

The sanctuary makes no profit from their horses and they aim to keep them healthy, happy and fed without relying on

can collect donations including large pieces of furniture and house clearances that they sell to fund the finca.



them to make money. They ride only as much as they want or need for their wellbeing. Emma told us "The work is all day everyday and slow but very rewarding". They put in a 12 hour day, seven days a week. They offer riding lessons, lessons in positive horsemanship, a pony club, hacks and horse-shares. Building continues on the site every day. In the afternoons they offer rides and train horses and work with children and collect feed donations at the weekends. They have a big van and storage space so they

Shocking histories

Dogs are regularly dumped at the finca, crawling with fleas and ticks. When they were called in to rescue what was supposed to be ten guinea pigs, they found 30 in just one cage. All the females were pregnant, all were underfed, inbred, had ringworm and were very sick. The horse horror stories are worse.

Canaria is a 17 year old mare. She was just skin and bones when she arrived, with arthritis



in her knees and full of melanoma lumps and bumps. Five months on she is now looking amazing, the friendliest horse on the yard that loves a fuss and a groom from the children. Bought for €200.

Nella, a 16 year old mare, was fed only on straw and raw potatoes and could barely stand when she arrived. Her muscles were so deteriorated she did the splits when she urinated and her hips so bony her skin split when touched. However, she was so strong it was impossible for one person to handle her. It took five months of

being fed properly and in-hand 10 minute daily walks to build up muscle. Now, one year on she loves life, is the kids' first choice to ride and the safest and calmest horse on the finca. Bought for €600.

Eric is now 4½ years old, they got him when he was three from an unlighted stable, up to his knees in his own muck and with neither food nor water. It took two weeks before they could touch him enough to get rid of the caked-on manure on his sides. He was so scared, even of the other horses, he jumped through the paddock

bars. He was terrified of loud noises and quick movements and it took him five months to relax around humans. A year later he is scared of nothing and is the leader of the pack. He is just starting his riding life after a year of groundwork. Bought for €900.

horse feed, agua oxigenada, apple cider vinegar, building materials, tools, plastic boxes, storage bins and items that could be used for raffles or auctions at charity events and fundraisers. If you can help in any way, please contact 672 350 505/617 097



How you can help

They need financial help, donations and/or sponsors for the animals, volunteers for building, cleaning and in-hand walking the horses, riders, people to help raise awareness of the sanctuary and what they do, and also fundraisers. Donations don't have to be in cash, they need cat and dog food, vegetables,

873 or horseholidaystenerife@gmail.com. Up to the minute information can be found at www.horseholidaystenerife.com and facebook/instagram @horseholidays tenerife.

Emma invites all visitors, "Please come to meet us whether it is to see the animals, donate something or ride the horses. We welcome you all to enjoy our relaxed environment." ■

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