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Down, But Not Out



Kris Nixon grazes Indi after his treatment

Indi arrived at Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue on June 9, 2018 with a hideous wound, infested with maggots, on his neck. His owner had called a veterinarian on May 23rd upon finding that this quarter horse gelding had been attacked by his stallion. Evidently the stallion had clamped down across the top of Indi's neck causing a huge infected injury on his right side and bite marks on the left side.

The owner's granddaughter had arrived for a visit and took pictures of Indi's wound from June 2nd through the 7th as she tried to treat the injury per veterinarian Shane Baird's instructions. However, she quickly realized that Indi would need treatment long after her visit and she needed more help. Eventually she was able to convince her grandfather to sign over his ownership to RMHR so that we could try to save Indi's life!

Many folks have asked us why we didn't call Animal Control to get the owner punished or jailed, or worse. Our answer is that our priority was to help Indi—not to spend months or years going through the courts in order to punish the owner.

Initially, Dr. Baird came to our Rescue every day to treat Indi, and then every other day. He even remarked that the injury might get worse before it would get better. However,

since Indi needed to be treated twice a day (taking over an hour per session), Kris Nixon stepped up and worked on this kind gelding through June, July and August. Other volunteers helped us out when Kris had to be away including Emily Kil and Pam Hamilton. At first it took two of us at each session—one to restrain the wiggling Indi and one to flush the wound with a hose and then apply medication. After each treatment session, we had to soak and wash his neck fly sheet to get rid of the wound discharge that had soaked into his fly sheet (since it attracted flies).

In addition, we were extremely grateful to Dr. Steve Long who gave up his last tube of Granulex (which is no longer available) to treat Indi's wound when Dr. Baird was traveling out of town.

The injury was so extensive that when Dr. Baird used a "needleless" syringe to infuse medicine or Betadine directly into one of the abscesses on the injury, some of the contents would ooze or squirt out of other abscesses on the side being treated or even out the other side. This phenomenon also occurred when flushing with a water hose.

CAUTION: Do not read page 2 with color pictures of Indi's wound if you can't bear to look at gore. However, you would also see pictures of his fantastic recovery.

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**Tuesday
Dec. 4, 2018**



Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue is now registered with Colorado Gives! This allows us to participate in Colorado Gives Day on December 4th where every dollar donated to RMHR receives a portion of the \$1 Million incentive fund

We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals

— Immanuel Kant



Down, But Not Out (continued)

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pressure washing the wound resulted in water spraying out the abscesses on the other side

Each time at the end of the treatment, we would smear Vaseline just below the cut to try and prevent the medications and blood from dripping onto uninjured skin and burning it. After one month of care, we were thrilled to see the triangular wound receding up to the top of his neck. But then in mid-July we had a huge setback. The skin that had been burned by the medicine peeled open.



INDI'S MEDICINE: burned skin peeled open

So, it was back to square one to try to help Indi. There were many times when we had discussions with Dr. Baird about whether we should continue the painful treatments or mercifully put him down.



Dr. Shane Baird never gave up on treating **INDI'S NECK**

By early September, we were beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel with both wounds receding and healing well. Wooahoo! We were able to discontinue the twice a day treatments; continuing with an application of Swat on the only open spot on the wound that had not regrown hair.

By October, Indi was enjoying his new life including sharing a water tank with a horse named Lordy. Lordy is what we commonly call a "dunker". He grabs a chunk of hay at feeding time, walks over to the water tank, and drops it in. He then eats the floating hay. Indi loves having a "dunker" for a neighbor and happily partakes in the wet hay feast. For some reason both of them think that the expensive mountain hay that we give them needs a little more moisture! We have to clean the tank pretty often, but it's hilarious to see these two friends sharing breakfast and dinner.

An enormous thank you goes to Dr. Baird (who said he wasn't a quitter), Kris Nixon, and all the other volunteers and contributors who have made it possible to give Indi a happy, healthy future!



Indi almost completely healed and feeling great!



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I Can Stand, Walk and Dance Without Pain!

Matilda entered our rescue on June 9th, 2018 along with Indi, the horse with the badly injured neck. Matilda's hooves were so badly overgrown that watching her walk was the most painful sight we've seen in a while. We tried to be hopeful, but looking at her feet we all feared that she was too far gone and we could never get her back to a comfortable hoof condition.

Bill wasn't sure exactly how to proceed and thought that a reciprocating saw might be the right tool to trim her feet. After a couple of failed tries, Bill determined that nippers were the only way to make some progress. Matilda was extremely uncomfortable standing on three feet so we lightly tranquilized her and Bill got to work. They were, without a doubt, the worst hooves Bill had ever worked on and at first he wasn't sure what he was looking at. Matilda's hooves had actually rolled over as they grew out and the frog and the sole of her feet were facing up, not touching the ground! After nearly three hours of work, Bill had made some pretty good progress on the terribly overgrown hooves. It was amazing; Matilda already seemed to show some relief.

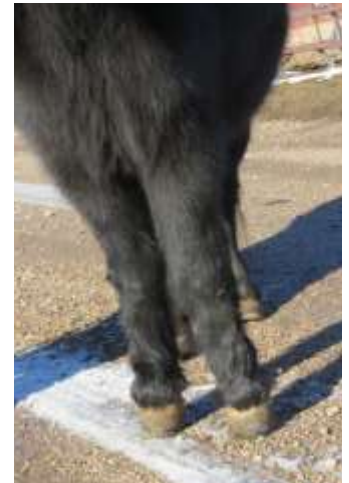


Matilda on her arrival at RMHR

Farrier Bill Clymer was scheduled to come to the rescue several days later and we hoped that we could talk him into working with Matilda. Bill, who lives in Texas, still shoes a number of horses in Colorado and makes regular trips to the state. Bill was willing to tackle Matilda's misshapen feet knowing that this twenty plus year old miniature horse might never be completely normal.



Bill Clymer gets a huge thank you from Matilda for all his work



MATILDA'S FRONT (ABOVE) AND rear (below) hooves below after four trims by Bill



MATILDA'S MISSHAPEN FRONT HOOVES ABOVE AND THE even worse rear hooves below

Her fourth trim by Bill was in October, and Matilda was like a new horse.

As her comfort improved, her temperament also changed. Matilda went from a meek and timid horse to bouncy and having a mind of her own. Her sauciness even included rearing when she was being led back to her pen after a walk.

"Waltzing" Matilda will soon be looking for her forever adoptive home where she can stand, walk and dance to her heart's delight.



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Awesome Dawson on Arrival



Dawson, Now Biscuit, and his first adopter Gisela



Honey (previously known as Biscuit) enjoying his forever home (his coat color changes with the seasons)

Helping us Out – Foster/Safehomer Volunteers

Different folks have helped Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue in many ways. Some jump in their cars and come out to shovel manure. Some are great repairmen (and women) who tackle leaky roofs and fallen fences and even our deteriorating manure spreader. A few with excellent riding skills, ride and work with our horses to make them more adoptable. Others trailer horses and hay to the ranch. And we can't forget the farriers, veterinarians, electricians, techies and others with special skills who either give us a break on price or slave away at no cost.

People from all over our nation have sent cash donations and horse supplies we can use or sell to help in other areas.

Finally, we have some kind souls who offer to foster/safe home some of our charges opening some of our pens to help more horses. Here are a few of those stories.

Awesome Dawson was donated to our Rescue by a ranching family on the Western Slope in 2009. He was unable to keep up with his galloping herd due to an injured hind fetlock.

We immediately x-rayed the joint and our vet was not encouraging—saying that we should consider putting him down. However, Dawson gradually improved as we kept him on level ground in his paddock so much so that we were able to adopt him out to a wonderful lady in 2010 as a companion horse. She renamed him Biscuit, after Seabiscuit, and loved him dearly.

Biscuit came back to us in 2016 after the tragic death of his adopter. He stayed at RMHR until 2017 when Candace Dylla needed a companion horse for her other horse. She picked up Biscuit and trailered him to his new home in Parker. Candace sent a video with Biscuit's new friend and announced the fostering an immediate success!

When the Dylla family's little granddaughter met Biscuit, she said that because he was so kind and sweet that his new name was Sugar Cube Honey Bit. In 2018, his status has changed from fostered to adopted, and we are ecstatic that Honey has found his forever home!

Peaches 'n Cream was donated to RMHR in 2009 by board member Laura Gill. Ginny Petty volunteered to foster our cute little miniature mare for a few years and then Melanie Hood took over the reins.

Since Mel lives across the street from Crown Hill Park, she thought that it would be great to teach Peaches how to pull a cart on the park's multiple

trails. Mel has spent many hours teaching her how to accept the harness, then progressing to ground driving (walking behind Peaches without a cart attached). This skill is all new to our mare as she was only familiar with being led—not urged from behind with voice commands. The next step in her



Peaches being ground driven by Mel

training will be to accept the cart following closely behind her and not panicking that she will be run over by the "stalking" vehicle. The final step will be for her to pull the cart with a driver in control.

We thank Mel for her foster work and wish her luck and patience in turning Peaches into a fantastic driving miniature horse.

We received Rockaway Babe in 2012 in a starved condition and covered with ticks. Colleen Ryan took a day off from work to trailer her to our Rescue. We knew Babe was smart when we saw her



Babe on arrival—anxiously looking for more food

looking out of her shelter while volunteer Billy Santiago shoveled her manure in the rain. We were pleased to see our mare gradually gain weight and energy, but we had not found the special person to adopt or foster Babe until Meggan Brovege offered to safe home Babe even though she had the "endearing" habit of throwing herself to the ground if someone tried to ride her. Fortunately, Meggan didn't need a riding horse and was willing to provide a great foster home for Babe. Connie

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Helping us Out (continued)



Colleen Ryan—Popick trailered Babe to RMHR



Billy Santiago saves in the rain while Babe watches from her barn

Caruso trailered our lucky girl to Parker and her new “digs”.

Meggan and Babe are doing great and Meggan even refers to the now-named Baby Ruth as PERFECT!



Babe gaining weight and full of energy!

Many years ago, Andrea Barnes was given a choice on her 16th birthday—a car or a Thoroughbred horse named Silver Shadow that she had been riding. She chose the horse. We think Andrea played that well since shortly after that decision, Andrea’s parents had to get her the car so that she could get back and forth to the stable!



Andrea reunited with Silver Shadow

Fast forward to 2012 and an extremely ill gentleman contacted the rescue wanting to donate his two horses to RMHR. He chose RMHR so he could be assured that his pets would have a safe future. One of those horses, a gray gelding, came with his registra-

tion papers listing his former owners. We tried to contact all the names in order to trace the gelding’s past life. We got in touch with a Daniel Warwick whose daughter Andrea was now married and lived in the area. Andrea immediately wanted to come visit her old friend and showed up with a ton of carrots. After getting reacquainted, Andrea decided to adopt Silver Shadow in 2013.



Eddie and Silver Shadow—Best of Friends

In 2017, Andrea contacted us and asked if we had (or knew of) a horse that might serve as a companion for Silver Shadow in his new boarding location. We told her we had a few candidates and after checking them out, she chose Fast Eddie who has worked out perfectly. Andrea, with two children in tow, now drives to the stable twice a day to feed and care for both horses. We wish everyone could have the strength and dedication that Andrea has shown to these two best buddies!

NOTE: Silver Shadow’s complete story can be found in our 2013-2014 Newsletter on our website.

Popeye, our one-eyed Shetland pony, profited from super foster care by Rachel Tucker. She “borrowed” Popeye to be a companion to her mare whenever her second horse had to leave temporarily. While with Rachel, Popeye even gave rides to her nephew. However, our little guy finally came back to us after he began to dislike the mare and kicked her (maybe from being startled by her on his blind side).

Popeye is a favorite here at our Rescue and we love having him back.

Lynn Cormey took excellent care of Doc, the quarter horse who suffered from a condition where he broke out in sores and bumps all over his body when not protected by fly netting. She even paid to have extensive allergy tests performed. Lynn returned him to our Rescue when she no longer needed a companion horse.

Since Doc was formerly owned by the U.S. Forest Service, he is a “do everything” boy who is always fun to ride.



Andrea with her 16th birthday present, Silver Shadow



Rachel and Popeye



Lynn Cormey and Doc



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90 MPH +

We were rocked in April of this year by one of the strongest wind storms that **WE'VE SEEN IN A WHILE. IT TORE** off roofs, impaled a 2x4 in the arena wall and generally made a mess. We were able to repair / reinstall some of the roofing panels, but we had to rebuild several roofs. Thankful no animals or people were hurt during the ordeal.



Jojo's Corner

I have been busy this year researching a very important topic. The subject of my research is, "What is a Meghan Markle?"

The reason this interests me so much is that apparently, this Meghan Markle is a Duchess, and I believe that I may ALSO be a Duchess. I have no idea what a Duchess is, but it seems pretty important, so I think I'm a good fit.

My friend Kris tells me there is no possibility that I could be a Duchess, but I think she's just jealous because I have all the important qualifications to be a Duchess, and she doesn't. So I agreed to let our readers be the judge of my Duchessness (Kris also says Duchessness isn't a word, but she's quite painfully slow sometimes).

Here are all the things I have in common with this Meghan Markle:

1. Starting from humble beginnings. Obviously, I have been very humble from the beginning.
2. Achieved fame in media. My newsletter articles are world renowned.
3. She has described herself as "half black, half white". HELLO! Look

at me.

4. Estranged from part of her family. I don't know any of my family, but I bet they're pretty strange. Look at my conformation.
5. Ingratiated herself with a Queen. Bini loves me.
6. Gets her picture taken a lot. I bet less than I do.
7. Married some guy named Harry. I don't know who this Harry person is, but I can just about guarantee you, Cowboy is WAY hairier than he is, and we've lived together for years. I assume that means we're married.



So, as you can clearly see, I am a Duchess.

I'm still investigating what exactly this will mean for me, but in the meantime, I will be accepting horse cookies, carrots and whatever other expensive gifts you'd like to send me.

Please feel free to contact Kris and let her know how very wrong she is about my lack of Duchessness. I think I will go get my apology from her now.

Editors Note:

Son, you're a gelding.

Memorials & Honoraria

Honoraria

- ◆ Karen McComas in honor of Little Bit

Memorials

- ◆ Ruth Ann Burnett in memory of J.J. Black, Doris Allen, Thelma Seeley and Vivian (a very special Jack Russell Terrier)
- ◆ Arapahoe High School Community Fund in memory of Claire Davis
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- ◆ Toni Gallagher in memory of Jean Gallagher's Cinnabar
- ◆ Karen McComas in memory of Cee Wolf
- ◆ Ben and Laurie Duke in memory of Maud Duke
- ◆ Laura Laituri in memory of Tommy
- ◆ Elisa Bilby in memory of Tommy
- ◆ Jacob Cseke and the RIS Staff in memory of Althea Gerrard





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**Entrenched
ignorance
masquerades as
tradition

-anonymous**

Open Letter to Dogs and Cats in our Home



Dear Dogs and Cats:

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of

my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, and try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years -- canine or feline attendance is not required.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!

To pacify you, my dear pets, I have posted the following message on our front door:

To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like to Complain About Our Pets:

- ◆ They live here. You don't.
- ◆ If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it 'fur' nature.)
- ◆ I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
- ◆ To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.

Dogs and cats are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about having to buy the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, and don't need a gazillion dollars for college -- and if they get pregnant, you can sell their children.

Thank You.

—Robin Downing, DVM

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Adopter Craig Reynolds "PONIES" JASPER IN THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE. CRAIG, A farrier, is the perfect person for Jasper who had founded before he was donated to RMHR. Craig even bought AN EXPENSIVE, SPECIAL "HOUSE" for Jasper as well as protective boots which he wore in the parade.



Dr. Lois Toll and assistant Kelsey Madigan float TOBY'S TEETH



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Up for Adoption

Like all former Forest Service horses, Doc is a great trail and **"DO EVERYTHING" BOY. HOWEVER,** he is allergic to bug bites and needs to be protected during the buggy season.



Rescued from a kill auction, 16 year old Buttercup is a registered Quarterhorse mare who has never been ridden. She is learning about the civilized life, but would probably do best as a companion.



October Sky is a handsome 19 year-old registered paint who has had limited training, but would be great for an experienced English or Western rider.

14-year old Lexi was bought from a kill buyer with funds raised by caring **SUPPORTERS WHO DIDN'T WANT HER SENT TO slaughter.** She was subsequently donated to RMHR. She is a 17HH registered Thoroughbred who would prefer to live in your pocket rather than in her stall. A former Dressage horse, we will still need to evaluate her to determine her best future.



Walzing Matilda is 20+ year old miniature horse who arrived at RMHR with horribly overgrown hooves. She will always need excellent farrier care, but would be a great pet for the right adopter.



Amiri is a 19 year old Arabian **MARE. SHE'S AN EASY KEEPER AND** a sweet animal however, she **CAN GET A BIT "AFFECTIONATE"** with humans when she is in heat. She is excellent on the trails, alone or in a group.

Nick, a 35 year old Missouri Fox Trotter, was a trail and pack horse until his retirement. He is still sound and rideable. He is friendly and gentle and gets along with other horses.



Maggie is a lovely 19-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.



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A Tale of Two JJs

Big JJ—In 1995, a young Thoroughbred went to an auction. His past lives had included a mediocre career as a racehorse and a guest horse at a dude ranch. Somehow, my mother was able to look past his scars and emaciated condition and see something worthwhile. My Mom ran a different horse rescue at that time but decided this horse's sale price of \$625.80 was more than the rescue could spend on a horse, so she bought him with her personal funds and brought him home.

He was a thin, sad, and questionably sound specimen. His stifles locked up almost every time he took a step, and he was covered in scars from many hours of wearing a saddle. Eventually, he gained weight and as his health improved; his stifles stopped locking up too.

Around that time, my mother started, shall we say, "badgering" me to come out and ride this horse, whom we had decided to call JJ (because of the freeze brand on his shoulder from the dude ranch). I was pretty busy, and none too anxious to go risk my life on another one of my mother's crazy rescue horses, but eventually I relented. I slapped a saddle on this horse who had not been ridden in probably a year and got on and rode him around the field.

As trite as it sounds, it was an immediate love connection. I called my mother later that day and asked her if I could have him. For the next twenty-two years, JJ and I were together. We traveled the country together and he gave me his very best every day.



Kris Nixon and Big JJ competing in Estes Park

Little JJ—In 2005, a tiny miniature named Kame-lot's Outlaw Jesse James arrived at my mother's RMHR. He had been a show horse and a driving horse, but with his owner's death, he found himself at a rescue. Since his registered name was bigger than he was, we called him JJ.

Eventually he was adopted, but in 2016 he was returned to the rescue.

Because he was somewhat thin, I started taking

him out to the pasture to graze while I did other things. At first, he was just as sweet and polite as he could be. He would just stay wherever I left him, grazing away until I went to get him.

Then one day, he decided he was feeling MUCH better. The second I turned him loose, he bolted across the property as fast as his little legs could carry him. I think it took me a solid 10 minutes to catch him. Every time I'd get within five feet of him, I swear I'd hear him blow a raspberry at me and he'd gallop wildly across the property again.

Thinking perhaps his poor behavior had been a momentary indiscretion, I attempted his "free range" grazing again the next day. After another rousing session of "chase the elderly miniature horse across the property" he was fired from free range grazing.

Periodically over the next two years, he would get loose, and he always made the most of his liberty.

My Mom started exercising him by leading him alongside the golf cart. It became a common sight to see him trotting along with his pal Bini all around the property. When visitors came to the rescue they got a turn to lead him too.



Bini and Little JJ on a trip around the ranch

He became a favorite of just about everyone who met him. He was happy to see everyone, greeting them with a shrill little whinny. His favorite activity was going to the round pen with his girlfriend Little Bit (another mini at the rescue). They would play tag for a while, then spend hours standing in the middle of the pen, grooming each other.

We lost both our JJs this year, within weeks of each other. Neither went without a fight, showing the tenacity and the spirit that made us love them so much. But ultimately, they had to cross the Rainbow Bridge, where I bet big JJ is jumping jumps, and little JJ is eluding capture in a big grassy field.

Two JJs. One that started out as a dude horse and ended up a famous show horse, and another that started as a show horse and ended up as a beloved pet. Both rescued by my mother. Pretty special.



Big JJ on arrival at the Ranch



Little JJ demonstrating his cart prowess



Little JJ drags his lead rope in a dash for Freedom



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Up for Adoption



Harry, Houdi or Howdy (the horse with many names) was born on June 4, 2015 at the rescue. His dam was a starved Thoroughbred race mare and his sire is unknown. Harry has started his saddle training with Margaret Blaha and Kris Nixon. He is looking for a very experienced adopter to train him to his full potential. Are you that special person?



Belie is a 23 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 an older, spunky Shetland Pony. He had an eye removed years ago and has adjusted well. He would also make a great companion for a lonely horse provided he had his own living accommodations.



Easton is a 9-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.

Tiger is a small 13-14 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.



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Hope Update

Hope is a very healthy, happy girl in her new home. The serious back leg injury she suffered last year has completely healed and closed up. She runs around and plays just like the three horse buddies she lives with that have accepted her into their herd. Her lean-to "roomie" is a 31-year old gelding named Joker.

She has 40 acres to roam around on with her horse family. She likes to run and race her sister, Lily and has become quite the social butterfly with the neighbors' horses, ponies, cows and pigs. She has lots of energy and is usually the first one out to pasture in the morning and the first one to come in for dinner at night.

Hope is a very willing horse and loves to be worked with and handled. She caught on quickly learning what to do in the round pen, and almost seems to be more motivated when rewarded with pets and love over treats. She has learned to trust again and allows us to approach her without fear. Her halter goes on easily, and we have even had a blanket and a saddle cinched up on her. If we take it slow and allow her to get used to new things,

she's up for it and tries hard to please. Sometimes when we are cleaning her corral she'll stop and stand in front of us so we have to stop and pet her.

We are so blessed to have been able to adopt our sweet girl and be able to give her lots of love and a happy horse life. Seeing her out in the pasture running free and full speed ahead with her tail up like an Arab is quite a sight.

What a wonderful transformation she has made from a scared, mistreated horse to sweet, gentle little lady with a big and willing heart.

Thank you, Bini, for rescuing her and allowing us to care for and love her forever.

—Bill & Deborah Hayes

Hope was adopted by Debbie and Bill in 2017. She was one of the four starved horses we rescued on April 15, 2011. The four were found in a pen with the body of a horse who had died from starvation six weeks earlier.

We were so lucky to have found these very special folks who have helped a special little mare live in heaven on earth. To read the full story of Hope's saga read the 2016-2017 newsletter on our website.

—Bini



Brand Inspector Holly Golen was instrumental in cleaning up the paperwork on the four starving horses in the pen with a dead horse who had starved to death weeks before. Hope thanks Holly for helping her find her forever home



Bingo, realizing that we all ways need more maintenance help, pitches in on a gutter repair



School of Mines

We welcomed the School of Mines Equestrian Team on March 17th for the second year in a row to work with our horses to make them more adoptable. Two students worked with the gray Tommy; while two others worked with Tiger. Both

Tommy and Tiger arrived at RMHR on April 15, 2011 as stallions who had been starving in a pen with two mares and a dead horse who had been dead for six weeks.

Tommy and Tiger quickly became geldings, but they retained their spooky, scared ways unless worked with consistently.

Our thanks to all four students. See you next year! (if you haven't already graduated)



IT IS JUST LIKE MAN'S vanity and imper tinence to call an animal dumb because it is dumb to his dull perceptions.

— Mark Twain



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Nancy Gooding—The Gooding Family Foundation, Colleen Ryan Popick & Michelle Ryan—St. Vrain Block Co.

Contributors – Items

Horse Protection League – stock trailer; Colleen Ryan – saddle, saddle pads, stirrup leathers, saddle rack, 22 bales grass hay; Alison Rucker – bareback pad, winter blanket, lead rope and halter, four bridles, breastplate, cinch, feed tubs, fly mask, cross-ties, lunge whip, helmets; Kit Mann – 6 bags of sweet feed, 3 bags of Equine Senior; Melanie Hood – bag of Equine Senior, fly masks; A Home for Every Horse – 46 bags of Purina Equine Senior; Toni Rautus – wheelbarrow, cart, four manure forks; Christine Toth – 20 corral panels, 2 gates, 4 saddles, grooming equipment, blankets, water troughs, tons of tack and more; Karen Morales – 9 salt blocks; Jen Scheurer – fly masks and sheets; Kellie Mitchell – halters, ropes, 11 dewormers, feed bag; Pat & Ron Coontz – 2 new automatic waterers; Anonymous – stall guard, hay nets, leather punch, brushes, breastplates, bits, tack trunk, leg wraps & bandages, fuzzy covered leather halter, meds, bridles, saddle pads, plastic totes and more; Celia Thomas & Cross the Meadow Farm – 6 blankets, flysheet, wool cooler, mesh cooler; Linda Hrycaj – 80 bales alfalfa and alfalfa/grass mix hay; Jody & Tim Baron – shipping boots, cooler, fly masks and sheets, helmet, stirrups, gel pad, girths, saddle seat show pants, clipper blades, hunt seat jacket, grooming tools, bridles, blankets, more; Pat Spetz – 2 water tanks; Denise & Russ Brooks – 2 metal feeders; Lauren Ebinger—4 Rambo winter blankets

Contributors – Manpower

Melanie Hood, Mandy Reese, Mariah Hood, Pat Spetz, Betsie Alves, Jeff Marshall, Terry Michel, Marie Hackett, Billy Santiago, Bella & Paul Balcer, Elisa Bilby, Nancy Harts, Rob & Kris Nixon, Connie Caruso, Jean Gallagher, Ray Salinas, Randy Kerr, Toni Rautus, Mark Husmann, Kate Corcoran, Laura Gill, Meade & Bini Abbott, Mark Ladwig, Sue Sturbaum, Nathan Anway, Kit Mann, Sandra Sprude, Annie Shank, Erin & Lydia Sedorf, Ramona Davis, Rebecca & Cody Elmore, Emily Kil, Pam Hamilton, Oliver Mathis, Malori Dubik, Ryan Schields, Debbie Pickerill, Stephanie Shea, Missy Sturges, Jill Kluge, Kate Morrissey, Amanda Fager, Will Irwin, Rachel Dorenz, Vic Schramm, Eliza & Alivia Loovis, Sophie & Gabi Hoefler, Amarylly Kelly, Craig Reynolds

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Rob Nixon picks up a generous donation of fence panels and tack from Christine Toth

The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: THAT'S THE ESSENCE of inhumanity.

— George Bernard Shaw



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Our Wonderful Volunteers



Izabela and Paul



Sandra Sprude takes a break from cleaning Pens



Marie Hackett always willing to help out



Mark Ladwig balances hay on a "DAY OFF" FROM balancing hay at his ranch



Oliver Mathis repairs one of our sheds



Pam Hamilton works at teaching Tiger to load: an invaluable skill when he finds his forever home



Bily Santiago Repairs a shed



Stephanie Shea on Doc and Emily Kil on Sky



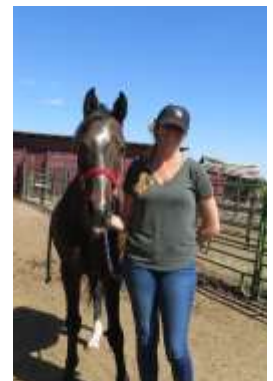
Little Bit wants to graze, but Amanda Metz knows our mare needs exercise



Melanie Hood exercises Cowboy



Mariah Hood Brings Mariah, the horse, in from turnout



Missy Sturgis works regularly with Tiger



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Kim Gillan poses with Maggie



BINI ABBOTT'S AMBITIOUS project to teach Tiny Tim how to retrieve the mail and paper



Jeff Marshall works on our electrical in **PREPARATION FOR "TANK HEATER" SEASON**



Betsie Alves mucks out a stall

RMHR is 100% volunteer



Lydia and Erin Seedorf



Mandy Reese consoles Indi



Connie Caruso hands out treats



Nancy Harts stops her walk with Tiny Tim to pose for a photo



Ray Salinas grooms Maggie



Kit Mann leads Buttercup around the rescue



SUE STURBAUM "ROCKS" a pitchfork



Vic Schramm cleans a pen



Ramona Davis takes a break from shoveling manure and picking up 1,000s of rocks to take a ride on Bingo



Toni Rautus, volunteer and ornithologist, not only labors but helps us with bird identification



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Volunteers receive no pay, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless!



Neighbor Jared Jansen donated time and equipment to do a 2nd pass on our hayfield and bale up 40 bales of hay for our horses



Elisa Bilby on Maggie and Mark Husmann on Jax



Terry Michel completely rebuilt our manure spreader including a new apron chain and most of the decking



Jill Kluge grooms Matilda



Debbie Pickering walks Cowboy on a wintry day



Kate Corcoran works on our Colorado Gives Application



Randy, who maintains all of our vehicles stops by with an assistant



Randy Kerr fires up our swather to do some last minute maintenance before cutting the hayfield



Pat Spetz with her favorite Shetland Pony, Popeye



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The Lighter Side – Horse Terminology

- ◆ Hock – the financial condition of all horse owners.
- ◆ Stall – what your trailer rig does at rush hour in an unfamiliar city on the way to a big horse show.
- ◆ A bit – what you have left in your pocket after you've been to your favorite tack shop.
- ◆ Fence – a decorative structure built to provide your horse with something to chew on.
- ◆ Horse auction – what you think of having after your horse bucks you off.
- ◆ Pinto – a green coat pattern found on freshly washed light-colored horses left unattended for 2 minutes in a pasture.
- ◆ Well-mannered – a horse that hasn't stepped on, bitten or kicked any human for a week.
- ◆ Rasp – an abrasive metal tool used to remove excess skin from one's knuckles.
- ◆ Longeing or lunging – popular training method in which a horse exercises the human by spinning them in circles until dizzy.
- ◆ Gallop – customary gait a horse chooses when returning back to the barn.
- ◆ Nicely started – the horse longes but there is not enough health insurance in the world to even think about riding him.
- ◆ Colic – gastrointestinal distress in people after eating food at horse fairs and shows.
- ◆ Colt – what your mare gives you when you want a filly.
- ◆ Easy to load – only takes 3 hours, 4 men, a 50 lb. bag of oats, and a tractor with a loader.
- ◆ Easy to catch – in a 10 x 10 stall, that is.
- ◆ Easy rider – rides good in a trailer...not to be confused with "rideable."
- ◆ Endurance ride – end result when your horse spooks and runs away with you.
- ◆ Hives – what you get when you receive the vet bill for your horse.
- ◆ Hobbles – walking gait of a human after their foot has been stepped on by a horse.
- ◆ Feed – expensive substance used to manufacture manure.
- ◆ Dog house – what you are in when you spend too much money on grooming supplies and pretty halters.
- ◆ Light cribber – we can't afford to build any more fencing or box stalls for this buzz saw on 4 legs.
- ◆ 3 gaited horse – a horse that trips, stumbles and falls.
- ◆ Small Fortune – what horse owners end up with when they start out with a big one and buy a horse.

Wild life



We now have a herd of 11 whitetail s who race through the ranch and jump any fence in their path



The Bald Eagle pair looks over our rescue

Sunrise / Sunset



It's easy to get bogged down in the day to day grind. The "oh my goodness, is that fence line broken again"; the "criminy, how is that horse's mane full of burrs again; and an occasional "this is just too much".

When it happens though; it takes a simple moment of watching a sunrise or sunset and we realize how lucky we are to wake up to such beauty over the lake and end the day on such majestic mountains.



AN EGRET AND HIS "TWIN REFLECTION" WADE THE shall ows of Standley Lake looking for a meal



A coyote appears to be "LAUGHING" AT THE photographer



A COOPER'S HAWK FEASTS ON A local pigeon





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