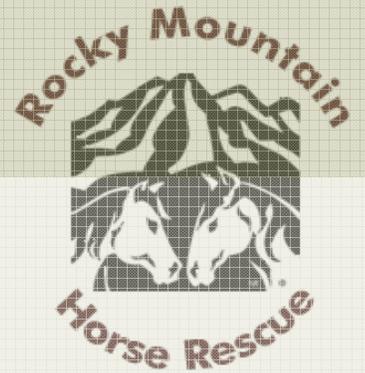


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They All Said She Was Crazy

We received a frantic call from Laurie who had been advised to send her "crazy mare" to the auction the next day, Saturday January 29th. It seems that the owner of the auction, after talking to Laurie, suggested that she might give Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue a call about her dilemma.



Laurie told me she had purchased the mare, a former hunter and jumper, in September for \$3,800 after a trial period and a favorable pre-purchase exam.

Everything went well at first, but then the mare became extremely interested in the stallion across the aisle and more excitable on the rich food fed by the boarding stable. She became frightening for Laurie to both handle and ride.

Laurie then moved her problem horse to a huge hunter and jumper barn in Parker where the chestnut mare was instantly recognized as a talented, Championship winning hunter who horse-showed several years ago with the nickname of Splash. The bad news was that many trainers and caregivers who knew her in the past also felt that the mare was crazy and needed to be put down. Among other reports, she had reared over backwards, hurt people in her stall and gotten tangled in a jump and freaked out.

Laurie was going to have her led into the auction (not ridden) with no statement of soundness. This would have almost guaranteed that killer buyers would be the only bidders on the big mare.

Although we weren't aware of all of Splash's past misdeeds at the time, we told Laurie to bring the mare to our headquarters, and that we would take care of her for a month. Then if we felt that she was crazy, we would put her down here, at home; she would not be shipped to Texas

for slaughter. It was hard to believe that Splash was crazy because she trailered perfectly and unloaded calmly looking around at her new home.

A month passed and we felt that we should have another professional trainer evaluate her to see if he agreed that

Splash was high strung and sensitive, but not crazy. Splash then moved to Jacqui Marcotte's Quail Run Ranch where Tom Mowery worked with her on the flat for a few months. Tom felt that this often maligned mare would be fine if only the perfect special adopter could be found.

That special person was Sherry Hughes. She has accused me of hounding her until she adopted Splash in July of 2005; well, I plead guilty to the charge. Even though we had some hunter/jumper trainers who wanted Splash and felt they could turn her around, we felt that the best home for the mare would be at the laid back home of Sherry Hughes doing Western Pleasure.

So although there will be no more trophies and Championships in Splash's future, she still ends up as being the real winner!

Bini Abbott



SHERRY HUGHES AND SPLASH

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Monty Squier: Fantastic Volunteer

Meet the premier volunteer for horse rescue organizations (and many other great causes) by the name of Monty Squier.

The Horse Protection League. With so many valuable contacts, he proved a life-saver in finding HPL a booth canopy, a stake truck, much needed building materials, other volunteers and limitless other items our fledgling organization needed. Monty built sheds, upholstered furniture, installed fencing and was always willing to help in every way possible.

As our much relied upon “fix-it-guy”, the local motto soon became “Ask Monty”. He would always come up with a solution!

In May of 2005, the Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue (RMHR) organization was formed to further help meet the needs of starving and abused equines; to provide education for children on proper care and recognition of abuse, and to provide free, much needed rescue equipment—slings, glides, tripods, etc. While pledging monthly grain and multiple pen cleanings, Monty has also constructed an equine measuring stick to better assist Douglas County Animal Services on their records with their impounds.

Supported by his loving wife and devoted friend, Ronny, Monty is the finest person you will ever meet.

He is a true friend and a spectacular guy—loved by all who know him. Three cheers for Monty!



LUCKY-THE TRAINING MANNEQUIN-
IN THE MEDIUM SIZE ANDERSON
SLING



MONTY AND THE MEASURING STICK

I first met Monty in the summer of '94 after we had moved Colorado Horse Rescue from the Ridge Home Farm to 112th and Simms (near the Jeffco Airport). Monty was working to rehab the old farmhouse to make it livable for a barn manager. He refinished the walls, installed new flooring and did a thousand other fix-up projects.

He then moved with many of us and became an original Board member of our new organization:



CHIEF BEING RESCUED FROM A
SWIMMING POOL WITH
THE RMHR ANDERSON SLING

RMHR Rescue Equipment

As we mentioned last Spring, RMHR is very pleased to announce the ability to provide FREE rescue equipment for any organization or individual in Colorado who has the need. With the help of a grant from the Laurretta Boyd Charitable Trust and our wonderful major donors: Carole Kenney, Nancy Gooding, Sue Tinder, Harriet Weisenthal, Robyn Thurber, Bini Abbott, Heather Christie, Sally Larsh, Susie Stroh and Nancy Reed, we have been able to purchase several valuable and life-saving tools.

Our slings have been used by vet clinics and even to rescue a horse who fell into a swimming pool. We have also suspended “Lucky”, the life size training model provided by Shirley Hoffman of Horses Forever, in the rescue sling as an exhibit at the Colorado Horse Expo and Halloween for Horses. We will continue to use “Lucky” in future seminars/expos to help train vets, firemen, owners and any other rescue personnel interested in the use of the rescue equipment.

In the future we hope to purchase an Emergency Animal Lift (e.g. to lift a fallen animal on the road to get him/her on his feet and out of danger). In addition, we would like to retrofit a trailer to provide an equine ambulance for transporting an injured standing animal who needs sling support; or for a fallen animal who needs to be winched in while down for transport to a clinic or safety.

Of course, we hope to achieve these goals with the help of all of you – our very generous donors.



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Easy Lady

In October, we received a call from Board Member Ruth Ann Burnett in Grand Junction concerning an extremely thin quarterhorse mare that appeared to be in serious trouble. The poor mare was constantly straining and dribbling urine on her hind legs. Although on pasture, she had been losing weight in the late summer and fall.

Ruth Ann and Charlene, another concerned friend, rescued Easy Lady with the hope of saving her life or at least making her last days more comfortable.

Upon examination, their vet was not encouraging and warned the gals that the 19 year old mare was not likely to be able to recover. Each day was a challenge in trying to get Easy Lady to eat. Ruth Ann kept trying many different combinations of beet pulp, sweet feed, alfalfa pellets, B-12 shots, and supplements to interest the skinny mare who had been rated a one (near death) on the Henneke scale. Although the mare's appetite improved, she was still not gaining weight and was still constantly straining. This sweet mare seemed to know that they were trying to help her and was never even haltered when having horrible tasting antibiotics squirted twice daily in her mouth and having B-12 injections.

The decision was finally made to operate on Lady's bladder after so little progress had been achieved. With only a local epidural block, the mare stood

perfectly still for 3 hours while the vet operated on her and expressed a huge egg-shaped calculus about three inches in diameter with jagged edges. He found that her bladder was covered with scar tissue from the calculus moving around causing Lady to be in terrific, constant pain.

Success! Ruth Ann said, "She has gained weight and energy from the next day after we removed the calculus. She is now bucking and playing and doing great. She's sweet and tough!"

We'll keep you posted on Easy Lady's progress, a great little mare who didn't want to give up—so we won't either!



EASY LADY ON ARRIVAL

Halloween for Horses

RMHR again attended Halloween for Horses on October 22nd at the Colorado Horse Park, formerly High Prairie. We set up our booth with the help of Rob Nixon and Terry Michel who then wrestled with Lucky, the life-sized model horse, provided by Shirley Hoffman and her rescue group—Horses Forever.

Figuring out how to fasten together 400 lb. Lucky with his articulated legs, put him in our sling, and then stand him up in our pipe support frame was a real exercise.

We also had a stall for Sophie, our 34 year old miniature donkey mascot who stood patiently for as many as five costumed kids all grooming her at the same time. She truly was "the hit of the party". Cathy Corcoran ably managed the booth and children's questions about Sophie's relationship to her next door stall mate, Carol Kenney's 34 year old

mammoth mule, Hombre. Next to the mule was a 15.2 hand horse so that Cathy could explain that the combination of a donkey jack and a horse mare produces a hybrid baby, a mule.

Kris Nixon came over from her own stable to help us break down the exhibit and pack everything away for next time. Thankfully, it takes less time to break down than it does to put the whole display together.

If you have never attended Halloween for Horses, you've missed out on a great day. It includes two rings running all day with demonstrations of everything from trick riders to tiny horses. The costume contest with horses is great. Rows of booths selling everything from hot dogs to hot fashions attract thousands of visitors. You don't have to be a kid to have a wonderful time at Halloween for Horses.

OUR WISH LIST

Hay (grass or alfalfa), stock trailer, truck to pull ambulance in the future, cash, your time and energy, stamps, and someone to sell items on eBay or . . . ?

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SOPHIE GETS GROOMED BY
A PASSING PIRATE



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Thoughts on Feeding Starved Horses

After feeding over forty emaciated horses through the years we have found some formulas for their care that seem to work.

Feeding a horse that is extremely underweight can be quite difficult, but it can also be very rewarding to see the change in the animal's condition.

We have found that beet pulp pellets, when fed properly, can be a lifesaver for extremely thin horses. Older horses often have dental problems which make them

unable to chew hay. They will attempt to chew the hay and then spit out a chewed bolus called a quid. Feeding dehydrated beet pulp pellets has kept many of our toothless wonders alive and active well into their thirties.

We always start with small amounts of feed split up into many feedings daily (4-6 feedings if possible). Beet pulp pellets MUST be soaked in water so that they break down into a fiber mash with no pieces remaining even the size of a pencil eraser. To prepare the pellets, add 3-4 times (by volume) of water. Hot water takes about two hours. Cold water takes seven hours or more. There can be a problem in introducing beet pulp to a horse's diet. In order to make the mash more palatable, we have tried adding varying quantities of sweet feed, alfalfa pellets and senior feed to the beet pulp pellets BEFORE starting the soaking process. In the beginning we may also start with only a half cup of the beet pulp pellets (which will expand to almost two cups after soaking) plus some sweet feed, alfalfa pellets or senior feed.

The eventual goal for the emaciated horse when on full or maintenance feed (without hay) is feeding about two 3-pound coffee cans (10 pounds) a day

of dehydrated beet pulp pellets plus a small amount of sweet feed, alfalfa pellets or senior, if needed. A three pound coffee can filled with dry beet pulp pellets weighs about five pounds.

The benefits of feeding beet pulp include the addition of fiber (without jazzing up the horse and only eight percent protein), low cost and good digestibility. We have also found that horses do not seem to have problems with sand colic when on soaked beet pulp.



UPPER INCISORS
WORN TO THE GUM



A SPIT OUT QUID



EIGHT YEAR OLD GELDING BEFORE AND AFTER

Disadvantages can be getting the horse to eat the beet pulp, the tendency of the soaked mash to turn sour if out in the sun all day, manure looking like a cow plotch and more work to prepare each meal. Also make sure that someone does not inadvertently feed the pellets dry because they might expand in the animal's throat.

There are two schools of thought concerning what kinds of hay to feed if the emaciated horse is able to chew hay while recovering. Some say start with small amounts and multiple feedings of alfalfa; others say start with less rich grass hay in increasing amounts.

Consultation with a veterinarian is always important in the rehabilitation of a starved horse.

Bini Abbot



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Chance and the 2004 Douglas County Impound

As part of a 10 horse cruelty impound by Officer Joe Stafford of Douglas County Animal Services, RMHR took on the rehabilitation and care of an extremely thin 8 year old quarter horse stallion whom we named Chance. After being impounded on May 14, 2004, Chance was transported to Douglas County Fairgrounds where he was examined by veterinarian Dr Lois Toll, given tests, and put on a diet of grass hay for 12 days. His body condition score on the Henneke scale was a high 1 or a low 2 (a score of one means near death).

The owner of an impounded animal must post a bond for its continuing care within 10 days or forfeit any future claim to ownership. The owner of these 10 horses was Mr. Jeff Crosier of Jackpot Ranch, a breeder of paint and quarter horses. He posted the required bond for Chance, but gave up ownership of the other 9 impounds at that time.

Chance was trailered to Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue Headquarters on May 26th. He was a pretty pathetic looking soul—hanging head, skinny, dull eye, listless and still carrying his winter coat which partly hid his true emaciated condition. He immediately dove into his beet pulp mixture, and appeared to start to gain weight at once. We all cheered when he took his first two steps of trot when being fed on June 18th. And on June 19th, he actually cantered from his shed to his food!

Chance continued to steadily gain weight and energy—eventually even remembering that he had been a breeding stallion. We really had to laugh at his antics on July 6th when he caught sight of five geldings turned out in a pasture 100 yards away. Chance seemed to think that from afar, these new neighbors might be prospective “brides”, so he bucked, snorted, bellowed and galloped around his corral while calling to his “ladies”.

Upon trying to trace Chance’s history and registered name, we came across some astounding information. In 2003, he had been advertised for sale on the internet under his registered name—Skippers Shelter—by a couple in South Carolina. And even though Chance still had his dull, brittle winter coat when he came to RMHR in late May, we could see some strange marks on his left jaw. It was hard to discern whether these marks were a brand or a scar. The name Skippers Shelter really rang a bell, however, and led us to the world renowned stallion named Skipper W bred by interna-

tionally know horseman; Hank Wiescamp. (Interested readers might want to Google “Skippers Shelter” or “Hank Wiescamp” to see what I mean) It was then apparent that the marks on his jaw were the famous Wiescamp brand of ‘Quarter Circle P’, and that Chance was an extremely well-bred stallion who had been born in Colorado.

We found out that Chance had been purchased from South Carolina in May of 2003 by Mr. Crosier and was in excellent condition at that time.

How could this kind stallion’s health have deteriorated so drastically in less than a year? We don’t have the answer except that we do know that Chance made an excellent recovery upon being fed an adequate diet with no extra supplements or special care.

The Douglas County D.A. had filed 10 counts of animal cruelty against Mr. Crosier when the horses were impounded. The court dates kept being extended when Mr. Crosier would get a continuance by firing or losing his current attorney and stating that he needed more time to find new representation. After almost a year, the defendant finally plea bargained to only one count of animal cruelty—thereby avoiding a trial.

However, on June 1, 2005, we finally had our opportunity to testify before a judge at the sentencing hearing on Mr. Crosier’s guilty plea to the one count of animal cruelty. We showed the Judge photo displays of Chance A) before purchase by the defendant, then B) upon impoundment and then C) after full recovery 90 days later. The judge then ruled that Mr. Crosier would not get the stallion or the bond money returned. And although there was no jail time or fine, he would have to have his herd checked periodically by a veterinarian for a few years.

Animal Services then found a wonderful home for Chance where he may even be able to pass on his famous bloodlines to a new generation.



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**TESSA—MAY OF 2004
AN EMACIATED 3-YEAR OLD**

Notes on the Ten Horse Cruelty Impound

Although RMHR took care of only one of the horses impounded on May 14, 2004, we received information on the other nine and how they were doing.

Many of the impounds appeared to be emaciated yearlings. Upon tracing the breeding of these “yearlings”, they turned out to be registered, stunted 3 year olds—both stallions and mares all penned up together. One of these mares was a buckskin named Tessa who almost died in her foster home before finally recovering to be at least a companion animal. (Her sagging pasterns never fully straightened). At the sentencing trial of Mr. Crosier, we showed an ad on the internet when she was a weanling—looking plump and healthy—with a price tag of \$1,500.00. We then showed her starving picture on the day of impoundment and her recovery picture.



**TESSA—FALL OF 2004
PLUMP AND HEALTHY AGAIN**

Another sad case was the paint mare named “Robin’s Candy Jackpot”. Her winter coat, still hanging on in May, hid how desperately thin she was; however, her ewe neck was a sure sign of her



**ROBIN'S CANDY JACKPOT—HER
WINTER COAT
HIDING HER TRUE CONDITION**



**ROBIN AFTER SHEDDING—HER
CONDITION REVEALED**



**ROBIN LOOKING HEALTHY
AFTER RECOVERY**

true condition at that time.

The second picture was taken during her recovery after she had shed her long hair. Although her protruding ribs were now visible, she was actually in much better shape.

The third picture shows the new Robin—in good flesh. A long hair coat can really make it difficult to determine if an animal is in trouble. A hands-on examination is imperative.

All of these nine impounded horses did survive, but most can not be ridden and will only be companion horses for the rest of their lives.

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It's all About Cee

A beloved friend and ultimate animal lover passed away at the age of 97 on July 30, 2005. Cee Wolf was a most amazing person who loved her animals much more than herself.

She surrounded herself with an ever-growing menagerie of animals, which at one time numbered more than 64. While going about her chores at the barn, she would have as many as 15 dogs happily trailing along. In addition to farm animals like horses, cows, pigs, sheep, ducks, geese, ponies, donkeys, mules, goats and chickens, she also at times had a monkey, rats, raccoon, skunks, fox, a coati mundi named Sherman and even a kinkajou named Samantha.

Cee's daughter Alice Gilborn, wrote a fascinating and hilarious book about her mother's exploits titled What Do You Do With a Kinkajou? James Herriot, author of All Creatures Great and Small, wrote, "Cee is a lovable character who will linger long in my memory. She carries devotion to animals to its amazing but believable ultimate. This book by her daughter is a glorious, galloping read for the animal lover."

Cee's spunk and indomitable spirit are exemplified by an event that took place when Cee was working for the Denver Dumb Friends League.

Alice Gilborn wrote:

"One day a woman with a hot red face and a limp, panting dog stamped into the office and insisted that someone clean up the trunk of her car where the dog had been sick.

'Why did you put the dog in the trunk in the first place?' demanded Cee. 'It's half suffocated to death.'

'I couldn't put the dog in front with the baby!' shrieked the woman.

'Then,' snapped my mother, 'why didn't you put the dog in front and the baby in the trunk?' A week later she handed in her resignation. Her philosophy of animals first, a long time generating, was becoming articulate."

Cee was always rescuing some poor soul from the Pound, League or auction. Years ago, she rescued a white Arabian stallion named Abou from a slaughter horse auction along with many of his starving pregnant mares. Regretfully, she couldn't outbid the killer buyers on all of the mares. Abou went on to sire many more "children" and lived happily at Cee's home—Willowcroft—for many more years.

In the late 1960's, Cee started a horse show for back-

yard ponies which proved to be loads of fun. A wide array of classes included everything from costume, to jumping, to leadline.

As the years went by, Cee rode other breeds of horses along with her beloved Arabians. For a while, she bought and competed with smooth gaited Paso Finos and finally mules. She rode in many horse shows as well as with the Arapahoe Hunt and was very successful in Competitive Trail Rides even riding her much-maligned "long ears".

For her 90th birthday, she led a two hour trail ride exhausting her younger friends celebrating with her. These same friends had planned a surprise party for Cee's 80th birthday at her friend Peg's home. As Cee approached the front door and heard the commotion inside, she suddenly stopped and declared, "It's a party! I hate parties! I'm not going in!"—Typical Cee.

In 1987, Cee was chosen as a Sportswoman of the Year by the Sportswomen of Colorado. At age 79, she was both the oldest and smallest of the other 42 athletes receiving awards in their respective sports. Cee had dreaded for months going to the banquet to receive her award, but she accepted her medallion with poise and dignity as the gathering of 600 rose to applaud her.

A very different memorial service was held in September celebrating Cee's life. Several of us spoke about our wild experiences with Cee and her animals. The Chapel had a picture window to the west with the mountains in the background. Framed by the window and grazing on a bermed lawn was a white Arabian mare. This sight brought tears to many of us. Tears changed to laughter when Cee's two tiny dogs were brought to the front to sing (really howl) with the crowd. As we all screeched, "ow-oh-ow-oh" as if baying to the moon, Kissy and Molly chimed in with gusto. I think Cee would have loved that part of the gathering.

Cee Wolf was such a special person and inspiration. She was my hero!

Bini Abbott



CEE WITH A BELOVED "LONG EARS"



EARLY LEADLINE PARTICIPANT
AT CEE'S PONY SHOW —
KRIS ABBOTT NIXON—AGE 2

A MEMORIAL TO CEE

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Seen on a bumper sticker
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2006 HAPPENINGS

Three on-site school visits for education regarding animal cruelty. Sophie, our beloved 34 yr. old mini-donkey mascot was the teacher.

Colorado Horse Exposition: displays of our new equine rescue equipment

Halloween for Horses: and helping many costumed little ones groom Sophie so we could show off her beauty!

Douglas County Court: Testifying in the sentencing phase of one count of animal cruelty of the owner of Chance, the starved quarter horse stallion.

Accepted 16 horses during 2005 which included 2 Norwegian Fjords and 6 minis in December following the passing of their owner.

Found homes for many other horses while not formally taking them into our rescue.

Loaned the Anderson Sling to two Veterinary Clinics

RMHR VP Ranya Kelly Wins Prestigious Award

On May 14th 2005, our Vice President Ranya Kelly was honored as a recipient of a 2005 Ellis Island Medal of Honor presented by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations.

In 1985, Ranya was looking in a dumpster for a box for a Christmas gift. Instead of a suitable box, she discovered nearly 500 pairs of new shoes which had been defaced with spray paint, but were otherwise in good condition.

It turned out that a shoe store had damaged the unwanted merchandise so that no one could use or try to return the new shoes. Appalled at this needless waste, Ranya cleaned up the shoes and then gave them to a charity. That act changed her forever, motivating Ranya to dedicating her life to the collection of articles for needy people. She then formed The Redistribution Center and convinced the shoe store and numerous other merchants to give her their discards for redistribution. The Center now gives away over three million dollars worth of merchandise a year.

As one of the Medal winners in 2005, Ranya joined an elite group of past recipients—including Walter Cronkite, Arthur Ashe, Barbara Walters, Dr. Henry Kissinger, Gen. Colin Powell, Justice William Rehnquist, Sen. John Glenn, Rosa Parks, Bob Hope and countless others.

Ranya is a very special person winning a well-deserved special award.



RANYA "THE SHOE LADY" KELLY INVENTORIES ITEMS FOR REDISTRIBUTION

Ode to Zia

*I wrapped my arms around her neck . . .
Pulling her towards me
I drew her head closely . . .
Then gently laid her in my lap.*

*My hands soft to calm her . . .
Quiet words were whispered
Within a few moments . . .
Zia,
was still.*

*I closed my eyes and saw her,
As she ran across the land.
Mane and tail behind her,
There was fire on her heels.*

*Never breaking stride . . .
She looked back at me and smiled.*

*I laughed at her and, through my tears . . .
Said "Go my girl... it's fine."*

*She tossed her head, and sped away
Into the starlit night . . .*

*That moment in time,
As she said it would be,
She left this world . . . on her own terms.*

*It was later said, and I believe it's true,
Her fervent efforts to gain her feet . . .
Was simply her spirit galloping away . . .
Leaving her body behind.*

Ge Moore

Zia was a beloved mare whom Ge Moore bred, raised, and owned throughout her wonderful 26 years of life. In September, RMHR became involved after a phone call from Dr. Barbara Page. Dr. Page inquired about the availability of a sling to try to help a mare who had been down for five days.

Zia had been staying at Dr. Page's clinic since June due to poisoning from overhead lines at her boarding facility that had dripped insect repellent directly on her. Already handicapped from past founder problems, Zia was fighting a brave battle trying to recover. Although Dr. Page was able to get her up through the use of our Anderson Sling for three days, Zia finally needed her angel wings and literally died in her owner Ge's arms.

Although Zia lost her battle, we are so thankful that we were able to assist Dr. Page and Zia without adding to the financial burden of her owner.



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Jerry Marz, Julie Weiss, Tim & Ginger Glaser, Donna Pugh, Girl Scout Troop #28, Lib Matsch, Royce Romberg, Anita Owen, Fred & Barbara Mimmack, Monty & Vicki Newman, Prestige Real Estate Group, Ruth Ann Burnett, Friends at Signature Assisted Living

\$100 +

Ranya Kelly, Patty Christensen, Wendy Eder – in memory of her sister's (Gail Eder) horse "Ithica", Dolores Gable, Donna Rae Pugh, Monty & Ronny Squier, Dave & Terrie Ullstrup, Cee Wolf & Alice Gilborn, Cathy Corcoran, Betty Taylor, Marilyn Golden, Wendy Haas, Laurie Yoswa, Barbara Collett, Ron Loser, Sue Petty, Littleton Large Animal Clinic

\$200 +

Pat Spetz Baldwin, Mary Norden, Peg & Marsh Link, Penelope Lewis

\$300 +

Blue Horse Charities, The Gilman Family Foundation

\$500 +

Shaila Bolger, Julie Shade, Harriet Weisenthal, Kristi Wysocki, Robyn Thurber, Christine Gamage, The Denver Foundation, Carole Kenney

\$1500 +

Bini Abbott, Heather Christie

\$2000+

Susie Stroh, Sue Tinder, The Gooding Family Foundation

\$5000 +

Nancy Reed

\$16,000 +

Lauretta Boyd Charitable Trust

Contributors – Items

Sally Larsh – hay, many other items
Mike & Glenna Day – tack
Chuck Black – great deal on KD Kanopy
Bini Abbott – feed, facilities
Duane Arnold, Helen Siert, Candace Loving, Mary Miklos, Ed Kohlepp, Suzanne Carnegie – hay
Kris Nixon – hay, tack, supplies, safe home
Sue Tinder – tons of hay
Ruth Ann Burnett – Grant Book
Tammy & Adrian Waller – feed, safe home
Nancy Reed – logo
Robyn Thurber – metal frame for horse in a sling
Suzanne Morgenstern – laptop, paid for three years of Network Solutions for website hosting
Sue Paschall – hay, feeder
Redistribution Center – weed killer, candy for volunteers, office supplies and storage units
Mary Norden, Rose Bellegante & Manna Pro – horse treats
Sarah Arnold – complete grooming kit
Candy Epstein – bags of senior feed
Allen Hoshide – farrier work
Carole Kenney (Kenney Show Management Services, Inc.) – Dura-Pic Tri-pod
Joy Brook – saddle
Ge Moore – flysheets, flynet, waterproof blankets, multiple supplements
Jennifer Ramstetter & Brian McNiece – grain, cart, containers, TV, tack, equipment
Lynn Wyman – two blankets
Anonymous – bareback pad, halters, shipping boots
Monty & Ronny Squier – bag of feed a month, horse measuring stick

Contributors – Manpower

Meade & Bini Abbott, Donna Arrington, Sarah Arnold, Audrey Blunt, Pat Spetz Baldwin, Steffi Dieck, Jeff Marshall, Rob & Kris Nixon, Matt Soper, Monty Squier, Tammy & Adrian Waller, Jelena Woehr, Carole Kenney, Janet Von Drehle, Suzi Conrad, Jerry Burk, Mary Norden, Cathy & Dennis Corcoran, Susanne Morgenstern, Karen Bannister, Jacqui Marcotte, Ranya & Byron Kelly, Terry & Laura Michel, Jerod Cox, Sheri Marks, Nancy Wells

MEMORIAL

Dear RMHR,
We wish you the best for 2006. I am sorry to say that this year's contribution has to go for a dear friend of mine who died November 17, 2005. Her name was Sue Burke. She was 50 years young and died of an aneurysm in her brain. Sue leaves behind a loving husband, a daughter and son, 3 horses, 2 dogs, one goat, and one pot belly pig. I will miss her very much.

Mary Norden



MARCH 30TH – GIRL SCOUT TROOP 23 VISITED RMHR HEADQUARTERS AND LEARNED HOW TO CARE FOR, LEAD AND FEED OUR MASCOT, MINIATURE DONKEY–SOPHIE.



IF PEOPLE WERE SUPERIOR TO ANIMALS, THEY'D TAKE BETTER CARE OF THE WORLD. – WINNIE THE POOH

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Up For Adoption

Misty – Registered aged Thoroughbred mare. Raised many babies. Tattooed. Pretty hot to ride, but probably hasn't been ridden since being raced. Lovely temperament as a companion.



George – Ground driven, prolific manure spreader. Bed is 2 ½ feet wide by 4 ½ feet long. Great for small horse operation. Can be pulled by golf cart, garden tractor, or?

Ricky – Registered 8 year old Thoroughbred gelding. Raced in 2005. Owners graciously donated him instead of sending him to the auction. A sweet horse to care for but still “full of it” to ride. Experienced rider only.



Jasmine – Aged small mare. Perfect stable companion. Gets along with all horses (even miniature donkeys). Easy keeper. Hay only. Doesn't like to be caught.