

EQUINE SPIRIT SANCTUARY



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ALL THE PRETTY HORSES

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Just as the name implies, the Equine Spirit Sanctuary (ESS) serves as a safe haven for horses. But ESS is much, much more than that.

EQUINE ▲ ESS is a home for equines of all kinds — horses, two miniature donkeys and a pony.

SPIRIT ▲ Inspired by the spirit of the horse, that wonderful, mystical, magical and breathtakingly beautiful creature.

SANCTUARY ▲ ESS provides sanctuary for horses that have been abused, abandoned, neglected or unwanted.

That's the short version.

ESS is the culmination of a lifelong dream — my dream — to create a place that brings horses and people together. ESS is not just for horses. It's also a place for people. The vision was to offer people of all ages and all abilities a way to interact with horses, to be with horses, to help horses, to learn from horses.

From early childhood, I dreamed of having a horse of my own, a horse to love and take care of and to be my best friend. I grew up in a small town. Both my parents were blind. It was a long time before I realized my dream of owning a horse, but after I finally I did, I never lost that desire to know and