



## The True Spirit of the Brumby Loyal, kind and dependable

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Even though the Heritage Brumbies of the Eastern Alps in the High Country of Victoria have received a last minute stay of execution, there is a lot of work to do before they are safe.

Justine Curatolo from the Heritage Brumby Advocates Australia Inc (HBAA) has been flooded with stories from people who work with Brumbies, and their first-hand experience of these lovely horses, whose family ties are so strong that once they bond with their 'human' herd, they are dedicated to them for life.

Megan Jackson knows a bit about Brumbies, and the kind, loyal, quiet horses they can be. Circles (in the photo below) was found as a foal in the Victorian High Country. Rescued and rehabilitated he was given to volunteers to use for the Riding for the Disabled at their Bairnsdale Branch in Victoria.

"Circles is 16 now and has given 10 years of wonderful service to the community teaching disabled children and adults to ride and to learn to enjoy being around horses and he will most likely give many more," says Megan.



“His mob comes from the High Country, and they will meet a very sad and horrible end if the shooting goes ahead. We are so thankful we have our dear loyal Circles. We have our own little ‘mob’ – Circles and Kozi are both RDA horses, and Smokey is a hopeful for the future. Gayle, the other carer and I have loads of fun riding out as well. There is so much misinformation about Brumbies, and we would just like people to know what wonderful horses they can be.”

In the meantime says Tom Courtney, a long-time volunteer with the RDA: “We all keep thinking about the terrible fate waiting for those Brumbies up in the hills. Shooting is not an acceptable solution.”

Says Justine Curatolo from HBAAinc. “We will do all we can to hold the appropriate government agencies to account to ensure the protection of the Heritage Brumby in all States of Australia, and that humane management of the Heritage Brumby is part of all conservation conversations.”

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*(First picture) Circles – a Victorian High Country Brumby and now a long-term Riding for the Disabled horse – with an RDA client.*

*(Second picture) Kozi, Circles & Smokey.*