

# Hoofprints & Letters

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## Where Are They Now?



Peaches and Bell at play

Bell

December 2013

We received Bell after a handicapped riding program gave up on her after a trial period. They couldn't keep her sound; possibly because of her ballooning weight.

We placed the weight tape on our new 15 hand mare and the reading was 1,142 pounds; too much. Our task was to take off pounds gradually through exercise and diet without starving our sweet quarterhorse.

We checked her weight every 10 days and after 30 days she was down to 1,018 pounds and maintained that weight until May when we checked her again after shedding her winter coat and the reading was 1,003 pounds.



Bell kicking up her heels

Melanie Hood adopted Bell and continued to monitor Bell's weight and the results are apparent when you see the pictures of Bell bucking and kicking up her heels while celebrating her love of life!

Bell, My Bell  
by Melanie Hood-  
Lofthouse

I met Bell in January of 2014 at RMHR. She bit me when I was grooming her that first day. Over the next few months, I learned to ride her and figure out her style. Then by May 2014, Bini brought her to my property after I adopted her. At that time, Bini

also loaned me Popeye, a Shetland pony, to be Bell's companion. However, within a month, the two horses together were not working out. Bell and Popeye bonded so quickly, I had a hard time taking Bell out for a ride without Popeye terrorizing the pen and squealing when left behind. About July 2014, Bini picked up Popeye and brought me Peaches and Cream, a miniature mare. Peaches met Bell nose to nose and because I was standing behind her, she squealed and kicked me when they touched noses. I learned the hard way when horses meet for the first time, but I am more careful now.

Over the next few months, I was in learning mode; learning about both horses, figuring out how they were going to act toward each other, learning how much to feed them to maintain weight, deciding to shoe Bell's front feet since she was tender on the hard trail, learning about floating teeth, shots, dewormer, etc. I even had to practice taking Peaches across the street to go on the trails because she was afraid to walk over the yellow line of the street.

My two girls



Bell and Melanie on a trail ride

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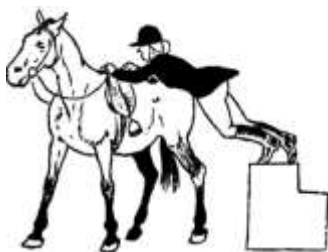
When you sling mud,  
you lose ground

- Adlai Stevenson,  
Jr.



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Experienced  
riders to train  
horses for  
adoption

Tell a Gelding. Ask  
a Stallion. Discuss  
it with a mare. Pray  
**IF IT'S A PONY.**



## Where Are They Now? (continued)

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get along so well now, I wish the world would stop moving so nothing changes. Bell is a kind, gentle horse, now 23 years old. I ride her 2 to 3 times per week, and take Bell and Peaches out at least two other times per week just walking when I have help. Bell loves to see other horses on the trail and she loves to roll in the sand round pen at our neighboring park. Sometimes she even kicks up her feet and amazes me with her energy.

I am so glad I adopted her. Thank you, Bini, for your recommendation of Bell to me!

Twiz

Twiz has lived at RMHR two different times in his life while waiting to be adopted. He is a registered Rocky Mountain Horse who was born in 2005 in Maryland.

When he was six months old, Twiz developed such a terrible skin infection on his legs that large pieces of skin and flesh had to be cut off to save his life. He will always have large areas of scar tissue on his legs because the hair will never grow back.

A compassionate gal named Michelle bought Twiz from the breeder at seven months and raised and trained him until she donated him to our rescue in 2011. Her husband had lost his job so they were moving back to Maryland from their small ranch in Nederland, CO.

In April of 2012, Michelle asked us if she could have him back if he hadn't been adopted. Since we hadn't found the perfect adopter for our gaited boy with the huge personality, he was shipped back to his home state by commercial van.

In 2013, Michelle and her husband moved back to their Nederland ranch which hadn't sold. So Twiz came back to Colorado again. However, in October of 2014, Michelle asked us if she could donate Twiz again as her marriage had failed.

Fast forward to the spring of 2016 when we had a



Elston and Twiz in text book confirmation

call from Elston and his wife Marcia inquiring about Twiz possibly as a driving horse. We couldn't picture Twiz pulling a cart on a busy road, but told them to come on out to the rescue and look at



A visit to Garden of the Gods

Twiz. When Elston got on Twiz and could get him to gait properly instead of breaking into a trot, we knew that we had finally found his forever home as a fantastic trail horse with many more adventures ahead.

Bini

Twiz Update

Please find attached pictures of Twiz. It shows him in a great walk and text-book confirmation. He is getting along very well. We've taken him on rides in the Pike National Forest, AF Academy, Garden of the Gods, Dome Rock, Indian Creek, Hidden Mesa and several other places. He is comfortable going on a trail or cross-country; up and down steep climbs, through brush and water. He gets ridden 4-5 times a week and now loads like a veteran in both 2-horse and 4-horse trailers.

We are working him on improving his running walk and canter transitions, side pass, back-up, muscle tone and stamina. He does very well and is learning more every time out. His attitude has improved 100%. He's the first one that approaches, wanting to go for a ride.

We will try to send some video of his walk. It's very nice.

Hope all is well with you.

Elston & Marsha



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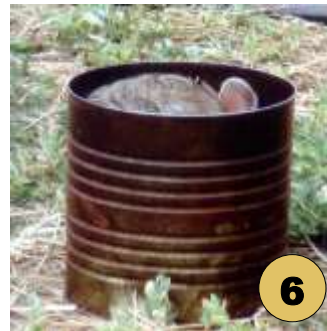
## Ringo and His Grain

**Problem:** What to do with a horse named Ringo who spills his grain out of his feed bucket by attacking it with gusto?

**Solution 1:** Add big round rock to the bucket.  
**Failure:** Grain still spilled on the ground for prairie dogs, bunnies and pigeons.

**Solution 2:** Pour a tiny portion of feed can into bucket, repeat four times. Success! Except that bunnies discovered grain in the feed can awaiting the next pour and lack of spilled grain on the ground.

1. Pigeons, bunnies, prairie dogs fill up on Ringo's spilled grain
2. "This looks like my breakfast!"
3. "That is definitely left for me."
4. "How do I access my breakfast?"
5. "Kinda a tight fit."
6. "But I figured it out!"
7. RINGO: "Hey, where is the rest of my breakfast?",  
Bunny: "I'm full now!"





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## Off to Alaska—Again

Our much-traveled Anderson sling was requested by a veterinarian in Alaska in May, 2016. We are always willing to lend all of our rescue equipment to anyone who can use our assistance. The production company hired by the National Geographic Wild Cable channel asked to borrow our sling and then drove it to Alaska on June 3rd, 2016.

A lady rancher wanted to preserve the bloodlines of her great-grandparents' herd of Yukon Mountain Horses. The horses had been running wild for many generations and become feral. The rancher was hoping that two male yearlings could be captured to be used as breeding stallions when they matured.

Because the terrain was very rough and mountainous, the only way to capture and transport them to the rancher's land was by darting them with a tranquilizer gun from a helicopter and then flying them, while still sedated and harnessed in our sling, to their new home.

Dr. Michelle Oakley was willing to try to dart the horses if the helicopter could fly within 60 feet of the fleeing herd. She assembled her crew and took off for the first capture.

In addition to the sling, Dr. Oakley needed to use a blindfold while helicoptering the sedated horse. However, the Animal Planet crew had lost our blindfold during the previous filming in Alaska. So, this ever-resourceful vet thought of a great substitute—a pink lacy bra! Unfortunately, it was too large for the little filly's head so she tried a white training bra which fit "just right".



Dr. Oakley prepares the filly for takeoff



A crew member gives the signal to the helicopter pilot to take her up



The filly ascending



Dr. Oakley watches as the filly starts her flight and then races in a 2nd helicopter to the flatbed trailer

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### To watch the whole Episode

If you have Nat Geo Wild in your cable/satellite package, you can watch the program online at the link below.

Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet – When Horses Fly  
<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/wild/dr-oakley-yukon-vet/videos/when-horses-fly/>

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The less people know, the more stubbornly they know it  
- Osho



Dr. Oakley takes aim with the tranquilizer as the HELICOPTER "STEERS" THE HERD



The first yearling caught was a filly who began to overheat and needed fluids while waiting for the helicopter to bring the sling.



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### Off to Alaska—Again (continued)



**DR. OAKLEY'S SUPPORT TEAM STANDS BY THE FLATBED trailer, awaiting the helicopter**



**DR. OAKLEY CHECKS THE FILLY'S CONDITION AFTER being lowered onto the flatbed trailer**



The filly and the colt safe at home after their harrowing helicopter flights



It was amazing to watch the helicopter pilot maneuver the tranquilized filly in our sling to a pinpoint landing onto a mattress on a snowmobile sled on a flatbed trailer near her new home

The great adventure was repeated with the second capture who turned out to be a male. There were anxious moments when it was feared that the colt had a twisted gut from all the heat and excitement, but he was OK and then on his way to his new home while sporting a pink lacy blindfold.

“The sling provided by your organization was a crucial part of the episode.”  
Patrick Stump  
Lucky Dog Films



**“MISSION ACCOMPLISHED”**  
according to Dr. Michelle Oakley

### Haulers and Transporters

We owe a huge thank you to the kind souls who have transported and hauled both hay and horses for RMHR.

Wendy Haas and Dan Jago even brought us “Snowflake” clear from Wyoming. Jenny Alsberg, Carolyn Kavinski, Laura Gill, Colleen Ryan, Kris Nixon, Joel Rifkin and Connie Caruso have trail-

ered our horses within Colorado. Hay haulers who have used their pickups, flatbeds and retrievers include Terry Michel, Kristin Nixon and Justin Tedford.

The donations of great grass hay (we also like alfalfa for some horses) have really helped us in this dry year. One anonymous donor gave us an eight-bale high stack of 160 bales which was delivered intact by use of a receiver. Celia Thomas of Cross the Meadow Farm donated 60 bales while neighbor Larry Hart gave us 20 bales and Robert Steller donated 70 bales.

We truly appreciate the generosity of these folks and their donations.



Justin Tedford of Tedford Trucking maneuvers 160 bales of donated hay into our hay barn



Larry Hart stacks donated hay



Joel Rifkin of Run Amok Transportation unloads October Sky after the death of his owner



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Wildlife



Pelicans rest on the increasing shoreline as fall arrives



A bald eagle surveys Standlee Lake just east of our backyard



Our barn owl family hides in the hay barn during the daytime

Jojo's Corner

I heard there was a race for President of the United States this year, and I thought it sounded pretty good especially once I found out that "race" didn't involve any actual running. I already tried that exercising nonsense when I was going to be an Olympian. It's not for me.

Anyway, I don't know what a President is, but it sounds like I get to be bossy, which I enjoy, so I figured, why not? I also don't quite understand what the United States is, exactly, but I am hoping maybe it is some sort of feed company or carrot factory.

So, soon after I decided to be President, I was informed that I would need a platform. Well, yeah, obviously! I'm extremely short. Who's going to be able to see me if I don't have something to stand on, for crying out loud? I'm not entirely sure how I was expected to build this platform, since I don't have a hammer, or thumbs. I guess someone else decided to build my platform for me, because everyone said, "Never mind about the platform, you have to decide what you're going to do for the country." Do for the country? I'm a tiny horse, surely I'm not expected to pull a plow? That's what they do in the country, right? I don't think that sounds very Presidential at all. THEN they said, "No, no, the WHOLE country, not just in the country." Like that was supposed to make me feel better. I guess I must have gotten a little upset, because the idea of plowing the entire country seems to have been scrapped, and now they're saying I need to decide what I stand for. Well, I stand for lots of things. I stand for the farrier, I stand for

the vet, I stand for the volunteers to brush me and pick my hooves. I'm not sure how all this relates to being President, but I'm pretty good at it, so I think I'll probably win.

Wait! This just in: I learned that phrase from my campaign manager, Kris. I don't know what it means, but she says you should use dramatic phrases.

Evidently, my standing around skills are not going to be sufficient to launch my political career (probably because I refused to pull the stupid plow!) So now, I'm told I need to decide what I believe in. This whole Presidenting thing is starting to get annoying. What do I believe in? I believe I'll go get a snack.

Maybe I'll try again in 2020. Hopefully my platform will be built by then.



Candidate JoJo, his advisor and security detail

12 Most Important Things Horse Owners Should Know

- ◆ To induce labor in a mare - Take a nap.
- ◆ To cure equine constipation - Load them in a clean trailer.
- ◆ To cure equine insomnia - Show them in a halter class.
- ◆ To get a horse to stay very calm and laid back - Enter them in a liberty class.
- ◆ To get a horse to wash their own feet - Clean the water trough and fill it with fresh water.
- ◆ To get a mare to come in heat - Take her to a show.
- ◆ To get a mare in foal after the first cover - Let the wrong stallion get out of his stall.
- ◆ To make sure that a mare has that beautiful, perfectly marked foal you always wanted - Sell her before she foals.
- ◆ To get a show horse to set up perfect and really stretch - Get him out late at night or anytime no one is around to see him.
- ◆ To induce a cold snap in the weather - Clip a horse.
- ◆ To make it rain - Mow a field of hay.
- ◆ To make a small fortune in the horse business - Start with a large one – fortune, that is.



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### Our Great Veterinarians

*Best doctor in the world is a veterinarian. He can't ask his patient what's the matter. He's just got to know~ Will Rogers*

We are so fortunate to have a most amazing, talented and generous group of veterinarians helping us. Many of the horses that come into the rescue are physically compromised. Often, we have no idea how serious the problem is, or how long it's been present. We rely very heavily on our vets to

diagnose, treat and then help us keep these horses sound and happy. Also, there is a tremendous amount of maintenance work on them just to keep them healthy, and of course the dreaded emergency calls (which always seem to be in the middle of the night, in a snowstorm). Whatever our veterinary needs are, we always have the very best vets around helping us out.

All of us at RMHR can't thank you enough!



Dr. Debbie Mayo



Dr. Lois Tolli



Dr. Gary Palao



Dr. Steve Long



Dr. Kelly Tisher



Dr. Will French

### Harry's Coming of Age

Our baby boy is growing up and needs a fantastic person to adopt him and continue his training. Our colt with three names—Harry, Howdy and Houdi—has been worked with since his birth on June 4, 2015. His dam is a registered thoroughbred and his sire was probably a thoroughbred or Appendix quarterhorse (he definitely has the spark of a thoroughbred).

Elisa Bilby and Marie Hackett walk Harry all around our property for new experiences including crossing the road and stepping over a small irrigation ditch. They also buy him multiple bags of shavings for his stall so that he has a super-soft place to rest . . . how sweet! His adopter needs to be very

experienced or have a great trainer so that this smart guy can reach his full potential.



Elisa introduces Harry to a bareback pad



A non-training moment



Marie demonstrates how to cross a ditch



"No! It's too scary!"



"Nope. Not going to happen."



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### Up for Adoption



October Sky is a handsome 17-year-old registered paint who has had limited training but would be great for an experienced English or Western rider.



Ringo is a huge warmblood who is only 10 years old. He is a lovely mover who can be ridden English or Western but not for jumping.

Ash is an older Missouri Fox Trotter who has worked all her life with the U.S. Forest Service. No more long rides for her. She is kind and gentle but needs to keep her weight under control.



Jax is a 19 year old paint **GELDING WHO HADN'T BEEN** ridden for 3 years. He is now being evaluated by our volunteers to find out how much he knows and what he should do in the future. Jax stands 15 hands high and as you can see—he is one handsome fellow.

Maggie is a lovely 17-year-old who had never been ridden until last year. Still green, she is looking for an experienced rider who can also cope with her breathing problems.

**WANTED: Experienced riders to train horses for adoption**





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Tiger is a small 11-12 year old Arabian gelding who came to RMHR in 2011 after being rescued with three other starving horses from a pen holding a horse who had been dead for six weeks. He is looking for an adopter who will be patient with his continued training.



Hope has many issues in trusting people. She is 10 or 11 years old and does have a slight breathing problem from an indentation on her face. Cute as a bug, Hope needs a very understanding and patient adopter.



Belie is a 21 year old registered thoroughbred who was raised at a huge breeding farm. She is green to ride, but willing to learn. She has been pastured with both mares and geldings and has not been ridden lately.

Popeye is a spunky Shetland Pony who has been used in lessons for experienced children. He had an eye removed years ago and has adjusted well. He would do so make a great companion for a lonely horse.



Mariah is a tall 15 year old Thoroughbred mare who requires an excellent rider. She usually exhibits great stable manners, but can display separation anxiety at times.



Outlaws Jesse James is a super-cute, super-gentle 27 year old miniature horse. He can be exercised using a golf cart or electric wheel chair, or even the old fashioned way.



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## Free Use of Rescue Equipment

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### Large Animal Lift

Used to lift a down (recumbent) horse to get it on its feet—e.g. out of a ditch or off a road. The LAL can be applied by one or two people in as little as five minutes to a horse with little or no sedation.

The LAL can be put on from the back negating the chance of getting kicked by flailing legs. The LAL is designed to maintain an animal on its feet for short periods.



### Slide with Slipsheets

For sliding a recumbent horse out of a field or into a stall or trailer.



### The Dura-Pik Tripod

Shown supporting “Lucky” – the practice horse model for training personnel in the use and application of the rescue equipment—made available by Horses Forever, contact Shirley Hoffman (303) 651-3070 or [www.horsesforever.org](http://www.horsesforever.org), email at [admin@horsesforever.org](mailto:admin@horsesforever.org).



Barbaro being supported in an Anderson Sling



We rescued a horse out of a swimming pool with our sling



Equipment available to rescue by helicopter

### The Anderson Sling

Available in large, medium, and foal sizes. The sling uses straps, pads and pulleys to lift and sup-

port a horse while shifting his weight to his skeletal structure rather than pressure points. May be used long term, but only for several hours a day.

We offer training sessions on the use of the rescue equipment to veterinarians, firemen, policemen, animal control officers and any other interested individuals.

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### Up for Adoption



Woody is a registered 14-year old Thoroughbred who has been used as a trail or pleasure horse for all his life. Never raced, Woody gets along in big herds of horses, but would love a single adopter of his own.



Tommy is a handsome 13 year old gelding, 14.3 HH. He was found starving in a pen with a horse who had been dead for six weeks. He has had over 60 days of professional training, but still requires a very experienced rider to reach his full potential.



Eddie is a 20-year old registered paint who is usually very quiet and forgiving under saddle. Eddie can be ridden both English or Western on trails or in the ring.



Easton is a 7-year old thoroughbred who started his career on the race track. Standing at 15.3 1/2, he thinks he is a teddy bear and wants to spend his life loving people—and being loved.

He would probably be best for trail and pleasure riding.

Harry, aka Houdi, aka Howdy; was born on June 4, 2015. His dam is a registered thoroughbred mare, but his sire is unknown. He is developing into a fine young horse, but he has a lot to learn before he is saddle trained.

He has been weaned and gelded and now needs someone to keep him busy since he can no longer pester his patient mother.



**VISIT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE:**  
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## The Claire Davis Memorial Arena

In December of 2015, a group of people got together to decide what to get their dear friend for her birthday. It was a difficult decision, because this was no ordinary friend. But this was no ordinary group of people either.

When Rebecca Johnson got her “barn family” together, with the idea of starting a fund in memory of Claire Davis, as a gift to Claire’s mother, Desiree Davis; she was hoping to get donations up to around \$3,000. When Rebecca approached us, telling us her idea, and that her plan was then to donate the money from that fund to the rescue; we were of course, beyond thrilled and grateful. When she came back just weeks later, and told us she had received donations of nearly \$7,000, we were floored.

We very much wanted to allocate a large portion of that money to something that would be lasting and

meaningful. Claire was an avid rider, and so we felt that fixing up our outdoor arena, with beautiful sand to ride on would be a fitting way to honor her.

We ordered over 120 tons of sand, and thanks to Rob Nixon, it was spread and dragged into a fantastic riding surface.

We are so grateful to Rebecca Johnson, the In Stride family, and Desiree Davis for their continuing generosity to us.

*Claire Davis was 17 years old when she was shot by a classmate at Arapahoe High School on December 13, 2013. She passed away eight days later.*



## Memorials & Honoraria

### Memorials

- ◆ In memory of Claire Davis: InStride, Inc.— Rebecca Johnson, Jane Huebner, Irmak Ayse Fites, Jessica Karet, The Roberts Family, The Goetz Family, The Morehouse Family, Michelle Chang, The Leede Family, Desiree Davis, Judy Scott, Tracy L. Curran, Amy J. Halvorsen, Sarah J. Murdoch, Penny J. Morris, The Guest Family
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- ◆ Ruth Ann Burnett in memory of Cat Anderson, Betty Manolakis, Lawrence Phipps III, Mary Martell, “Jett Sett Burnett” and “Mr. Bo”
- ◆ Ben & Laurie Duke in memory of Maude Duke
- ◆ Robert Kembel in memory of George Emerich

- ◆ Susie Stroh in memory of “Santana”
- ◆ Cynthia Sullivan in memory of Jenny Alsberg’s “Tony”
- ◆ Bill & Audrey Weprin in memory of Pat and Clif Roark’s “Alvero”, their black Andalusian who won at all levels of dressage including Grand Prix and A/A Horse of the Year in 2012 & 2013; and in memory of Lisa and Tom Knowls’ “Papillon”; a great family horse

### Honoraria

- ◆ Kelly Phillips in honor of “Amazing Tuff”
- ◆ Ginger Yost in honor of “Shadow’s” recovery



**WANTED:**  
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riders to train  
horses for  
adoption

**AN ANIMAL’S EYES**  
have the power to  
speak a great  
language.

- Martin Bubber



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### Our Lifetime Commitment



Although we always hope our horses find forever homes when they are adopted out of the rescue, sometimes circumstances change. Our adoption contract stipulates that we will

always take back an adopted horse if the adopter can no longer care for it, and a suitable home can't be found. Awesome Dawson is one such story.

Dawson first came to the rescue in the summer of 2009, at the age of sixteen. He had sustained a serious injury to his left hind fetlock and his owners were unable to afford proper vet care for him. Our vets were not optimistic about his future after radiographing the injury. But he seemed like he had a fighting spirit, so we decided to give him some time. Although he has never been sound enough to ride, Dawson recovered sufficiently to gallop and buck, and his phenomenal disposition makes him the perfect companion horse.

In 2010, Gisela Lefor contacted the rescue, inquiring about a possible companion for her riding horse, as his current pasture buddy was aging rapidly, and she was afraid she would lose him soon. Sadly, that turned out to be true, and Gisela came out to the rescue to see if any of our companion horses would suit her needs. It was love at first sight

when she laid eyes on Dawson, and he went to live with her shortly after.

No horse was ever more loved than Dawson, and no owner was ever more dedicated. She lovingly renamed him "Seabiscuit" and referred to him as Biscuit.

Tragically, Gisela passed away in 2016. Her family was unable to care for her horses long term, so Biscuit came back to the rescue and brought his friend Sky with him. Biscuit/Dawson is 23 now, and is still managing well on his old injury. He moves a little slower, and requires a little more senior feed than he used to, but his fighting spirit remains the same.

Are you Dawson's New Forever Home?



Gisela and Dawson



### New Skylights



Jenny Al sberg slides new skylights up the ladder to Matt Ehlers who is installing them on the roof of our indoor arena. It will be great not to be rained or snowed on any longer.



Looking up inside the arena— Matt figures out how to replace the damaged skylights.

### Around the Ranch



The ranch after a summer rain storm



Daybreak as the full moon sinks behind the foothills



A snowy day at the ranch



The grass is always greener according to Tommy and Easton, even if it is on a tiny strip bordering the outdoor arena



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**Wildlife**



Mule deer forage just north of our ranch



A honey bee swarm takes up residence in our yard and is removed by a specialist



RMHR is now on Amazon Smile. See our website for a direct link

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### Our Wonderful Volunteers



El isa Bil by and Greg Jandro drag the ring



**MARK LADWIG BALES HAY ON A "DAY OFF" FROM**  
bal ing hay at his ranch



Kel sey Madigan is al ways wil ling to ride some of the difficul t ones



**JEAN GALLAGHER WORKS ON JOJO'S FEET WHILE**  
Connie Caruso hol ds the l ittl e firebal l



The fam il ar pose of Jeff Marshal l checking ranch el ectrical probl ems



Kail i Por ter fiel d exer cises over weight Ash



Candace Born poses with her favorite tool : a manure fork



Kate Corcoran reviews RMHR financial s



Randy Kerr n cuts the hayfiel d with our swather, "PUFF THE MAGIC WAGON"



Mel anie Hood and Mariah Hood Drag mats back INTO EDDIE'S PEN AFTER FILLING A HOLE WITH SAND



Mar k Husmann takes a break after unl oading donated hay



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Terry Michel squeezes into tight quarters while repairing a barn at the rescue



Pat Spetz and Kris Pohl join forces to de-burr the pasture horses



Toni Rautus spreads 15,000 wasp larvae to control the horse flies that are biting the horses. Other volunteers that paid for the \$30 package every three weeks were Melanie Hood, Marie Hackett, Pat Spetz, Elisa Bilby, Ray Salinas and Hank Baldwin



Alex Saugestine grooms and "GRAZES" 27 YEAR OLD OUTLAWS Jesse James in the tall, tall grass (our toothless wonder actually lives on soaked hay cubes and senior feed)



Sue Sturbaum saves away picking up manure while Jax and Tiger eagerly chomp down on their hay to produce more manure



Board member Mary Norden highlights our adoptable horses at the August 27th Open House at the Littleton Equine Medical Center



Rob Nixon applies a new roof to a wind-damaged shed



Ringo helps Sandra Sprude clean his pen



The Father/Daughter team of Paul and Izabela Balcer try out the new surface of the outdoor ring





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**RAY SALINAS AND HANK BALDWIN BUILD A NEW DRY PLATFORM FOR LITTLE BIT'S SHED. THEY BUILD A frame, fill with coarse rock and cover with a rubber mat**



Ray Salinas repairs a roof on a horse shed



Kit Mann unloads a bag of Purina Senior she is donating to the Rescue



Dave Lofatofsky & Billy Santiago conquer the floodwaters that often flow into the Lauretta Boyd Charitable Trust shed by installing metal panels



Farrier Craig Reynolds works on the right front while Easton decides to raise his right hind and Marie Hackett tries to steady the big Thoroughbred



We welcomed Girl Scout Troop #2746 to the rescue to volunteer for the day. The girls learned about the care of our rescue horses and even how to clean their hooves.



Annie Shank walks out Jesse James to help him lose weight



Volunteers Nancy Harms & Betsie Alves try out our newly resurfaced ring while Tommy & Tiger look on

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Woody is a registered thoroughbred who has been ridden on trails—Engl ish or Western

**RESCUE EQUIPMENT**



Our Anderson Sing travel ed to Alaska and was featured on a Nat Geo Wild TV show