

Katherine Douglas

General Public Comment - Group 2



From: Danielle Loveall <dloveall444@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 1, 2023 4:05 PM
To: sbcob; Gretchen Lieff; Lee Heller; Paula Kislak
Subject: Horses needing legal protection

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am the author of the above mentioned article in the Santa Barbara Independent. These horses have been trapped and suffering from horrible animal cruelty for decades and really need to be made a priority before this next atmospheric river. Below is a copy of the original email I sent to the owners that was ignored. IN ADDITION INFORMATION I GOT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL SERVICES AFTER BEING STONE WALLED BY THE OFFICER THAT WENT TO INVESTIGATE RANCHO JONATO WHEN I FILED A COMPLAINT.

WHAT IS MORE APPALLING IS THAT WHEN IT RAINS AND OVER TWO HUNDRED HORSES TRAPPED IN A MUD CORRAL IS BAD FOR THEIR HOVES AND THE HAY PUT OUT FOR THEM IS SOAKING WET so they are also starving, THAT is ILLEGAL and NOTHING IS DONE! Why is that?

This type of Animal Cruelty is unacceptable on every level and is critical that laws and county ordinance need to be made a priority. Every blazing hot day or rainy freezing night, I think of these horses trapped in living hell. Please help us save them. They have suffered far too long already.

Respectfully,
Danielle Loveall

Sent from my iPad Dear Mr. Buell and Jan Marint,

On 2/4/22 I drove by Rancho Jonato at 1301 McMurray Rd. Buellton, CA. 5:30pm and saw the foal standing out in the pen. I pray to God that you brought him in along with the other foals. It goes down to freezing at night. It is extremely cruel that you leave all the horses out in that dirt corral with NO Shelter from the elements of freezing temperatures at night during the winter and when it rains, soaking wet. Then, with no canopy for shade in the summer blazing heat over 90 degrees.

Wild mustangs generate body heat when they run and can find trees for shelter when they need it. There is no excuse for trapping horses in a corral with NO shelter. You have a stable there. Please use it. I am sure you can afford to at least build a canopy to shelter the horses from rain and blazing sun.

FYI, I mentioned to Jan about the red ants next to the corral attacking me and sure they are biting the horses. It breaks my heart to see the horses suffering. Please do something about it.

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~Danielle Loveall

Animal Services Director

to me

Hi Danielle. I was finally able to do some digging into this myself. There is mention of the UC Davis guidelines in state law, but only related to food, water, and hoof care.

In all the laws related to animals at the state level, I could only find

- Health and Safety Code 25988 which is only related to horses for hire.

(g) When not being ridden, a saddled equine shall have available adequate shelter from the elements and have loosened saddle straps and girths

- Penal Code 597 (which Linda referenced)

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There is no definition of what shelter or protection from the weather is, and there is nothing I can find that relates to the ground or substrate that horses are corralled or housed on.

As I mentioned, we can only enforce what is in the laws. I have reached out to County Counsel for additional guidance and inquired if there is any case history that may help. I imagine that UC Davis has experience with influencing state law and may have an account or reason that their guidelines are not included in a more thorough manner.

I will stay in touch as we continue to research this.

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From: Gretchen Lieff <gretchen@lalieffwines.com>
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To: Danielle Loveall
Cc: sbcob; Lee Heller; Paula Kislak
Subject: Re: Horses needing legal protection

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Full support of this.
Thank you,
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From: Tatiana Cruz <Tatiana.Cruz.662243502@advocatefor.me>
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 2:56 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Uphold the Commitment to Remove the Montecito Ring Nets

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Dear Supervisors,

As a Santa Barbara County resident, I'm writing to urge the Board to require the Project for Resilient Communities (PRC) to uphold its commitment to remove the Montecito ring nets. The ring net project was proposed and approved as a temporary method of providing additional protection to Montecito communities. If it's no longer temporary then there needs to be a clear plan for how they will be maintained and debris promptly removed following storm events. So far the failure to maintain the nets for a variety of reasons demonstrates that the nets do not function as intended. New permanent barriers are not the solution. Please require the PRC to uphold it's commitment to remove the ring nets.

Regards,
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From: Susie Tomlinson <Susie.Tomlinson.128122167@advocatefor.me>
Sent: Sunday, October 1, 2023 3:28 PM
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The blockage of San Ysidro Creek last January demonstrates that the nets do not function as intended and rather trap small sediment material that would naturally replenish local beaches.

The failure to maintain the nets, for a variety of reasons, only further demonstrates that the nets do not function as intended.

So many of our creeks and rivers already suffer from a legacy of historic alteration for flood control. New permanent barriers are not the solution.

It's time to make good on its promise. Please require the PRC to uphold it's commitment to remove the ring nets.

Regards,
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From: Tina Brenza <Tina.Brenza.210961975@sendgrassroots.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 12:35 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Uphold the Commitment to Remove the Montecito Ring Nets

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