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Minis for Miles

Social media is an interesting phenomenon. It can sometimes bring people together whose lives would never normally intersect. Such was the case with a band of merry miniature horses whose owner was forced to rehome them due to sudden changes in her life. She posted eleven of her precious minis on Facebook looking to find them new people to love.

One re-post led to another, and I was made aware of them. I contacted the owner to see if we could help her in some way. After speaking to her on the phone ("You know I'm in Iowa right?"), I told her I was pretty sure we could take at least a couple of them, but I would need to talk to my mom.

I've obviously known my mother my whole life, so I suppose I shouldn't have been surprised when she said, "Oh, I think we should take ALL of them." All of them was eleven.

So began the planning phase of "Operation Iowa". Paperwork had to be filled out; travel plans had to be made. Miniature horses are roughly one third the size of an average full sized horse, but eleven is still a lot! I have an eight horse trailer, so I figured if I pulled all the partitions out, we could put them all in there loose. Once we had everything organized, Bill Polzin and I set out across the Midwest.

For those of you who have not traveled across Nebraska, May is tornado season...



THE LOOSE 11 MINIATURES RODE PERFECTLY

Bill and I spent more than a few tense moments looking out the windows and listening to the weather on the radio. At one point, a tornado touched down about 5 miles from us. We didn't end up in Oz on top of a witch, and made it to pick up our new friends. We stayed overnight and got to the farm early in the morning.



THE MINIS ARRIVE AT RMHR

I'm not exaggerating when I say I have never seen a cuter group of horses. They were all beautifully cared for with perfectly trimmed feet and freshly combed manes and tails. Their owner had also put together a fantastic book, with all their registration papers, descriptions, vet records and show records.

After a tearful goodbye, and promises to keep in touch, we were on our way with our trailer full of cuteness. They all traveled perfectly and we arrived back (after another tornado scare or two) just before sunset.

In the months since then, we have all gotten to know and love each of them and their hilarious personalities. When they first came, they all had to wear nametags and we spent a lot of time looking them up in the book the owner made for us because we weren't quite sure who was who! Early in the summer, one of our great volunteers excitedly told me about how she taught one of the mares, Gypsy, to jump and how much Gypsy loved it. After consulting with the book, it turns out

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MINIS EXPLORE THEIR NEW SURROUNDINGS

A FANTASTIC YOUNG LADY

We had a wonderful surprise in January of this year when a generous young lady named Cadence McEachern came out to the rescue with her family to bring us her birthday present. Cadence had asked all of her friends and family to donate money to our rescue instead of buying her presents for her birthday. She presented us with almost \$350 in donations. What a selfless and inspirational young lady.



CADENCE AND HER YOUNGER SISTER VISIT WITH TINY TIM

Minis for Miles

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NO ONE WANTS TO STEP UP TO BE THE FIRST OFF!

Gypsy has quite an extensive show record as a jumper. No wonder she was such a quick study!

They all have their own very distinct personalities and we've enjoyed every minute of getting to know them.



BILL POLZIN , EMILY KIL AND KRIS NIXON RELEASE THE "BOYS" IN THEIR NEW PEN

We have Jubi, the matriarch. Jubi is the dam of several of the other minis. She is bossy, but sweet and still quite full of herself for a 29 year old lady.

Jubi's best friend is Inky. Inky is a very friendly, laid back guy who loves his food.

Mo and Prince are brothers and companions to



SOME OF OUR NEW FRIENDS RAN OFF WITH THEIR LEAD ROPES ATTACHED AND EVERYONE TOOK A TURN ROLLING IN THEIR NEW PENS

each other, They are full of mischief and like to evade capture as long as possible. Once they're caught, they are the friendliest little guys.

Gypsy, Princess, Emmy, Quest and Sweetie all live together and there is nothing more fun than going in their pen to cuddle them. It's like a ball pit full of minis.

Rebel and Trigger are roommates and very best pals. Rebel is the sweetest, friendliest little soul and he is always helping Trigger to be less anxious. Trigger had originally come from bad circumstances and he is still working on being trusting of people, but he has a really good disposition and with his friend Rebel, he is a happy little guy.



THREE LADIES AWAIT THEIR FIRST DINNER

At publication, all of these delightful creatures are still available for adoption. Please note that we are only adopting them out in pairs. Please contact us to schedule a visit to meet your two new best friends!

—Kris Nixon



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Indi and Babe

Good news about Indi, the sweet gelding who came to us in 2018 with hideous bite wound on his neck. He and his new best friend, Rockaway Babe, are now living with Meggan Brovege, who was kind enough to offer care for both horses. When we first introduced Babe to Indi over the fence, she pinned her ears and hated him. BUT, with the tincture of time, she fell in love!

Huge thanks to Meggan for fostering Indi and Babe with the intent to adopt! We're so lucky to find such a wonderful person to consider being a forever home to these two!

—Bini Abbott



BABE AND INDI PREP FOR THEIR MOVE TO MEGGAN'S PASTURE BY GRAZING TOGETHER AT RMHR



MEGGAN WITH INDI AND BABE



BABE AND INDI EXPLORE THEIR NEW PASTURE

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Dover Giving Tree



Dover Saddlery in Parker, CO has generously set up a giving tree for the rescue. We worked with Dover and went through their catalog to make our wish list. People can go into the store, see our wish list and purchase items for RMHR. Dover will contact us periodically and let us know that someone has "made our wish come true". Thanks so much to our friends at Dover for thinking of us!

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Parker CO 80134
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Honey Bees

After the volunteers left on Sunday July 7th, I wandered down to the Lauretta Boyd barn to check on our 11 new minis. I was surprised to see huge clumps of honey bees hanging on to the edge of the roof. Evidently their queen was looking for a new home. We called our bee lady who was teaching a class at that moment. She promptly sent out some of her students to remove the humming hoard. They scraped and feathered the bees into specially adapted paper boxes. The queen's scent is so strong that all the workers follow her into the box. After a few hours, and with most of the swarm captured, I called Melanie Hood and told her about our latest adventure. She remarked, "Oh my gosh, I cleaned the minis' pen a few hours earlier, and I'm deathly allergic to bee stings!"

—Bini Abbott



OUR PRIME PURPOSE IN THIS LIFE IS TO HELP OTHERS. AND IF YOU CAN'T HELP THEM, AT LEAST DON'T HURT THEM.

— DALAI LAMA



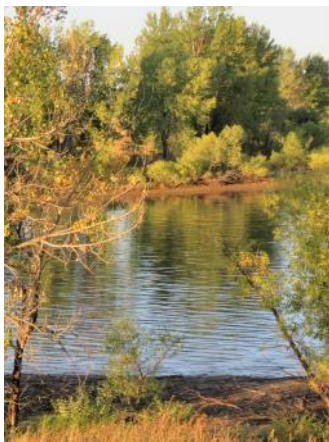


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AROUND THE RESCUE



AN ANVIL CLOUD FORMS ON THE SE HORIZON SIGNALING THE END OF A THUNDERSTORM



A PEACEFUL COVE; THE VIEW TO THE NORTH FROM THE EDGE OF OUR LAND



A CHILLY FALL DAY LEAVES INTERESTING FROST ON OUR SLIDING GLASS DOOR

Finding Homes for Companions is Difficult

We received a call from Animal Control on April 15, 2011 (yes, eight years ago) about four starving Arabian horses in Elbert county that were in a pen with a dead mare. It turned out that the mare had died of starvation six weeks earlier. We said that we would take two of the horses. The officer called back an hour later and said that we would have to take all four or none. Only one old grey mare could be handled; the other three were untouchable. Sooo--we agreed to take all four if someone could trailer them to us.

The two stallions and two mares were forced into a stock trailer and transported to RMHR where we had built a chute to channel them into a pen.



TIGER BECOMES EXTREMELY AGITATED IN THE TRAP WHEN WE TRY TO ROPE HIM FOR GELDING AND SHOTS

We gave names to all four. The new name of the small, scared, bay stallion was Tiger. We caught him in a trap we built in the pen in order to geld him and give him current inoculations. Through the years, he became less wild, but was always easily startled and difficult to handle when it came time for trimming his feet and shots. By 2019, the other three had found homes, but we were unable to find a special adopter for Tiger--even though two of our volunteers had successfully worked with him at various times to make him more adoptable.

In late October, we received a call from a gal named Robin who needed a companion for her Arabian gelding "Auggie" because her mare had just died and he was lonely. Whoohoo! Finding great homes for companion horses is our most difficult task since everyone wants a young, bomb-proof, sound, FREE horse for trail riding, kids and maybe even barrel racing!

I told Robin about a new horse we had just received from Wyoming named Boomer, who might not be sound and might make a good companion,

as well as a list of others we had. After visiting all of the prospects, Robin said she definitely was interested in Boomer or Belle.

When she arrived for her second visit, she had a very sad look on her face. I thought "uh-oh", maybe she changed her mind and found a horse elsewhere. Robin told me that she had reconsidered (oh no, here it comes) and she wanted to look at Tiger because he had experienced such a terrible life before coming to the rescue. My sigh could probably have been heard across the ranch.



ROBIN, SCOOBY AND TIGER GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Robin worked with Tiger for many hours gaining his trust and bonding with him. She trailered Auggie here on her third visit so that Tiger could meet his new friend and be introduced to a step-up trailer.

After many hours, I was amazed to see Tiger stepping in and out of the trailer with Auggie already inside. Robin closed the back door for the first time and then started her truck. She inched forward at first while heading for Tiger's new forever home.

An hour later, Robin called to say that the trip had gone smoothly and both horses were fine. Amid tears, she thanked me and said, "I love him so much!"

—Bini Abbott



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Ace & Erin Breakdown

This summer, I went and picked up Erin Marien and her horse, Ace, at a nearby truck stop. Erin had broken down on a cross country trip with Ace and had exhausted all resources for help. Lord knows I have been in the same predicament numerous times (broken down, horse in trailer, hot day) and been the recipient of kindness from friends and strangers. I sincerely believe in paying it forward. I wanted to share excerpts from Erin's letter since I found it so sweet and touching. Not just Erin's gratitude, but her obvious adoration of her pal, Ace. This kind of bond is what we dream of for every horse we adopt out from the rescue.

—Kris Nixon

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Ace. My best friend. Nearly 21 years we've spent together. We've learned from each other and taught others. To some, he's just a horse; but to me, he's the love of my life. He's literally been there for me for everything. We went through high school together and started a business together. We got our 1st blue ribbon together and slept in the barn together when we were both on the road to recovery after sustaining our first injuries . . . Together. He was my first horse and I was his first owner. We've had a life of adventure and I wouldn't trade a single moment of it for all the money and the riches in the world. There are no words that can even begin to describe the bond we have.

On August 13, 2019 Ace and I left Plum City, WI and headed west. An amazing opportunity came to us from a good friend of mine, Tracy; and although it was hard to contain my elation, I accepted. We were embarking on what was likely, our last big adventure together. We were going to Colorado. The trip took us 24 hours but we made it . . . Together.

We unloaded. Spent 5 days in a place where it was out of the ordinary to see another human being. We went swimming, took a nap in the soft grasses under the shade of aspen trees and ran alongside a herd of startled mule deer. We silently reveled in complete amazement of total peace that someone can find in the most beautiful of places that we had ever been to . . . Together. Contentment in the simplest of ways.

We headed for home on the evening of Monday, August 19th figuring that going through the cool mountain air would be easier on the engine and easier on my aged gelding. But plans don't always go accordingly. The truck broke down by Central City in the early hours of morning, long before daybreak. With some help arriving shortly after dawn, we were able to get moving again, only to barely make it to Wheat Ridge and there we sat.

In the back of the truck stop parking lot, we had no choice but to unhook and have a tow company come and take the truck to a repair shop. We were left with a new problem. I'm 14 hours from home, it's 10am, nearly 90 degrees and Ace is in the trailer, sitting on a blacktopped TA parking lot.

Tracy and I both made phone calls for help to anyone and everyone we knew until we had exhausted all options, except one.

Call a horse rescue.

The first call I made was a prayer answered. Bini from Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue picked up the phone with the kindest of hellos. In desperation, I explained my situation. She took my info and soon after a return call came. It was Bini's daughter Kris asking me what size ball was needed to pull the trailer. Shortly thereafter she arrived with her own truck and picked up Ace and me . . . Together.

Less than 10 miles away and we had arrived. Bini was there to greet us with open arms. We got my old man off the trailer and into his own pen to rest with all the hay, water and affection he could handle. I still had a lot to figure out for myself and the anxiety of it must have been all over my face, plain as day, because the next thing I heard was nothing short of talking with angels . . . "Ace is welcome to stay here as long as he needs to so you have one less thing to worry about. We'll take care of him for you."

I was speechless. How do I express my gratitude and appreciation to people that are so willing to help? Never forget. The feeling of unsurpassable compassion can never be kept to oneself.

Ace spent almost two days at the spa while I spent countless hours on the phone with the repair shop and loved ones at home.

Late Thursday morning I got the call. The truck was done. I packed up, picked it up and went to get Ace. Both Bini and Kris were there for our send-off. I put Ace's polo wraps on for the long ride and then Bini and Kris made sure I was leaving with plenty of hay and water. I hugged and thanked the amazing people at RMHR, jumped in the truck and took Ace and myself home.

We made it home Friday afternoon. Together.

If not for the saviors at RMHR, who knows what may have happened to us. Ace and I are forever in debt to you. Thank you.

—Erin Marien



ERIN AND ACE PREPPED AND
READY TO HEAD FOR HOME



**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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**ENTRENCHED
IGNORANCE
MASQUERADES AS
TRADITION
- ANONYMOUS**



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What Exactly Do We Do?

Sometimes the answer to that question is: we trudge around in the mud, questioning our life choices, and wondering how there could be so much ice in the water tanks and poop in the pens when we just took care of all that this morning. Other times, the answer is: we get to hang out with horses on a beautiful day and marvel at how magnificent and wonderful these animals are and how lucky we are to be around them. Occasionally the answer is: We lose. We lose a battle to save a life, to fix a problem, to turn a situation around for the better. Every day the answer is: We try. We worry. We hope. We spend--time, energy, emotion and money. We try to envision a better circumstance for the

horses we grow to care so much about. We try to make the right choices for them. We hope the help we give is enough. We worry it isn't. Anyone involved in animal rescue can tell you it's a hard road sometimes. You think you've see the worst, but then you find out you have not. On the flip side of that coin, you think you've seen the best, but then you find out it gets better. It's the always looking forward, towards the better, that keeps you coming back every day. It's the people who tirelessly give us their time as volunteers. It's the people who generously donate. And mostly, it's the horses, who deserve our best effort every day and ask for nothing in return.
—Kris Nixon

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WHOOOPS! JASPER (ADOPTED BY OUR FARRIER, CRAIG REYNOLDS) LOSES A LEG WRAP THAT IS HELPING TO PROTECT HIM HEAD TO TOE FROM BITING FLIES



HMMM . . . NO. A HORSE HUSBAND "HELPS OUT" BY BLANKETING HIS WIFE'S MARE.



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Guest of Honor

In January of this year, I got a call from Tara Hieb, one of the owners of Cottonwood Riding Club and the Denver Polo Club in Sedalia. She was calling to let me know that at their yearly event, Celebration of the Horse, they wanted to have Bini as their guest of honor. They wanted to recognize her outstanding contributions to horses over her lifetime.

The Celebration took place in June at the Denver Polo Club. What a phenomenal event it was. There were several polo matches each day, a Hunter Derby, a Jumper Derby and Bull Riding. We set up our booth adjacent to the Polo field and spent two great days catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.



BINI PREPARES TO THROW OUT THE FIRST BALL IN THE MAIN EVENT POLO MATCH

They had a lovely ceremony to honor Bini and spoke of her numerous accomplishments in horsemanship and rescue. As Honoree, Bini threw out the first ball for a couple of polo matches and presented awards for the Hunter and Jumper Derby winners.

We had a really wonderful time, and are so appreciative of the recognition of Bini for a lifetime spent dedicated to horses.

—Kris Nixon



COTTONWOOD'S OWNERS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES ATTEND BINI'S TROPHY PRESENTATION TO THE WINNER OF THE JUMPER DERBY

Celebration of the Horse
MAY 31 – June 2, 2019
Sedalia, CO

Friday, May 31
Welcome class for jumpers and exhibitor party

Saturday, June 1
12:00 pm: Celebration Cup Polo Tournament
2:00 pm: \$5,000 3' Hunter Derby with 3'6" options
4:00 pm: PBR Touring Pro Rough Stock Rodeo

Sunday, June 3
12:00 pm: Celebration Cup Polo Tournament Finals
2:00 pm: \$20,000 Jumper Derby

Honoring Bini Abbott,
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Memorials & Honoraria

Honoraria

- ◆ *Mia Sorenson in honor of Cadence McEachern's 8th Birthday*
- ◆ *Jenny Pickett in honor of Cathy Hupka*
- ◆ *Kathryn McDermott in honor of Linda Hrycaj*
- ◆ *Christine Hancock in honor of Bini Abbott*

Memorials

- ◆ *Barb Daniel in memory of Honey Pony*
- ◆ *Daisy Shepherd in memory of Donna Rae Pugh*
- ◆ *Jim, Tracey & Becky Manolakis in memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Manolakis*

- ◆ *Friends & Family of Cottonwood Riding Club in memory of "Pat the Fox" McGiver*
- ◆ *Pat Spetz in memory of Hank Baldwin, J.J., Adam 12, Tommy and all others who have gone over the Rainbow Bridge*
- ◆ *Becky Osborne in memory of Gene Hanson*
- ◆ *Andrea Barnes in memory of Ash*
- ◆ *Ben & Laurie Duke in memory of Maud Duke*
- ◆ *Dick Hall in memory of Bill Fragge*
- ◆ *Ruth Ann Burnett in memory of her beloved Whippet "Hollywood"*



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JoJo's Corner

WILDLIFE



A PAIR OF PELICANS ENJOY A NICE SUMMER DAY



WE WERE SURPRISED TO FIND THAT SOME OF OUR COTTONTAILS HAD "COTTON FEET"



A FERRUGINOUS HAWK GUARDS HIS KILL NEXT TO A HORSE PEN

This year I decided I would like my own podcast. Evidently, the fact that I am a horse for some reason precludes me from doing that. I'm unsure about the specifics, but apparently whinnying into the microphone doesn't translate well. Then my head butler Kris said, "But you have a perfect face for radio." and, "You're not sick, you're just a little horse." Then she laughed and laughed. Between you and me, I think there may be something wrong with her.

Anyway, my butler said that since I'm pretty much in charge of the whole rescue, and I already tell everyone what to do, I should have my own advice column! Actually what she said was, ("Stop biting me! Not everything is about you. Wait your turn. You aren't the boss of everything.") Which is essentially the same thing. So I told all the other horses at the rescue that I would be willing to help them with some of their problems. And believe me, they've got problems.

Here is a sampling of their letters, and my astute responses.

Dear JoJo,

Sometimes when I am being ridden I have to go across the street to the hay field and there are cows next door. I'm very afraid of cows. What can I do to overcome my anxiety? — Maggie Hates Moo Moos

Dear MHMM,

ARE YOU NUTS? WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? DON'T LET THOSE IDIOTS RIDE YOU! You're welcome. P.S. I saw a cow once. It's no big deal. Stop being a chicken. — JoJo

Dear JoJo,

When I bite people, they get real mad, but I can't seem to help myself. How can I fix my biting problem? — Harry the Chomper

Dear HTC,

People are very dainty. They just need to be broken in. Usually what I do when they get mad about my biting is, bite them a little harder. That way, they look back at the first bite and realize they should have been grateful. — JoJo

Dear JoJo,

When I first came here, everyone said I was a little stud. Then one day, they said I was going in for "brain surgery". When I came home, they all said I was a gelding. I don't know what a gelding is, but

if I had brain surgery, shouldn't my head hurt? I was sore all right, but not in my head . . . Do you think the vet messed up my brain surgery? — Tiny Tim the Gelding

Dear TTIG,

I was similarly mistreated upon my arrival at the horse rescue. One minute you're staring lovingly at the nearest mare, and the next thing you know, you wake up waddling like a duck and all you want to do is eat carrots and roll in the dirt. I don't know what this brain surgery business is, but they all seem to think that's a hilarious joke. The butlers are weird sometimes. Don't worry about your brain. You're still smarter than the butlers. It's not like you're bringing THEM food or cleaning THEIR house. — JoJo

Dear JoJo,

My roommate is a real jerk. He bites me, he steals my food and he's a narcissistic egomaniac. He's constantly talking about himself and he seems to think the entire rescue is his to command. What can I do about my pain in the butt roomie? — Cowboy

Dear Cowboy,

That's such a coincidence. My roommate's name is Cowboy. I didn't even know there was another horse on the property named Cowboy. Wait a minute . . .WHAT?! . . .Why you ungrateful . . . Excuse me fans, I need to go speak to someone. — JoJo

— As told to Kris Nixon





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Popeye Finds a Forever Home

It all started with a call from a boarding stable a mile south of us. It was 2007 and they said that they had a Shetland Pony named "Spike" that they had raised. The pony had an infected eye and they put us in touch with Dr. John Pallaoro of Golden Vet to discuss the problem. Dr. Pallaoro said that the pony had a badly infected left eye and he would either have to have it removed or be put down. Spike's owner said that he had been kicked in the eye (which I doubted because the bone structure around his eye was not fractured). (My guess is that he had been hit with a whip).

Popeye and even sponsored his care at times. She constantly worried that he might founder on rich grass or be adopted to the wrong home. She loved to spend time with the fat little pony--grooming him and taking him out for walks.



POPEYE ARRIVING AT HIS NEW FOREVER HOME; COMPLETE WITH RED RIBBON!

After the tragic loss of a dear friend, Pat decided to move to the State of Washington to live near family. She even entertained the wild idea of adopting Popeye and transporting him to a stable near her new home. We found a perfect transporter, Annick Chappot-Look who has a custom transport trailer



THE INCREDIBLE INTERIOR OF FIRST CLASS EQUINE TRANSPORT



PAT SPETZ WITH POPEYE AT THE RESCUE

Since his owner was not willing to pay the cost of an eye operation, he was offered to our rescue. I learned that Spike could have his infected eye removed and replaced with an artificial eye. That sounded great until I was told that we would have to take the artificial eye out on a periodic basis to clean it—UGH! In addition, the pony would most likely have problems with people approaching from the blind side and causing him to startle unexpectedly. With this knowledge, we opted to have his eye removed and not replaced with an artificial eye.



POPEYE AND HIS NEW STABLEMATE, SVEN

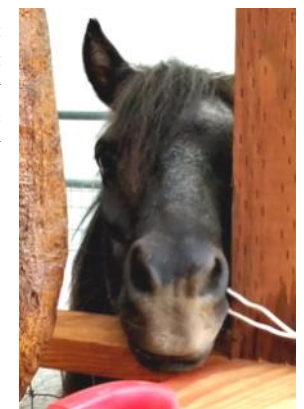
Dr. Gary Pallaoro was kind enough to perform the operation for RMHR and Laura Gill took over the rehab care at her ranch. After an uneventful recovery, he returned to RMHR and Kris Nixon renamed him Popeye. Kris fostered Popeye at her training barn and used him for beginner lessons for little kids. One aspiring equestrian described him as having a kind heart--whereupon he promptly dumped her!

We tried twice to lend him out to be a companion for lonely horses, but each time he surprisingly kicked out at his new stablemates and returned to us in ignominy. We don't know if he had issues with his new friends approaching his blind side or if there were other issues.

Long time volunteer Pat Spetz had always loved

with blue sky and green meadow graphics throughout the inside of the trailer. She even plays easy listening music continuously to her passengers! Pat paid more than \$2,000 for Popeye's special ride to his new forever home. She worried about his welfare every mile of the trip, but Annick sent updates throughout the three day journey and he arrived safe and sound. Pat now spends her days grooming and exploring with her beloved pony. She commented, "At last, my childhood dream of having my own horse has come true!"

—Bini Abbott



POPEYE EAGERLY AWAITS PAT'S ARRIVAL



THE GREATNESS OF A NATION AND ITS MORAL PROGRESS CAN BE JUDGED BY THE WAY ITS ANIMALS ARE TREATED.

— MAHATMA GHANDI



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NICOLE LACHANCE AND LIZ TRAN TAKE A BREAK FROM MUCKING & SHOVELING TO SAY HI TO ELLE



MELANIE HOOD VOLUNTEERS AT THE RESCUE, BUT ALSO SPENDS TIME AT HOME TRAINING HER FOSTER MINI, PEACHES, TO DRIVE



CHAYA HINTON AND GRAND-DAUGHTER SKY FELKER DRAG A WHEELBARROW AND GROOMING KIT TO ANOTHER MINI PEN TO CLEAN



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MARK LADWIG BALES HAY ON A "DAY OFF" FROM BALING HAY AT HIS RANCH



DANNY MURPHY TAKES A BREAK FROM CLEANING UP TO POSE WITH HIS FAVORITE, SCOOBY



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BRITTANY BUHEMAN HEADS TO ANOTHER PEN TO CLEAN



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THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES EQUESTRIAN TEAM HELPED US OUT AGAIN THIS YEAR ON VACCINATION DAY. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THEIR HELP! THANKS, YOU'RE THE BEST!



TONI RAUTUS, VOLUNTEER AND ORNITHOLOGIST, NOT ONLY LABORS, BUT HELPS US WITH BIRD IDENTIFICATION



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TERRY MICHEL STACKS SOME HAY



NEIGHBOR JARED JANSEN DONATED TIME AND EQUIPMENT TO DO A 2ND PASS ON OUR HAYFIELD AND BALE UP 100 BALES OF HAY FOR OUR HORSES



LEAH ROHWER WORKS WITH TWO OF THE IOWA MINIS



NANCY HARTS WALKS TINY TIM



JILL KLUGE GROOMS MATILDA



DEBBIE PICKERILL WALKS COWBOY ON A WINTRY DAY



KATE CORCORAN WORKS ON FINANCIAL RECORDS

VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE NO PAY, NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE WORTHLESS, BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE PRICELESS!



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TAYLOR INDREBO MUCKS OUT ONE OF THE MINIATURE HORSE PENS



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99% Volunteer

RMHR has prided itself since our 2004 inception with being a 100% volunteer organization. That all changed this winter when an unfortunate accident sidelined Bini with a broken hip for three months. Rob and Kris quickly realized that between domestic duties, the Rescue, and other life duties (like jobs), that we needed help. Thanks to social media, we were introduced to Bill Polzin, the then President of Horse Protection League. Bill was looking to move on from HPL, but wanted to stay involved in horse rescue and was interested in some part time work outside of his job as a barefoot farrier. To say that he saved our sanity this spring and brought a wealth of knowledge and an incredible work ethic to the farm is an understatement. He has welding, farm, horse health care, farrier, and heavy equipment skills which never cease to amaze us. And on top of that he is one of the nicest and friendliest people we've ever met. His contribution to the day to day care of the rescue coupled with some large infrastructure improvements have been outstanding. Thanks for happening along at the absolute right time, Bill!

—Rob Nixon



BILL MOVES MATILDA BACK OUTSIDE AFTER INCLEMENT WEATHER

This Old Horse

So often, when people call about adopting a horse, they don't want to consider some of our "older generation" horses.

We have so many horses that are in their (very) late teens and up. Our oldest resident right now is 36 year old Nick. He is what I lovingly call the personality plus model. It seems as though Nick has decided that since he has made it this far, he really is just going to ignore most of the rules of polite horse society. He's hard to catch; he paws the fence at meal times and on the occasions when his gate has accidentally been left slightly ajar, he escapes and barrels around the property like a feral buffalo until you can (hopefully) corner him somewhere and pounce on him. Then he jogs sideways back to his pen with an oh-so-pleased smirk on his face.

On the other hand, once you have actually managed to cap-

ture the wild beast, he absolutely loves being groomed and fussed over. He is one of my very favorites of the rescue horses and his shenanigans make me smile very day.

Old horses are so charming and wonderful, I wish more people would give them a chance.

—Kris Nixon



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A WESTERN GREBE GLIDES BY THE RESCUE



A BABY GREAT HORNED OWL EYES US FROM THE HAY BARN RAFTERS



AN APPLE THIEF IN OUR HAYFIELD CAUGHT ON CAMERA. FIRST ELK WE'VE EVER SEEN ON THE RANCH



OUR NESTING BARN OWLS HAD FIVE BABIES THIS YEAR!



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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?



ELLE IS A NEW ARRIVAL AT RMHR. THIS 18 YEAR OLD QUARTERHORSE MARE IS A SWEETHEART TO TAKE CARE OF AND HAD RECENTLY BEEN USED FOR TRAIL RIDING.



EDDIE IS A 22 YEAR OLD REGISTERED PAINT WHO IS QUIET AND FORGIVING UNDER SADDLE AND CAN BE RIDDEN ENGLISH OR WESTERN ON TRAILS OR IN THE RING.



EASTON IS A 10 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.



TINY TIM CAME FROM A KILL BUYER'S PEN AFTER PEOPLE RAISED MONEY FOR HIS RANSOM. ONE OF THE FAVORITES AT RMHR, HE WOULD STILL LOVE TO HAVE A FOREVER HOME OF HIS OWN.



SCOOBY WAS DONATED BY A DUDE RANCH IN WYOMING WHEN THEY FOUND HE WAS NOT PERFECT FOR THEIR PROGRAM. HE IS SUPER KIND AND HE EVEN TRIES TO HELP VOLUNTEERS CLEAN HIS PEN.



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RESCUED FROM A KILL AUCTION, 17 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.



AMIRI IS A 20 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.



OCTOBER SKY IS A HANDSOME 20 YEAR-OLD REGISTERED PAINT WHO HAS HAD LIMITED TRAINING, BUT WOULD BE GREAT FOR AN EXPERIENCED ENGLISH OR WESTERN RIDER.



15 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.



PART OF THE HERD OF THE IOWA MERRY MINIATURES. LOOKING FOR ADOPTERS AND THEIR NEW FOREVER HOME.



SHE IS A 17HH REGISTERED THOROUGHBRED WHO WOULD PREFER TO LIVE IN YOUR POCKET RATHER THAN IN HER STALL. A FORMER DRESSAGE HORSE, SHE WILL REQUIRE AN INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED RIDER.



MAGGIE IS A LOVELY 20-YEAR-OLD WHO HAD NEVER BEEN RIDDEN UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO. STILL GREEN, SHE IS LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED RIDER WHO CAN ALSO COPE WITH HER BREATHING PROBLEMS.

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