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Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue Removes Over 160 former Wild Burros from Neglect

OLANCHA, CA / March 12, 2019 / -- Inyo County Animal Control was contacted on multiple occasions by several citizens who had serious concerns regarding the treatment of burros at the "Wild Burro Rescue and Preservation Project" in Olancha, CA. After an investigation, it was concluded that indeed the burros at this facility were suffering severe neglect such as overgrown hooves and lack of veterinary care.

It was then that Mark Meyers, Executive Director of the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue (PVDR) was contacted for assistance. Officer Richardson found PVDR after doing a quick search of organizations that might be able to assist given that there are over 160 animals at the facility. "It appears to be a hoarding situation" said Mark Meyers, Executive Director of PVDR.

For nearly two decades, PVDR, headquartered in San Angelo, Texas, has become the largest rescue of its kind. With its mission of providing safe and loving environments to all donkeys that have been abused, neglected, abandoned, as well as wild burros under the threat of destruction, PVDR has rescued nearly 10,000 donkeys and counting. It has been working extensively in Death Valley National Park, Mojave National Preserve, Fort Irwin and NASA Goldstone and the surrounding areas as part of our organization's Wild Burro Project, and are fully equipped to take in such a large number of burros.

PVDR assembled its transport teams from Arizona, Texas and Virginia to make the long trek out to Olancha, CA to retrieve these wild burros. Five trucks, each capable of carrying 15-25 animals each were deployed. The animals have been transported to a secure holding facility where they will receive vaccinations, dewormer, microchips, Receive Veterinary and Dental examinations and be tested for common equine diseases.

Please visit PVDR's website at www.donkeyrescue.org for more information.
