

## NWESC's May 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 Gelding Clinic – A SUCCESS!



On Sunday, May 7th - after 10-o'clock hours, and THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY volunteer hours - 12 stallions and colts were gelded ... time to celebrate!

We did it again! Thanks to the ongoing and extraordinary 'village' effort – and with the help of some great weather – on May 7th at NWESC, veterinarians, vet students, rescues, volunteers, and the general public came together to collaboratively face, head on, arguably the worst problem horses, donkeys, ponies, and mules face today: overpopulation.

The problems surrounding this issue (abandonment, starvation, neglect, horrific transport conditions, only to name a few) are devastating. It is estimated that 130,000 homeless, beautiful equines are sent to slaughter annually. ANNUALLY. Now, due to a group of amazing people (listed below), there will be 12 less equines contributing to the crises surrounding overpopulation, and WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!

A huge thank you to those who made this incredible day possible:

- Dr Hannah Mueller (Cedarbrook Veterinary Care)
- Dr Liz Devine (Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital)
- Dr Greg Haines (Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital)
- Dr Eric Renner (Rainland Farm Equine Clinic)
- Dr Susannah Lewis (Rainland Farm Equine Clinic)
- Dr Chantal Rothschild (Red Rock Equine Veterinary)
- 17 Washington State University Veterinary Students (you know who you incredible human beings are!)
- Cindy Coker (our photographer and controlled drug manager extraordinaire)
- Donna Gonder (our 'set up team' lead)
- The NWESC Board of Directors
- Cedarbrook Farms Staff (Kari – our outstanding clinic manager, Karin, and Lisa)

... and especially the DJ&T Foundation for providing us with the funding for this gelding clinic - allowing us to increase the number of castrations we can perform over the next 12 months, and allowing us to help those in our community most in need.

And finally, a tremendous expression of gratitude to the families and rescues who love their equines enough to know how important it was to take advantage of this gelding clinic opportunity.

You are all heroes in our book today. It is an honor to know and work with you.

Sincerely, NWESC