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A Bit of Sugar for Horses of Tir Na Nog

In August 2008, as part of a criminal investigation, the Escondido Humane Society animal services officers seized two horses from a dairy field in San Marcos. Both young horses, were extremely emaciated and showed signs of severe neglect. The Escondido Humane Society committed significant resources to the recovery of the two mares, Haley and Sugar. Haley and Sugar flourished under the care they received. Once fully recovered, Haley was adopted into a loving home. While Sugar had also recovered physically from her ordeal, an appropriate adoptive home wasn't found for her.

On January 24, 2010 Sugar was transferred to the care of Horses of Tir Na Nog. Unfortunately, all of our corrals are currently full. In order to continue her behavioral modification and enhance her socialization skills, she will be staying at Oakzanita Ranch temporarily.

"I cannot imagine a better foster home for her. We have had other horses at Oakzanita Ranch in the past, and we know that she will get the very best of care until she can come 'home' to our facility," explains Amy Pat Rigney, President of Horses of Tir Na Nog.

Although Sugar had been through what no horse should ever have to suffer, she has had an amazing team of people help her through her recovery. The Escondido Humane Society and SPCA rescued her; Dorothea Boughdadly served as her foster mom for 18 months; and the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA Animal Reserve Team transported her from Valley Center to Oakzanita Ranch.

"Sugar is a great example of how, as a region, San Diegans care about animal welfare. We hope that people throughout the County will continue to provide the support that this very special girl deserves," says Rigney.

Horses of Tir Na Nog, a non-profit equine sanctuary in San Diego's East County, caring for 28 other rescued equines. 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: Sugar is available for photos and video.