

Horses for adoption, the reaction against animal abandonment caused by crisis

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SUMMARY: The shelter for horses of the CCYD Santa María Association has detected an alarming increase of the number of animals that arrive to their facilities victims of abandon caused by the economic crisis.

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This foal, Alajita, has been rescued from the abandon she suffered barely a week ago. Her wounds are still a sign of the circumstances she had to go through.

LUCIANO DA SILVA
Manager CDY Santa María Shelter

"Every time she tries to get up and she can't because she is not strong enough, she is too thin. She falls to the ground and that causes all the injuries you can see."

Alajita's case isn't unique. Horse abandonment has risen alarmingly due to crisis.

VIRGINIA SOLERA
Responsible for the shelter

"We have noticed an increase of a 300%, that's a lot, that's insane, but it is like that."

It is the denunciation of this shelter in Málaga, CYD Santa María, which since more than a decade ago dedicates to rescue abandoned horses or victims of abuse.

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"It is a pretty desperate situation, a few years ago maybe we received 10 denunciations per month what is already a lot; but now we receive them almost daily, that's brutal, that's too much for us."

A problem that has also spreads to safety in the road because...

VIRGINIA SOLERA
Responsible for the shelter

"The animal mainly looks for water and they end up in the road. We have picked up a lot of young animals in the road that have caused car accidents."

Here horses find a better future; as Lupita, that three years after is totally recovered from the serious injuries she suffered and looks for a foster family.

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Responsible for the shelter

"She has a second chance, a new name a new life ahead and I am sure that in the future a family is going to find her beautiful and marvellous and is going to adopt her, and she will have a happy ending."

A problem that has made this association creating a public service similar to the one existing for abandoned cats and dogs.

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