' health and wellbeing is the top priority. OER serves a vital role in our community by providing relief to owners in need, sanctuary to horses in peril, and education to those who seek it.

Respectfully



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