



PASSING WIDE AND SLOW: ENSURING SAFETY FOR RIDERS AND HORSES

Don't try this at home: A rider on horseback sees a car coming at a high speed towards him. He walks his horse onto the middle of the road, in the path of the car, hoping the car will stop until he and his horse move out of the way. This sounds reckless, but the rider figures he is less likely to get run over than if he allowed the car to speed past. The driver of the car may not know that something on the side of the road could spook the horse, prompting it to jump in the path of the vehicle, which is going too fast to stop.



A posse of Old Agoura residents celebrate National Pass Wide and Slow Day by parading down Driver Ave to Latigo Kid restaurant on Kanan Rd. and Thousand Oaks Blvd. They hope to bring media attention to unaware drivers. The community has an ESP group (Everyone Safe Passage) trying to raise funds for bridle paths and other safety measures. Being mindful of horseback riders is crucial when driving on rural roads or near equestrian areas. Horses are large, powerful animals but can be easily spooked by sudden movements or loud noises. Passing wide and slow is essential to ensure the safety of both riders and horses. Here's why and how you should do it:

Why Passing Wide and Slow Matters

1. **Horses Can Be Unpredictable:** Even the most well-trained horse can react unpredictably to unfamiliar sights and sounds. A sudden honk or a car passing too closely can cause a horse to bolt or rear, putting both the rider and the driver at risk. It may not be the car causing the horse to spook - a plastic bag, a covey of quail erupting from a hedge, (continued on page 2)

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EQUESTRIAN CENTER IS AN ASSET TO OLD AGOURA

Neigh...borhood News supports granting the CUP for the proposed use of 6500 Chesebro Road without reservation.



Old Agoura is zoned for equestrian use, yet many properties here do not support horse keeping, let alone an arena. A well-appointed equestrian facility will be an asset to the area and help sustain it as one of the few remaining horse-friendly neighborhoods in LA and VENTURA counties. Per current zoning, (continued on page 3)

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Tract	Br/Ba	Pool	SqFt.	Price	Comments
Malibou Lakeside	3/2	N	1900	\$1,899,000	Private setting surrounded by nature. Recently remodeled on 3.28A, views.
Old Agoura	5/4	N	2582	\$2,300,000	1.5A, wrap-around porch, custom woodwork. Massive detached shop.
Old Agoura	4/5	Y	3213	\$2,899,000	2 Story, 1+A with guest home. EZ access to hiking trails, garden paradise.
Malibou Lake	4/3	N	2641	\$2,900,000	Lakefront rebuilt in 2014. Chef's kitchen, expansive deck, with detached studio.
Old Agoura	5/4	Y	3754	\$3,399,000	Ranch home on 1+A, set below street level. Guest suite w/ kitchenette.
Cornell	6/4	Y	4292	\$3,485,000	Mountain views from .57A site, traditional style in the Santa Monica Mountains.
Calabasas	4/5	N	4519	\$5,295,000	Mediterranean on 2A with casita. EZ walk to conservancy trails.
Old Agoura	6/7	Y	6000	\$5,995,000	2018 Spanish/Cuban style luxury. Seasonal creek bisects 2.25A lot, oak grove.
Mulholland	6/8	Y	8305	\$8,600,000	New gated enclave contemporary on view promontory. Outdoor kitchen, Motor ct.

SOLD

Tract	Br/Ba	Pool	SqFt.	Price	Comments
Malibou Lakeside	3/3	N	1996	\$1,075,000	Tucked away with mountain backdrop. Hardwood floors, oversized garage.
Old Agoura	5/4	N	3540	\$1,375,000	Low \$/sqft. Off private road convenient to 101 FWY. Recording studio on .5A.
Old Agoura	3/3	N	2560	\$1,710,000	2-story with living area on top floor. Patio with sunset & Ladyface mtn views.
Old Agoura	6/4	N	3200	\$2,600,000	Stunning ranch for entertaining. Horse facilities w/ EZ walk to Cheeseboro.
Old Agoura	3/2	Y	1803	\$2,626,000	SFV home relocated to OA in 1964. 1/56A lot has horse facilities incl. 2 arenas.
Old Agoura	4/4	Y	3064	\$2,700,000	Charming 1 story country home on 1/2A. Horse facilities close to public arena.
Old Agoura	4/4	Y	2825	\$2,799,000	Updated 1 story on corner lot with horse facilities. Guest suite, near trails.
Old Agoura	5/5	Y	5746	\$3,450,000	Sited on upslope for privacy. Tuscan style, gourmet kitchen, lg primary suite.
Old Agoura	4/3	Y	5732	\$3,900,000	One of a kind architectural. Privately gated w/ infinity pool, abuts conservancy.
Cornell	8/6	N	17K	\$6,205,000	Gated creekside commercial horse ranch and wedding venue on 20 Acres.

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an invisible monster... a car going too fast can't stop when a horse jumps into the driver's path.

2. Rider Safety: Riders rely on drivers to give them enough space to maneuver safely. Passing too closely can startle the horse, leading to potential accidents that could injure the rider. Or, as mentioned above, a horse that spooks could veer sideways into the driver's path.

3. Legal Requirements: In many areas, some laws require drivers to slow down and give a wide berth when passing horses. Failing to do so can result in fines or other penalties. "I was going the speed limit" is NO EXCUSE.

How to Pass Wide and Slow

1. Slow Down: When you see a horse and rider, reduce your speed. This gives you more time to react if the horse behaves unpredictably.

2. Give Plenty of Space: Aim to pass at least a car's width away from the horse. If the road is narrow, wait until it's safe to pass without crowding the horse.

3. Avoid Sudden Movements: Keep your movements smooth and steady. Avoid honking your horn, revving your engine, or making sudden noises that could startle the horse.

4. Be Patient: If the rider signals you to wait, follow their instructions. They know their horse best and will signal when it's safe for you to pass.

5. Stay Alert: Keep an eye on the horse and rider until you have safely passed them. Horses can sometimes react to vehicles even after they've passed.

Passing wide and slow when driving near riders on horseback is not just a courtesy—it's necessary to ensure everyone's safety. Being mindful and patient can help prevent accidents and create a safer environment for drivers and equestrians.

EASTWOOD RANCH FOUNDATION: A BEACON OF HOPE FOR ANIMALS IN AGOURA HILLS

Nestled in the heart of Agoura Hills, the Eastwood Ranch Foundation Rescue and Adoption Center stands as a testament to compassion and dedication towards animal welfare. Founded by actor and animal advocate Alison Eastwood, this non-profit organization has been a sanctuary for countless needy animals. When a pet owner dies without appointing a willing caregiver, the pet's fate is especially perilous. In one instance, when a deceased person left behind two small dogs, a family member surrendered the animals to a high-kill shelter that would euthanize them—no waiting period. This reality persuaded Eastwood to do something epic. "How could someone simply discard a beloved pet that way?" she exclaims. After a years-long quest, what happened next was to build and finally open in 2024 the state-of-the-art Rescue and Adoption Center located at **28260 Dorothy Drive, Agoura Hills**.

There are many ways to support the Eastwood Ranch Foundation. Whether through donations, volunteering, or pet adoption, every bit of help makes a significant difference. The foundation's website provides detailed information on how to get involved and support its mission.



Would you like to know more about their current adoptable pets or how to get involved? Visit www.EastwoodRanch.org.

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the parcel is allowed to have over 400 horses. Limiting the number of horses to what the CUP application proposes is a significant compromise.

Horse people understand how to drive safely and slowly more than anyone. It is not horse people who speed up and down Chesebro.

If the property owners could not make improvements and board a reasonable number of horses, it would not make financial sense to them. Consider that the next owner would create a subdivision of five or more large homes that would likely generate much more traffic—teenagers and their friends, babysitters, tutors, gardeners, pool service people, housekeepers, mail service, deliveries, parties, ad infinitum.



To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for granting Chesebro Canyon Ranch a permit to expand its boarding capacity for horses. As a valued part of the Old Agoura equestrian community, Chesebro Canyon Ranch provides essential amenities that contribute to the well-being of both horses and their owners. The ranch not only offers high-quality boarding but also serves as a hub for equestrian activities, fostering a way of life that is deeply rooted in the character of this area. By allowing this expansion, the county would be reinforcing its commitment to preserving and enhancing the equestrian heritage that makes Old Agoura Hills such a unique and desirable place to live.

My wife, Miranda, and I are a young family currently looking to move to Old Agoura Hills, and one of the biggest draws for us is Chesebro Canyon Ranch. The ability to board and care for our horses in a well-maintained facility within a welcoming equestrian community is something we deeply value. The presence of this ranch makes Old Agoura Hills not just a place to live, but a place where families like ours can truly thrive, spending meaningful time outdoors and fostering a love for animals and nature. Approving this expansion would allow more families like ours to establish roots in the community while supporting the local equestrian lifestyle that makes this area so special.

I strongly urge for the approval of this permit, as it would enhance the quality of life for equestrians and ensure that Old Agoura Hills remains a premier destination for horse owners and families alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Manases Orozco



FEATURED LISTINGS

11298 BARRANCA ROAD



This gorgeous, completely rebuilt Santa Rosa Valley home sits behind the private gates on a 1A oasis. Four spacious bedrooms, an optional fifth bedroom or office, dream kitchen, stunning great room with vaulted wood beam ceilings, cozy fireplace, charming reading room, and a deck open to the expansive yard are featured. The grounds include a five-stall barn, enormous metal shop, grassy area with a playhouse, firepit, beautiful pool and spa, fruit trees, raised planter beds, and a well-maintained chicken coop. A circular driveway wraps around the property, allowing easy access to the barn and outbuildings, while additional space provides room to store an RV, boat, or horse trailer. There is even ample space for a pickleball court. With close proximity to riding trails, hiking, and breathtaking scenery, this exceptional property offers privacy and convenience in a truly spectacular setting. \$2,395,000

5560 FAIRVIEW PLACE



Bring the horses, chickens, and in-laws. This single-story home, except for the upstairs primary suite, exemplifies the best of Old Agoura: expansive flat land, utmost privacy, and the natural beauty of heritage oaks. Enjoy unobstructed views from every window and wrap-around deck. Gleaming hardwood floors and custom solid core doors throughout, stunning maple built-ins in the living areas and office, and top-of-the-line cabinetry and appliances in the kitchen are just a few of the home's many desirable features. A massive workshop on the property has an office and bath offering unlimited potential. A guest house/garage/workshop combination, a barn, or offices for a home-based business may be possible. With four bedrooms, two full and two half bathrooms, and just under 2800 square feet, this 1.5A ranchette is a fantastic value at \$2,300,000.