

RMTHR Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue A Colorado Non-Profit Organization

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We're up and running with our new organization—Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue. Everyone has been very supportive upon learning of the void that has occurred in the rescuing of horses (ponies, donkeys and mules too) in need of quality care.

We have already been hard at work giving care to impounded horses from Adams and Douglas Counties and helping out with three starving horses with three different owners in Elbert County.



Our first impound was a 29 year old extremely thin quarter horse gelding named Buck. Rated a one on the Henneke scale,

the investigating officers were afraid that he wouldn't live through the night so that he could be trailered to us the next day. We immediately had the vet evaluate his condition and take blood and fecal matter for analysis. When found by the officers, Buck was in a corral eating Senior and alfalfa with another horse that didn't look too bad. How could this poor horse look so awful while having such good care?

The answer came the next day when the owner remarked, "I guess I shouldn't have brought him up from the back pasture." In other



words, Animal Control wouldn't have found out about Buck's deplorable condition if only he had stayed hidden in back. In our care, Buck started to gain weight and was the sweetest fellow to work with. We knew that his heart was in terrible shape so we couldn't tranquilize him to work on his few remaining teeth. Unfortunately, after three weeks of care, a blood clot to a hind leg caused him to go down—never to rise again.

Because

Buck's death was not directly related to starvation, the owner will not be arrested for animal cruelty. IF ONLY WE COULD HAVE HAD HIM SOONER!!!

Our second rescue is a nine year old quarterhorse stallion



whom we call "Chance". He was one of ten impounds taken from a breeder in Douglas County. Some of the seized "yearlings" turned out to be stunted three year olds.



After two weeks of Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue care, Chance is improving at a steady pace. He is now up to four special meals each day as well as grass hay in front of

him all the time and one flake of alfalfa three times day. Chance is so busy eating that he still doesn't have the energy to be interested in the various lovely ladies nearby at his safe home. We'll keep all of our contributors posted on Chance's progress and future through e-mail, fax, telephone and "snail mail"!

Your contributions will enable us to rescue some horses at the auction as well as to provide for animals in need when we're contacted by state or local authorities. We will also take in some horses whose owners can no longer keep them. We need safehomers all around Colorado as well as other volunteers to help with everything from fund raising to hay hauling, and from mailing help to manure moving. Please let us know what your other skills are and how you can help our 100% volunteer organization.

Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue will have contributors instead of members. Contributions of any amount will be greatly appreciated and used for the rescue and care of horses.

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We're also looking for adoptive homes for a lovely, sound, chestnut Arabian gelding, named Chas, whose owner is ill and no longer able to keep him and a sweet companion mare rescued from the killer buyers at a Colorado State University auction.

Your initial board members, all of whom are horse knowledgeable are:



Member & Role	Phone	Location	Highlights
Bini Abbott President Safehomer	(303) 424-0037	Arvada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> has rescued horses for over 60 years helped save Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge
Ruthann Burnett Safehomer	(970) 245-7774	Grand Junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> has founded her own rescue groups is very skilled in fund raising
Cathy Corcoran Treasurer	(303) 425-0646	Golden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Financial Services for Childrens' Hospital President of the Jefferson County Board of Health
Laura Gill Safehomer	(970) 454-2324	Greeley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> breeder of thoroughbred race horses and hunters and jumpers rescuer of many horses through the years
Ranya Kelly Vice President	(303) 431-0904	Wheat Ridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nationally recognized for her Redistribution Center which gives away over 3 million dollars a year of everything from ovens to onions
Carole Kenney	(303) 840-4384	Parker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Prairie Farms Barn Manager fantastic events organizer Vice President of the Colorado Hunter Jumper Association
Kris Nixon	(303) 424-5972	Arvada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President of the Colorado Hunter Jumper Association owner and trainer of a show barn
Mary Norden Secretary	(303) 978-1850	Littleton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> has been involved with care of rescued horses for many years works as an intensive care nurse at a Denver Hospital
Lois Toll, DVM	(303) 794-6359	Littleton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a veterinarian from Littleton Large Animal Clinic a founding board member of a past rescue organization

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Address: _____

Phone (home): _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Contribution Amount: \$_____ or type of donation: _____

Would you like to volunteer? _____ How would you like to help? e.g. safehoming, computer skills,
telephone messages, horse care, hauling, grant writing, fund raising, . . . _____

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HENNEKE SYSTEM						
CONDITION	NECK	WITHERS	LOIN	TAILHEAD	RIBS	SHOULDER
1 POOR	Bone structure easily noticeable Animal extremely emaciated; no fatty tissue can be felt	Bone structure easily noticeable	Spinous processes project prominently	Tailhead (pinbones) and hook bones projecting prominently	Ribs projecting prominently	Bone structure easily noticeable
2 VERY THIN	Faintly discernible Animal emaciated	Faintly discernible	Slight fat covering overbase of spinous processes. Transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded. Spinous processes are prominent	Tailhead prominent	Ribs prominent	Faintly discernible
3 THIN	Neck accentuated	Withers accentuated	Fat buildup halfway on spinous processes but easily discernible. Transverse processes cannot be felt	Tailhead prominent but individual vertebrae cannot be visually identified. Hook bones appear rounded, but are still easily discernible. Pin bones not distinguishable	Slight fat cover over ribs. Ribs easily discernible	Shoulder accentuated
4 Moderately THIN	Neck not obviously thin	Withers not obviously thin	Negative crease along back	Prominence depends on conformation, fat can be felt. Hook bones not discernible	Faint outline discernible	Shoulder not obviously thin
5 MODERATE	Neck blends smoothly into body	Withers rounded over spinous processes	Back level	Fat around tailhead beginning to feel spongy	Ribs cannot be visually distinguished but can be easily felt	Shoulder blends smoothly into body
6 Moderately FLESHY	Fat beginning to be deposited	Fat beginning to be deposited	May have slight positive crease down back	Fat around tailhead feels soft	Fat over ribs feels spongy	Fat beginning to be deposited
7 FLESHY	Fat deposited along neck	Fat deposited along withers	May have positive crease down back	Fat around tailhead is soft	Individual ribs can be felt, but noticeable filling between ribs with fat	Fat deposited behind shoulder
8 FAT	Noticeable thickening of neck Fat deposited along inner buttocks	Area along withers filled with fat	Positive crease down back	Tailhead fat very soft	Difficult to feel ribs	Area behind shoulder filled in flush with body
9 Extremely FAT	Bulging fat Fat along inner buttocks may rub together. Flank filled in flush.	Bulging fat	Obvious positive crease down back	Building fat around tailhead	Patchy fat appearing over ribs	Bulging fat

Henneke System of Body Condition

- A. Along the neck**
- B. Along the withers**
- C. Loin/Crease down the back**
- D. Tailhead**
- E. Ribs**
- F. Behind the shoulder**

Add all scores and divide by six.

