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HORSE SANCTUARY

Foreword by Dr. Temple Grandin

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"As founder of America's only organization created specifically to support and provide resources to this country's equine rescue sanctuary community, I am pleased to see the tireless and compassionate efforts of the men and women who give so much of themselves to saving and providing safe homes to these animals finally recognized. Thank you."

— Shirley Puga, National Equine Resource Network

Horses, a living symbol of American freedom, have advanced human history more than any other domestic animal. They have carried us into battle, worked our fields, herded our cattle, and served as our muses. However, many of these noble creatures are in peril. In **Horse Sanctuary**, the writer-photographer team of Allison Milionis and Karen Tweedy-Holmes—both horse lovers and animal-welfare advocates—set out across America to document the important work being done by equine rescue organizations and sanctuaries and the diversity of their efforts in this time of crisis.

They profile thirteen sanctuaries that rescue and care for abandoned or mistreated equines, and in some cases, rehabilitate them for adoption or new careers. Each chapter focuses on a separate sanctuary, with touching stories from the workers, and is illustrated with beautiful photographs of the rescued horses. Milionis and Tweedy-Holmes provide a unique insight into the lives of people who have given up careers and financial security for this emotionally and physically challenging work.

Horse Sanctuary is a book for both horse lovers and anyone who cares about the welfare of animals. It is a celebration of the beauty of horses and of the people dedicated to saving them. The message is inspirational in spite of the heartwrenching accounts behind the rescues and rehabilitations. Milionis acknowledges the sad circumstances that have made these organizations necessary, but in **Horse Sanctuary** her focus is on the positive, stating in her introduction, "The sorrow can be crippling. Instead, we adopted the attitude shared by many of the rescuers we met—concern for the animal's present and future rather than its painful past." With a foreword by Dr. Temple Grandin, who has dedicated her life to the improvement of animal welfare, **Horse Sanctuary** reveals the important work being done to save and protect America's equines.

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- ☞ Blackburn Correctional Complex – Lexington, KY
- ☞ Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary – Hot Springs, SD
- ☞ Catskill Animal Sanctuary – Saugerties, NY
- ☞ The Equine Sanctuary – Ojai, CA
- ☞ Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary – Green Valley, AZ
- ☞ Front Range Equine Rescue – Larkspur, CO
- ☞ Horse Harbor Foundation – Poulsbo, WA
- ☞ Last Chance Corral – Athens, OH
- ☞ LOPE Texas (LoneStar Outreach to Place Ex-Racehorses) – Cedar Creek, TX
- ☞ Lucky Horse Equine Rescue – Bolton, MA
- ☞ Nokota Horse Conservancy – Linton, ND
- ☞ Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue – Tehachapi, CA
- ☞ Save Your Ass Long Ear Rescue – South Acworth, NH