#### Help a Horse Day Contest 2018



#### **Finding Good Homes for Good** Horses



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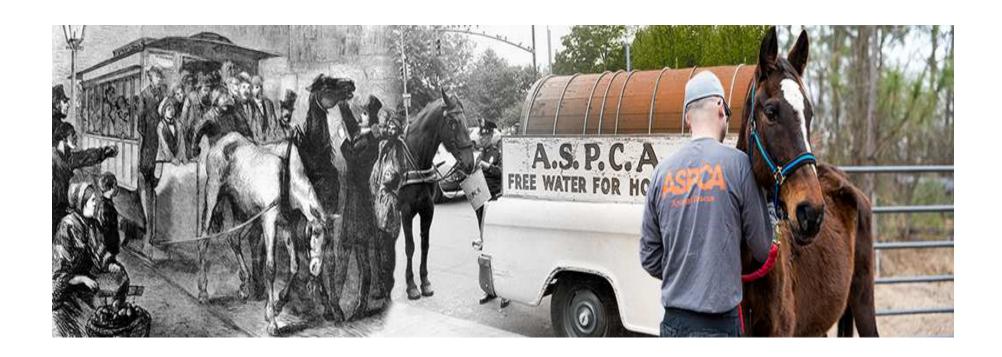


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#### History of Help a Horse Day





# Help a Horse Day Contest: It's Different this Year!

- Focuses on adoptions
- Launches on Help a Horse Day
- 2-month contest
- \$110,000 in prizes





## Why Focus on Adoption?









Article

#### Estimating the Availability of Potential Homes for Unwanted Horses in the United States

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- Random digit dial
  - 3,036 Adults Nationwide
- Including 500 respondents who own a horse, previously owned a horse, and/or are interested in getting a horse in the future
- Survey fielded by Caravan International between Sept. 24 and Oct. 11, 2015



# Identifying "qualified" individuals

- Those who report they have the resources and capacity to take a re-homed horse
- Those who reported Strong Interest in adopting horses from all three categories we presented to them:
- A horse facing abandonment
- A horse without an owner
- A horse with medical or behavioral 'problems'



#### **Derived an Estimate**





# 2.3 million people (1.2 million households) have space, resources and a strong interest in adopting





#### Learning from those who have stretched

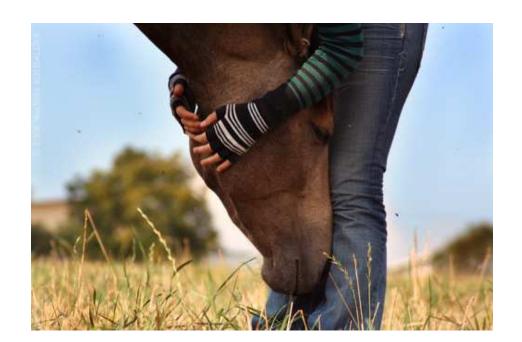


Adoptions by TRH partners are up 33% in the first year!



#### Learning together...

- What messages resonate with those looking to obtain a horse?
- How do we best reach new potential adopters?
- How do we find good homes for the horses that need medical support or are unable to be ridden?



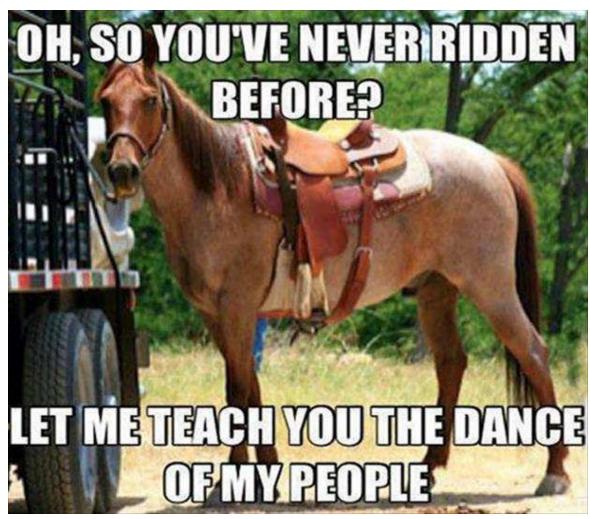


#### **Transitioning and Rescuing**





#### What this contest is not...





#### So... Let's find those homes!





# How Will We Judge Winners?

- Number of adoptions and commitments to adopt (40%)
- Dollar value of donations (25%)
- Adoption campaign (20%)
- Adoption video (15%)

A minimum of one equine adoption during the contest period is required to be eligible for prizes





#### Size Matters... Divisions

- To help assure opportunities to win for all shapes and sizes, we will have 3 divisions
- Divisions will be determined when registration closes and will be based on budget and capacity





## \$110,000 in Prizes!

	Large Division	Medium Division	Small Division
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000
Runners-Up	3 prizes of \$5,000 each	3 prizes of \$3,500 each	3 prizes of \$2,500 each

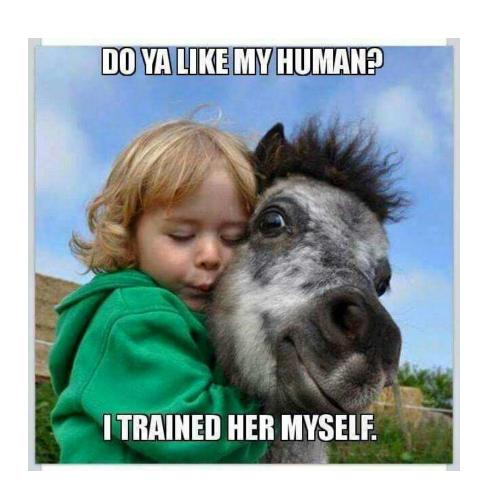
• 5 Winners in each of the 3 divisions!



- Additional prizes:
  - \$5,000 for best adoption video
  - \$5,000 for best adoption campaign



#### **Commitment to Adopt**





# Help a Horse Day Contest Timeline

Date	Milestone	
January 23	Contest announced	
January 23 – April 5	Registration	
January 23 – April 26	Plan, create, learn	
April 26 (Help A Horse Day)	Contest launch	
April 26 – June 30 Contest Period	Adopt, promote, get commitments, get donations, get creative	
May 31	Adoption videos due	
June 1	Grant portal opens for HaHD apps	
June 30	Contest ends	
July 9	Grant apps with contest reporting due	
Late August	Winners announced	

#### Register for Help a Horse a Day



Link provided at end of webinar and in follow up email!



#### Have Your Data Handy...

- 2017 operating budget
- Holding capacity for equines
- Total adoptions in 2017
- Number of adoptions May-June 2017



#### More Information

#### Help a Horse Day webpage

https://www.aspcapro.org/aboutcampaigns/aspca-help-horse-day



#### Facebook Group

https://www.facebook.com/groups/651475751658754



#### **More Information**

Stay tuned for future Help a Horse Day webinars





#### **Questions?**

## **Email** HelpaHorseDay@aspca.org







#### Register Now!

#### https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSPLQS9

#### Who Can Compete

 Any organization that houses equines in need of homes and is a registered 501(c)(3) or governmental agency is welcome to participate in the redesigned contest.



