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**Horses of Tir Na Nog Press Release**  
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## **No Room in the Inn?**

Horse rescues are bursting at the seams with unwanted, neglected, and abandoned horses. But on Christmas Eve, a gelding abandoned at a ranch in Spring Valley, is hoping for a Christmas miracle all his own. He is hoping that Horses of Tir Na Nog will find room for him.

This fifteen year old gelding has been named Nick, in honor of the Christmas holiday. When rescued by County of San Diego Department of Animal Services last week, he was underweight and his feet were terribly neglected. He was found wearing shoes on all four feet, shoes that he has worn for 10 - 12 months! An old knee injury has resulted in chronic lameness that prevents him from being adopted as a riding horse.

"We have taken in more horses this year than we expected to," explains Amy Pat Rigney, President of Horses of Tir Na Nog. "But all year we have been the fortunate recipient of the generosity of San Diegans, who care deeply about animals. How can we turn Nick away on Christmas Eve? Hopefully, Santa will remember his namesake and bring Nick a sponsor."

Horses of Tir Na Nog is dedicated to creating a safe haven for horses that have few options remaining, thereby ensuring them a better quality of life. Part of the organization's mission is to build connections between people and horses in the San Diego community, increasing awareness about responsible horse ownership and care through education.

**Editor's note: The horse will be available for video or still pictures tomorrow, December 24, at 9:30 a.m. at the County Animal Shelter at 5821 Sweetwater Road in Bonita. Amy Pat Rigney can be reached at (619) 473-0233 or (619) 465-6384.**