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Horses of Tir Na Nog Press Release**

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The Stories He Could Tell

On Sunday, August 6, a stray gelding was found in the Tijuana River Valley. Like so many other stray horses rescued by County of San Diego Department of Animal Services, he suffered significant neglect before becoming a stray.

The thoroughbred cross gelding is believed to be about eighteen years old. He is in need of dental and hoof care. A significantly clubbed left rear foot and a diagnosis of probable Dorsal Spinous Process (DSP), also known as kissing spine, means his riding days are over, making an adoptive home unlikely for him. The gelding has also had his right eye surgically removed at some time in his life.

“Each stray horse rescued by Animal Services has a story. In the case of this fellow, he has eighteen years of story that we are likely to never know. What happened to his eye? What happened to the person who cared about him enough to have the eye surgically removed? And perhaps most importantly of all,” speculates Amy Pat Rigney, Horses of Tir Na Nog administrator, “How did this fellow find himself as a stray in the Tijuana River Valley, a couple of hundred pounds underweight and in need of care? We wish these guys could tell us their stories. Thanks to the San Diego community, we have a chance to write the end of his story: a happy ending filled with loving volunteers and the care he needs.”

Horses of Tir Na Nog is the longest-operating equine sanctuary in San Diego County and is currently caring for over fifty equines. Horses of Tir Na Nog is an adoption partner with County of San Diego Department of Animal Services and works in compliance with American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Rescue and Retirement Guidelines.

EDITOR: The horse will be available for photos and video at the ranch.