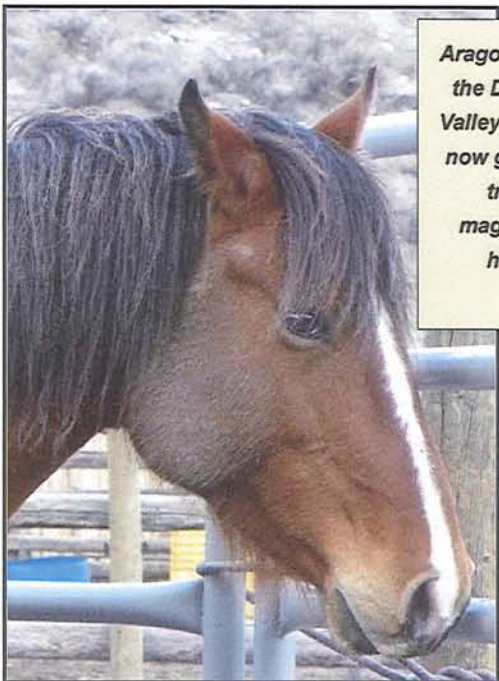


decline in population. The vaccine controls the population without causing permanent sterilization to the mares, and will allow the land to regain life. This is not a new idea, Dr. Jay Kirkpatrick of Zoo Montana and his team, have been involved in successfully controlling wild horse populations in the U.S. for twenty years using this vaccine. It addresses so many more possibilities that provide a future without horse slaughter as an option for these feral horses.

This is an ambitious project for the small group of volunteers at Critteraid and our goal is to network with other horse rescue groups and animal welfare societies. Once halter-trained and vet-checked, these horses will all be available for adoption.

In addition to donations, Critteraid is in need of foster homes and volunteers and permanent homes, of course. If you would like to help in any way, please visit our website at www.critteraid.org where you will also be able to follow these horses as they move through training and eventual adoption. Email enquiries can be made to projectequus@critteraid.org




Aragorn, one of the Deadman Valley stallions, now gelded, is truly a magnificent horse.

CRITTERAID'S PROJECT EQUUS

Critteraid's Project Equus has immediate needs which include:

- ◆ Donations
- ◆ Foster Homes, especially for pregnant mares
- ◆ Permanent, Forever Homes
- ◆ Haulers to transport horses and hay
- ◆ Used tack, feeding and grooming supplies

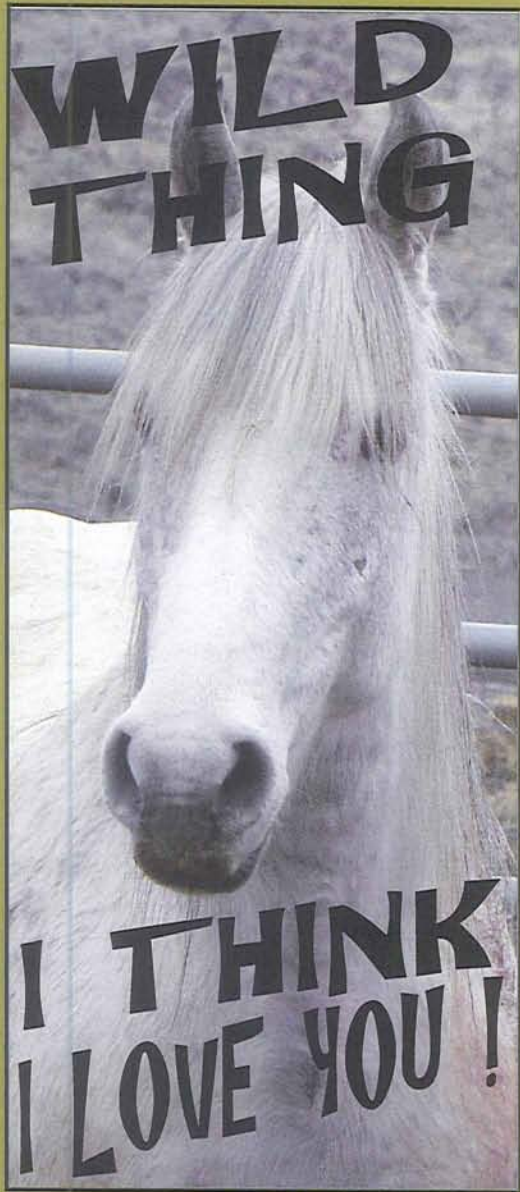


Avalon and Abercrombie, mare and her colt, from the original six feral horses we received from the Ministry.
March 2011

Donations to Project Equus can be sent to:
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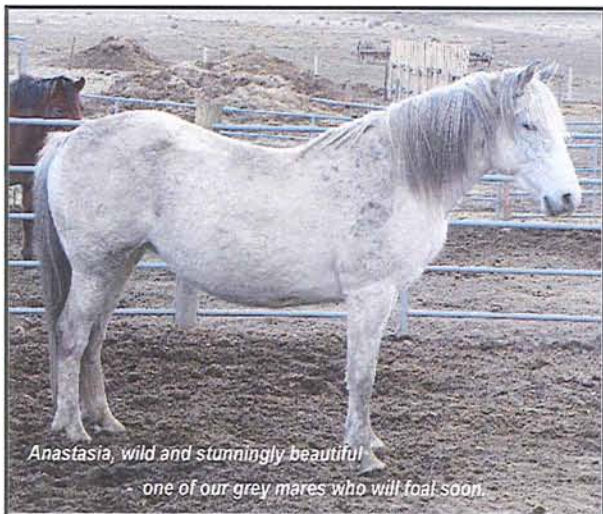
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Concerned citizens raised an outcry after the Kamloops Daily News article on the activities of the Kamloops Ministry of Natural Resources' round-up of feral horses in the Deadman's Valley of B.C. The horses were subsequently sent to the Kamloops stockyard and eventually sold at auction, almost always, for meat.

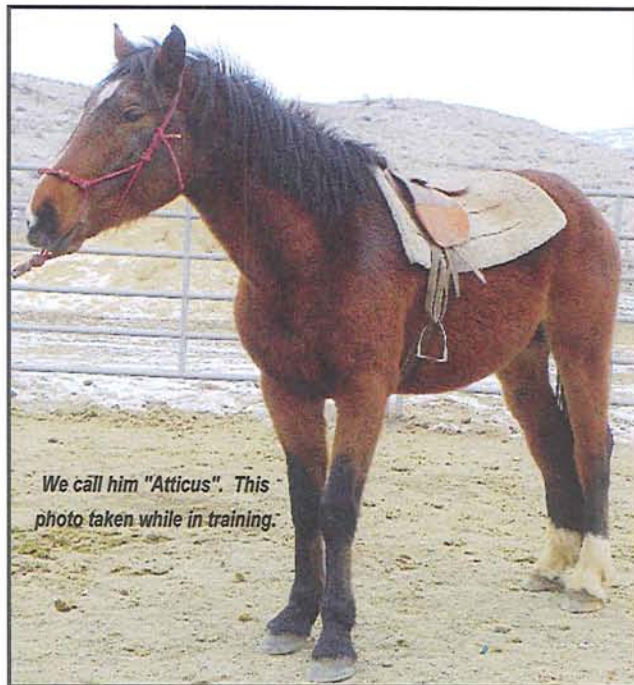


Critteraid was contacted due to our involvement with the feral horses in the Penticton area and our development of Project Equus in 2009. Project Equus is an initiative that was put together for presentation to the Penticton Indian Band to try and address some of the concerns over the feral horse situation in the Penticton area. Most of the wild/feral horse problems of B.C. are from horses that originated on Indian Reserves where horses were and some still are, raised for sale to the Rodeo, mostly for bucking horses.

On February 18, 2011 the Hon. Steve Thomson, Minister of Natural Resource Operations, used his discretionary power and had the Deadman Valley horses surrendered to Critteraid. He also stated that he had directed staff to review current legislation and policies to find a long-term solution that will save other seized, unbranded and ownerless horses from

going to slaughter. By taking this action, he changed the fate of these horses, giving them a second chance at finding a lifetime home. At auction, horses are basically sold by the pound to what are known as "kill buyers". The horses are then sent to one of the Canadian slaughterhouses where they ultimately are butchered, mostly for human consumption overseas. However, unknown to most people, horse meat is also available in Canada, even being served in some restaurants, mainly in larger cities such as Vancouver.

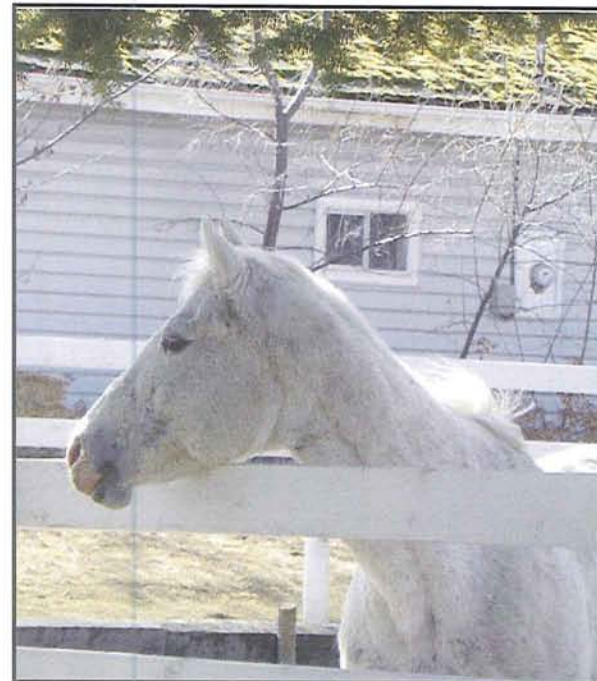
Atticus is our first Ministry horse. You will understand our choice of the name "Atticus" if you know the story, "To Kill a Mockingbird". The character of Atticus has a strong sense of morality and justice, and that is what we want for the feral horses of B.C. We call him Atticus as a fitting start to the rescue of these horses from slaughter.



While Critteraid is opposed to sending these horses to slaughter, we also understand the hardship that the overpopulation of these horses creates upon the land itself. The increase in the number of

horses on the land creates competition with the natural inhabitants of the land to flourish, let alone give sustenance to the animals that roam on it.

However, we do not want this partnership with the Ministry to end with the rescue of these first six horses. It is Critteraid's goal to continue to work with the Ministry to prevent feral horses from going to slaughter in the future not just by adoption but by working with them on alternative solutions.



Our original focus was, and still is, promotion of population control through the application of the equine birth control known as PZP, to the mares living freely on the land. Over the last few years, Critteraid has provided training for this application to one of the members of the Penticton Indian Band, Dolly Kruger. When used, the mares are darted with the vaccine and record keeping and cataloguing of the horses is carefully kept to evaluate the stabilization and