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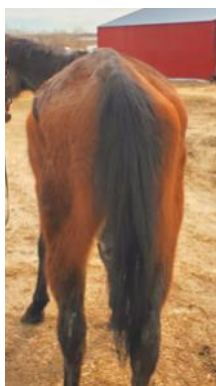
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## The Story of a Horse Called Duke

April 1, 2021—Animal Control was called by a passerby who saw a terribly thin horse off in a pasture. Although the horse was covered in a heavy winter blanket, the caller could see that the horse's hindquarters looked like an upside down heart seen from behind. Animal Control responded.



**DUKE'S INVERTED HEART SHAPED HIND QUARTERS**

The Animal Control officer, after consulting with veterinarian Dr. Kate Baer, said that the poor horse needed to be put down the next day at 10:30 a.m.

Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue had offered to take this old thoroughbred for many years, but his owner would never give him up.

When I found out about the decision, I called Dr. Baer to see if "Duke" really needed to be put down or whether he might be saved. She said that he had accepted a treat . . . showing Kate that he would eat and had not given up on life!

Fortunately, Dr. Baer then called the Animal Control officer that night. They discussed the situation and the Animal Control officer said that if he was released to RMHR, she would allow the transfer.

So, on April 2nd, Kris Nixon hooked up and traveled the five miles to pick up newly named Duke and haul him to our rescue.

—Bini



**DUKE, A FEW DAYS AFTER ARRIVING AT RMHR**

*Kris Nixon will now continue Duke's saga.*

When Bill Polzin and I arrived to pick up Duke, we really were not sure what we

would find. This was a horse we were both familiar with, as we had been trying to help him in various ways for quite some time. His condition when we had last seen him a year before had been somewhat poor, but nothing compared to the skeletal creature we encountered that day. The trailer ride wasn't far, but we decided to tie the center partition to the side so in case he fell down on the ride he wouldn't get stuck underneath it. Our heroic vet, Dr. Kate Baer, met us at the property and followed us to the rescue so we could start treating him immediately.

In a testament to the resilience and unwavering trust of horses, that poor, dilapidated old horse just followed me in into the trailer, no questions asked. That was the first time I suspected Duke might be amazing.

We made it uneventfully to the rescue, and he very politely got out of the trailer and took in his new surroundings. Then we started day one of the resurrection of Duke.



**DUKE'S AWFUL CONDITION AND HIS SERIOUS GENITAL ISSUE**

Duke was severely underweight and he had a very large open sore on his withers from the blanket he had been wearing non-stop for the better part of four months. His biggest issue however, was his inability to retract his penis into his sheath. We have no idea how long he had been in that condition but his penis was horribly swollen, paralyzed and covered in sores.

Over the course of the next few months, in addition to re-feeding him, we had to treat his penis daily. If you have never tried to stuff a swollen horse wiener into a diabetic compression sock, and then wrap it in a splint boot, you're really missing out. Let me tell you!

Somewhere along the way we decided that

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## The Story of a Horse Called Duke (continued)



**THE HORRIBLE WOUND ON DUKE'S WITHERS WHERE THE BLANKET HAD RUBBED HIM RAW**



**USING A COMPRESSION SOCK AND SPLINT BOOT TO REDUCE THE SWELLING IN DUKE'S PENIS**

and 'kickstand' (hey, if you don't laugh, you'll cry) we settled on Duke. It seemed fitting for a tough old bird like him.

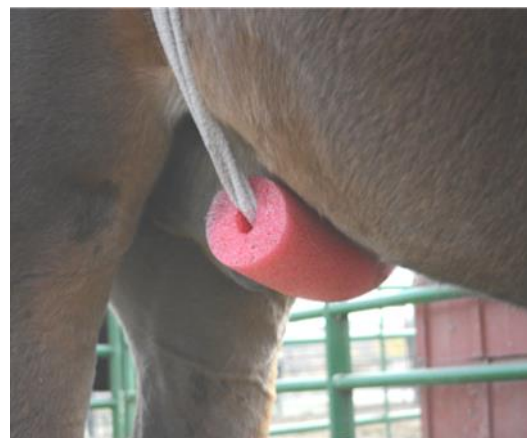
Anyway, months went by, and Duke really blossomed. He gained amazing amounts of weight and he discovered the joys of having horse friends after years of living alone. His paralyzed penis finally went down enough that we could get it back into his sheath, but it wouldn't stay in on its own. For several months, it was held in with aid of a probang.

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Duke needed a new name. We figured his old name was associated with sorrow, known by his old neighbors and his new life was just beginning. After we batted around a few fairly tasteless ideas like 'tripod'

tired, I mean extremely angry. We used everything we could think of to alleviate the problem. Strips of sheets, polo wraps, ace bandages, etc. Eventually, we switched from the probang (which was pretty heavy and hard to keep in place) to a pool noodle. I bet the clerks at the Dollar Store really thought I was having a great pool party when I bought ten pool noodles.

Today, six months later, Duke is fat, Duke is happy and Duke's penis mostly stays approximately where it belongs. He still wears a pool noodle girdle, but it can be taken off overnight and things mostly stay in place.



**POOL NOODLE WEINER SLING, VERSION 3.1**

He's a farm favorite, with his hilarious snarky personality and old greyed face. He thinks he's a stallion and if you turn him out next to a mare he runs and bucks in his pen.

I think Duke is pretty happy he didn't get euthanized that day. I know we are.

—Kris



**DR. KATE BAER SWABS OUT DUKE'S WOUND AT HIS WITHERS AFTER FASHIONING DUKE'S PROBANG AND ELASTICON DRESSING.**

A probang is essentially a long tube that was inserted into his sheath and was held in place by wrapping his whole abdomen in ElasticON. So much ElasticON. After a period of time, Duke started to get pretty tired of his hair getting ripped out when we had to remove the ElasticON. And by pretty



**DUKE TODAY**

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## Where are They Now? - Mo and Prince

Lady J Magnificent Easter Morn (Mo) and Lady J Magnificent Spunky Prince (Prince) arrived from Iowa in May of 2019. The two merry miniatures were tearfully donated by their owner who had encountered difficult life changes. The best buddies were foaled just 3 weeks apart in 1998.



PRINCE CERTAINLY IS GENTLE WITH CHILDREN

In August of 2020, Becky Ballard tried out and then adopted Mo and Prince (who were described as the best with little kids) for her family of youngsters.

All of the kids fell in love with newly named Sherlock and Watson, but Becky had even more ambitious plans for the pair. She started to train them to be therapy animals for patients and caregivers at hospitals.



KYSON TRIES OUT Mo's JOGGING SKILLS

Her cute boys have learned how to ride in elevators and stay calm in all situations with staff taking selfies and gathering around in awe. Soon, they will be able to visit



TIME FOR A SELFIE



THE TWO BADGE WEARING AMBASSADORS ARE LOVED BY ALL OF THE HOSPITAL STAFF

patients of all ages when COVID restrictions lift. They have authorized identification badges and travel the hospital halls in their special blue booties. Watson and Sherlock still need to master stairs and toilet training—but hospitals are well equipped to deal with the latter.



THANKS FOR VISITING US



WATSON AND SHERLOCK'S OFFICIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE BADGES

It is wonderful to find these two minis from Iowa now bringing joy to those in hospitals and nursing homes.



BROOKLYN RODE SHERLOCK (Mo) IN A MINI SHOW—AND WON 1ST PLACE



we bet you know one little girl who would rather clean a stall than her own room

**COMPASSION FOR ANIMALS IS INTIMATELY CONNECTED WITH GOODNESS OF CHARACTER; AND IT MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ASSERTED THAT HE WHO IS CRUEL TO ANIMALS CANNOT BE A GOOD MAN.**

— SCHOPENHAUER



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## Saved from Slaughter

I will never pay the ransom to the kill buyer to save a horse, BUT if someone else has paid the exorbitant fee for a horse about to go to slaughter, Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue will provide the use of our quarantine pen for free.

Kill buyers outbid other willing buyers at auctions in order to post those horses' pictures on their websites and threaten to ship them to slaughter in Canada or Mexico by the next Monday--unless someone pays the 'bail out' fee before that time.

In July of 2021, Sally called me and said that she was paying the kill buyer \$850 for a thin grey horse with terrible arthritic knees; and \$900 for a tall dark bay thoroughbred who had been videoed galloping around in the kill pen. She asked if she could quarantine them at our ranch and we said yes (Horses who have been in the kill pen have been exposed to contagious diseases such as Strangles and must be isolated for at least 30 days a minimum of 150 feet from all other horses).

I told Sally that our quarantine pen was available, so she paid \$125 to a person to haul the two geldings from Ft. Collins to us. The boys arrived around midnight on August 3rd, so we had to use flashlights to help them step down out of the stock trailer. The bay stepped down just fine, but the grey, who could not bend his knees due to the arthritis, LEAPED out as if jumping a small stream.

The next morning we assessed our two new pathetic arrivals.

Both horses had sores and wounds on them, but the bay (whom we named Trey) had a festering wound on his right hip. There were stallions mixed in with all the other horses in the kill pen and they sometimes bite mares, geldings, ponies and other animals to establish dominance. Sally saw a champion skijoring horse lying dead in the pen when she went to choose her two horses to save. (The skijoring horse had been fine the week before.)

Dr. Lois Toll from Littleton Equine Medical Center did her initial evaluation on August 4th.

She noted that Trey showed signs of neurological problems such as instability, wobbly walk and a general lack of awareness of where his feet were. Dr. Toll said we could not trim his long hooves or let our volunteers be around Trey because he might fall on them. She also took blood from the emaciated grey, now called Aspen, because she suspected liver damage.

A week later, she x-rayed Trey's neck and found that a broken bone was probably causing his disability.

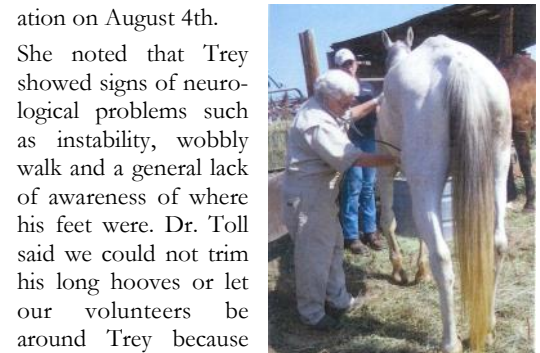


**SAVING JUST ONE HORSE WILL NOT CHANGE THE WORLD . . .**

**BUT IT WILL SURELY CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THAT ONE HORSE**



**ASPEN'S ARTHRITIC KNEES PREVENT HIM FROM BENDING THEM**



**DR. TOLL CHECKS ASPEN**



**DR. TOLL X-RAYS TREY'S NECK**

What a sad change from when Trey was videoed in the kill pen seemingly sound! Dr. Toll reported that Aspen did not have damage to his liver, but that his main problems were malnutrition and huge arthritic knees.

Both horses are extremely kind and gentle and definitely have been well-bred, quality horses in



**THE HORRIBLE BITE WOUND ON TREY'S FLANK WHEN HE ARRIVED**



**ASPEN (ABOVE) AND TREY ON ARRIVAL**



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*Saved from Slaughter (continued)*



**ASPEN – 24 DAYS LATER**

their earlier lives.

Aspen's favorite thing in life is to be loved and he will block me from using the wheelbarrow so that I will pet him instead. He will even back up to me so I "must" rub his backside.



**ASPEN TODAY WITH BINI PERFORMING HER MANDATORY RUBBING/SCRATCHING DUTY**

After 30 days of quarantine, Trey and Aspen moved up to regular stabling since Dr. Toll felt that Trey was no longer in danger of collapsing on our farrier, Craig Reynolds. Craig was able to take off 1.25 inches off each front hoof; no wonder the poor horse tripped even when walking around.



**TREY'S LEFT FRONT HOOF BEFORE TRIM**



**FARRIER CRAIG REYNOLDS TRIMS TREY**

In late September, Dr. Toll gave the two their yearly vaccinations, meaning that she felt that Trey would not have to be put down and the two horses had a future. YooHoo!

Trey is becoming more aware of his surroundings and will even lie down and roll in the mud after a rain--and stand up with no problem. Aspen always sleeps standing up because he can't bend his knees.

Currently, in mid-October, our two boys are fed twice a day. Trey and Aspen are separated at feeding time so that Trey can get some special medications in his grain for his wound. They spend the rest of the time together happily sharing the never ending piles of hay.

It's unbelievable that two awful people sent these two wonderful horses to auctions in order to get a last bit of money out of them or to avoid paying for their proper care. (I would like to find the sellers and aggressively inform them of their horses' fates.) However—from now on our two 26 year old best friends will always have excellent veterinary care and loving support until they leave our rescue upon receiving their angel wings.

—Bini



**TREY TODAY—STILL WORKING THROUGH FITNESS ISSUES BUT LOOKING HANDSOME**

**A GOOD MAN WILL TAKE CARE OF HIS HORSES AND DOGS NOT ONLY WHILE THEY ARE YOUNG BUT ALSO WHEN THEY ARE OLD AND PAST SERVICE.**

**— PLUTARCH**

Correct me if I'm wrong but this is a hundred times better than growing up with a cell phone in his hand!!!





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## RMHR Sponsorship/Foster Program

After many years of discussion, RMHR has formalized a horse sponsorship program. We have three levels of sponsorship:

**GOLD-** pay all costs including board, feed, farrier, and all veterinary (except for major surgery exceeding \$4,000 to save a life)

**SILVER -** pay \$200 a month to RMHR to help

cover the costs of feed and maintenance

**BRONZE -** pay \$50 a month to help cover the cost of care

Some of our many friends of RMHR have gone above and beyond their multiple hours volunteering by sponsoring some of their favorite rescue horses.



**MELANIE HOOD  
(GOLD)**

BESIDES VOLUNTEERING, MELANIE IS TAKING CARE OF OUR MINIATURE PEACHES N' CREAM. MEL IS EVEN TRAINING HER LITTLE ONE ON HOW TO PULL A CART.

**MEGGAN BROVEGE  
(GOLD)**  
IS SPONSORING BOTH INDI (WHO HAD BEEN HORRIBLY WOUNDED ON HIS NECK) AND ROCKAWAY BABE (WHO HAD BEEN STARVED AND WAS COVERED WITH TICKS)



**CAROL RICHARDSON  
(SILVER)**

IS SPONSORING HER BELOVED ARABIAN, AMIRI—WITH THE HOPE OF ADOPTING HER IN THE FUTURE. CAROL GETS ALONG WITH AMIRI DURING THE DAYS SHE IS IN "HEAT"; AND WANTS A LITTLE TOO MUCH ATTENTION AND TOUCHING. SHE HAS



ALSO RIDDEN HER ALL OVER THE RANCH.



**JILL KLUGE  
(BRONZE)**

JILL KLUGE LOVES BUTTERCUP WHOM WE GOT AT AUCTION IN FORT COLLINS. JILL ALSO SPENDS COUNTLESS HOURS VOLUNTEERING AND CLEANING ADDITIONAL PENS.



**LAURA HANSEN  
(SILVER)**

IS A SILVER SPONSOR OF TWO OF OUR HORSES THAT LIVE TOGETHER. SHE LOVES BOTH EASTON, A THOROUGHBRED; AND SNOWFLAKE, WHO HAS A PAINFUL EYE CONDITION. BECAUSE SNOWFLAKE REQUIRES DAILY FOOD SUPPLEMENTS WE HAVE TO GRAIN BOTH HORSES (SO EASTON WON'T EAT SNOWFLAKE'S SUPPLEMENTS). EASTON LOVES THIS ARRANGEMENT SINCE HE REALLY NEEDS NO GRAIN AT ALL. LAURA NOT ONLY SPONSORS EASTON AND SNOWFLAKE BUT CLEANS PENS, GROOMS AND SPONSORS OUR PORTA POTTY.



**ALEXA GUTIERREZ  
(BRONZE)**

IS A BRONZE SPONSOR OF BLUE EYED LEXI II. SHE HAS BOUGHT HER A FLY MASK AND FANCY FLY SHEET TO WARD OFF STINGING INSECTS. SHE COMES OUT TO VISIT HER BELOVED HORSE OFTEN.



**NANCY LOFTUS  
(BRONZE)**

NANCY LOFTUS IS A BRONZE SPONSOR OF TWIZ, OUR GAITED GELDING, WHO IS A REGISTERED ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE. NANCY WOULD LIKE TO TRY RIDING TWIZ, BUT FOR NOW SHE IS CONTENT TO GIVE HIM LOTS OF LOVE FROM THE GROUND.



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## Dark Chips



**CHIPS STICKS HIS TONGUE OUT AT A VOLUNTEER (ACTUALLY HE CAN'T KEEP IT IN DUE TO DENTAL WORK)**

Our wonderful 26 year old thoroughbred, Dark Chips arrived on June 3, 2021. The brand on his left shoulder was from Sombrero Ranch in Estes Park which rents trail horses out for in-line walking rides. We think he was probably the world's worst dude horse since he raced in his early career.

He was a little underweight and the cause was discovered when Dr. Kate Baer of Mobile Veterinary Services evaluated his mouth and found that he suffered from EOTRH (Equine Odontoclastic Tooth Resorption Hypercementosis).

EOTRH is a condition that affects mainly senior horses, causing the roots of the incisors to dissolve, and calcium to form around the dissolving roots. It's very painful, and the only treatment is extraction of the affected teeth. Dr. Baer said that Chips' case was the worst she had ever seen and all of his incisors would need to be extracted.

Luckily his molars were not too bad, so he would still be able to chew hay--and TREATS. However, Chips would never be able to graze because without his incisors, it would be impossible to grab blades of grass.

Dr. Shane Baird and Dr. Baer conducted four different surgeries for the needed tooth work. It had to be broken into four sessions as he needed time to recover between his ordeals. Each time, this very 'patient' patient had to be tranquilized in order to have some his 12 incisors removed.



**CHIPS' BADLY INFECTED AND LOOSE INCISORS JUST PRIOR TO THE 1ST SURGERY**

X-rays revealed a few nubbins (probably portions of the calcified roots, hidden behind some of the upper and lower incisors. Dr. Baird had to cut



**DR. BAIRD EXAMINES CHIPS' INCISORS**

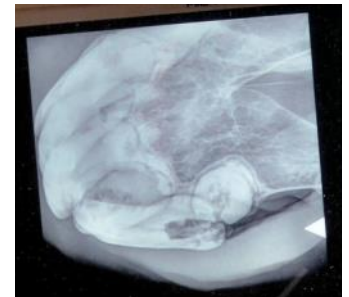
farther into his gums in order to remove the tiny marble sized nubbins.

By November 1st all surgeries were complete and Dark Chips was a happy camper. He gets a fairly large serving of grain and some hay (largely to keep him busy) at each meal. He is a very kind horse and gets lots of treats since, without his incisors, he can no longer hold in his tongue and the volunteers can't resist that face!

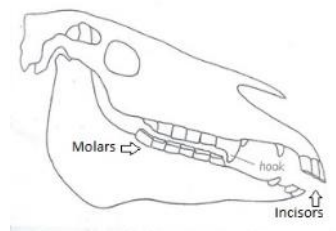
—Bini



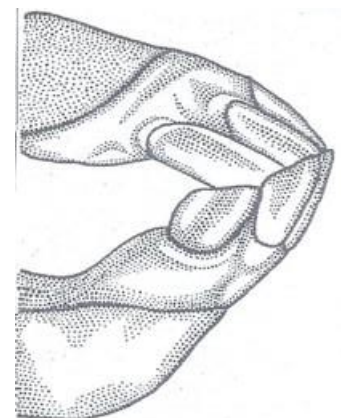
**DR. BAIRD AND DR. BAER X-RAY CHIPS MOUTH**



**X-RAY REVEALED SOME NUBBINS HIDDEN IN BACK OF INFECTED INCISORS**



**ANATOMY OF A HORSE MOUTH**



**HEALTHY INCISORS**



**DR. BAER PULLS CHIPS' INCISORS**



**EIGHT OF 12 INCISORS DR. BAER AND DR. BAIRD HAD TO REMOVE**



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## Where are They Now? - Tiny Tim



TIM AND JAMI GO FOR A WALK



"WHY YES, I'LL GUIDE YOUR SLEIGH TONIGHT."



"YUM, TASTES LIKE CHICKEN."



TIM ON ARRIVAL IN HIS TARP/PANELED SHED AND PEN (NOTE THE WEIRD STANCE OF HIS HIND LEGS)

Unfortunately, the couple were in a traffic accident in Denver and had to find a place to unload and board the two animals while their vehicles were repaired. We were contacted and offered to take the horses temporarily. We encountered a big problem when we tried to unload the little mini who was riding in the front section of the trailer separated by a damaged gate. We couldn't budge the gate so we had to go to Plan B. This meant pulling the little guy out of a 3' x 3' escape door and sliding him down a ramp to get him out. We made a little tarp covered shelter for him so he could be isolated from our healthy horses. We discovered that he was two years old and still a stallion with undescended genitals. He also had very weak hindquarters and wobbled on his hind legs when he walked around.

I fell in love with the critter, and based on his limp, named him Tiny Tim. We offered to buy him from the girl in New York who had paid his ransom to the kill buyer. She would not take a check--instead insisting on cash so she could bail out another horse.

After Tim regained his strength, Dr. Gary Pallaoro of Golden Animal Hospital was kind enough to do the extremely difficult operation of castrating a cryptorchid (a medical term that refers to the failure of one or both testicles to descend into the scrotum) in January 2019.

Our new gelding was adored by everyone at the Rescue. By 2020, our super helper, Bill Polzin, couldn't resist him any longer. He just had to adopt

Tiny Tim has always been a favorite since he arrived at the Ranch on June 24, 2018. He had been rescued from a kill pen in Fort Collins where they called him "Cutie" and was on his way, with another rescued horse, to Louisiana. The stock trailer he rode in was pulled by a

him so that he could be with him 24/7. So on May 15, Bill officially adopted Tiny Tim and took him to his forever home where he would live with other horses and Bill's massive Clydesdale. The interaction between 32" tall Tim and the full size horses is hilarious. He runs, plays and bucks with all of his new 'overgrown' brothers.



TIM AND HIS NEW BARN MATES HAVE BECOME FAST FRIENDS

Bill often takes Tim to events just so everyone can rush over to pet and take selfies with this adorable little guy.



BILL AND TIM SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME TOGETHER

Neighbors frequently see Jami (Bill's wife) taking her favorite little horse out for a walk. Everyone stops to pet him and one neighbor commented, "That's a mighty fat dog you have."

Tiny Tim is home at last!!!

—Bini





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## JoJo's Corner

It seems like being a person is very confusing. My butler Kris tells me about all these person things that people do, and I have a lot of questions. For example:

**Selfies:** I gather that a "selfie" is a picture you take. Of yourself. Now, I'm not very tall, and my legs are not very long, so maybe I'm confused; but wouldn't you people look better from farther away than your arm? And why are you taking a picture of yourself? Don't you know what you look like? I know what I look like, and I only get to use my water tank as a mirror. When I get my picture taken, someone else does it. Like one of my fans or friends. Maybe you guys need some fans or friends.

**Plastic Surgery:** This confuses me because why don't you just chew on the plastic yourself? I had a water bottle in my pen one time and I just gnawed on it. I didn't need the vet to come cut it up for me. Wait. Kris says I have no idea what I'm talking about. Maybe we'll come back to this one later.

**Social Media:** Apparently this is some way of communicating without actually being in the same place with each other. I sort of get this, because when my roommate Cowboy leaves and I can't see him I whinny loudly as I can and he whinnies back. I guess we're 'social Media-ing'. But you people have hands. Why don't you just open the gate and go where the person you're talking to is? That's what I'd do, if I had hands.

**Refusing to be Vaccinated:** Well boy, I can really relate to this. I myself refuse to be vaccinated every year. I run away and then when they catch me, I rear and buck. One time, I refused so much they put a twitch on me. You guys who refuse to be vaccinated are really not going to like the twitch. Take it from me.

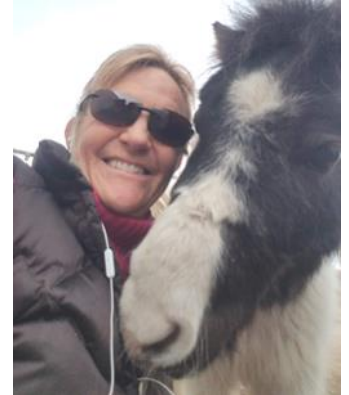
**Taking Wormer: YOU'RE TAKING DEWORMER/IVERMECTIN? ON PURPOSE?** Do you want mine? I'll happily give it to you. But I don't understand. Are you eating horse poop? Grazing in the field? They tell me I have to take it because you can get worms from poop, dirt and your friends. Maybe we should get less wormy friends, that's what I say. Dewormer is gross. It makes my lip curl and I can't taste anything but pretend apple flavoring for the whole day. And I don't eat poop. So, yes, you can have my dewormer.

**Spray Tans:** Actually, I understand this pretty well. I've always wanted to be a Chestnut myself. However, I'm not a fan of being sprayed. Ask anyone who's tried to give me a bath.

**Sports:** As near as I can tell, sports are something where a bunch of you run around getting sweaty, and a bunch of you sit around watching and yelling. What are you yelling about? If the sportsters aren't doing a good job, why don't you help them? And why are they running around in the first place? They seem like they're chasing things. Sometimes I chase Cowboy and I get yelled at. Are you telling them to stop it? I understand you also "pay" to go watch and yell, which I assume means you give them some of your carrots; which is obviously ridiculous. I would never give away my carrots.

Speaking of carrots, I heard about Trick or Treating, where you go door to door in disguise, begging for food. Now, this is an idea I can really get on board with. Do I have to wear a disguise though? Is that so I can go back later, and they won't know it's me, and they'll give me more food? Would something like this work at feeding time at the horse rescue? Asking for a friend. . . .

—Jojo



JOJO AND JOJO'S BUTLER, KRIS  
TAKE A "SELFIE"

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

— MAHATMA GANDHI

## Adoption Updates

AN UPDATE  
ON SPIRIT.  
HE WAS  
ADOPTED BY  
DEE DAYEN  
IN 2015. HE  
ALSO DRIVES  
AS PART OF  
A FOUR MINI  
HORSE  
HITCH.



AN UPDATE ON HARRY (WHOSE ADOPTION, WE HIGHLIGHTED IN LAST YEAR'S NEWSLETTER). HE AND HIS NEW OWNER HAVE MOVED TO WASHINGTON STATE AND ARE THRIVING TOGETHER.



Be kind  
to everything  
that lives



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### Donated Concert Tickets

Antonia Bunes, friend of Emily Kil, decided to donate Jimmy Buffet tickets she could not use to RMHR as a fund raiser. Emily got Stephanie Shea involved who decided that a Buffet themed sale ad to sell them was in order. She took a picture of Inky and photoshopped the Facebook post below. Thanks Emily, Steph and Antonia!

—Rob



**ENTRENCHED  
IGNORANCE  
MASQUERADES AS  
TRADITION**

— ANONYMOUS

## Unique Fundraisers

### Rebecca Johnson Horse Shows

For the second year, in a row, Rebecca Johnson and our friends at InStride, Inc. did their “ribbon buy back” program at their horse shows. The “buy back” program allows exhibitors at their shows to choose to donate money to Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue in lieu of accepting their ribbons. Thanks so much to InStride and all the exhibitors who gave up their hard-earned ribbons to give us a donation.

—Kris



REBECCA JOHNSON GIVES A DONATION TO KRIS NIXON AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HER 2021 HORSE SHOW

### The Quarantine Classic

Every year, the ladies of Colorado Safari like to do something to give back to the community. After missing a show season and having limited barn opportunities amidst the pandemic, we decided to put on a virtual show, and thus the (still in) Quarantine Classic was born. Pulling together some of our various horsey contacts resulted in what we think was a pretty awesome event - a Big "R" hunter judge (Kris Nixon), an esteemed Grand Prix dressage competitor and judge (Sue Martin), and help with sponsorship from our locally owned tack store, Colorado Tack and Supply.

We had 84 competitors, 29 dressage tests from training to 3rd level, 169 hunter rounds from pile of poles to 2'9", 13 obstacle course participants, and a photo class. All riders of course received a placing and a score, but here's the big draw - hunter riders also received feedback from judge Kris Nixon on their rounds. ALL of the entry fees from these classes went to Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue in the amount of \$5,655.00!

We had some great feedback from competitors - some that were using it as prep for the upcoming season, and some who were just dipping their toes into the world of showing, or a new discipline. We enjoyed it so much, we may do it all again so stay tuned!

—Amy and Natalie



AMY ENGLERT AND NATALIE QUARANTINO PRESENT BINI, KRIS AND MOLLY A CHECK FOR \$5,655.0 FROM THE QUARANTINE CLASSIC

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## RMHR—Board Member Match Game

Can you match these 9 photos to 9 of our board members. Kate Corcoran and Carole Kenney could not find a picture. Answers on page 18.

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Tuesday, December 7th is Colorado Gives Day. Every non-profit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the \$1 million Incentive Fund, increasing impact and the value of every dollar donated. Please remember us on 12/7 or schedule a donation today.



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LEAD LINE WINNER ON SHETLAND PONY "SPUNKY"



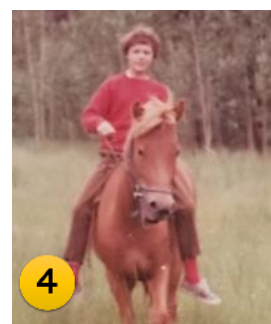
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WITH HER COLT SHE LATER BROKE TO SADDLE



3

AGE 13 ON HER 1ST HORSE "JUSTIN"



4

TRAIL RIDING ON HER PONY



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RIDING HER SELF-TRAINED MUSTANG STALLION "DESERT STAR"



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AGE 7 ON SADDLEBRED MARE "SWEET DREAMS"



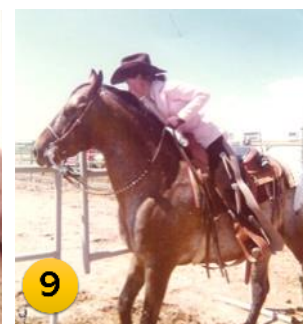
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AGE 8 ON HER PONY AT A HORSE SHOW



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WINNER AT AGE 2



9

AGE 13 ON HER STALLION AT A HORSE SHOW



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## 2021 Rescue Equipment Use

Our Anderson Slings have been borrowed five times in 2021. Although no one needed help in 2020, this year we had both our large and our medium slings out at the same time.

Two times, the slings were picked up too late to help the suffering horses.

One horse had contracted West Nile and been down for days. The care owner arrived at RMHR so we could give them quick instruction and pack all the needed equipment in their truck. Our tripod legs can be broken down into interlocking segments since the 10' assembled pipes are difficult to transport. Unfortunately, the horse's attending veterinarian felt that the poor horse was beyond help--so our sling was returned unused.

The other time, some loving owners borrowed the medium sling for their desperately thin Baskir Curly who was down against a corral panel at a boarding stable. They were able to lift the gelding with the help of the sling and tripod. The poor boy was so weak that he couldn't stand even with the help of his veterinarian who tried everything in her power to help him. The vet felt that he was too emaciated and had no chance of a meaningful recovery or life. SO the decision to end his suffering was made.

Our third occasion in May 2021 was when our friend Ann Hanna drove over 100 miles to borrow our sling for a boarder's sick horse. At the same time, Becky Thompson needed a sling to try to save her small draft mare. Although the chest piece was attached under the tail, and the back end piece was attached around her chest; it worked perfectly!!

The fifth request was in October when a horse could not maintain his balance if a fourth leg was lifted in order to trim his hooves. Our sling and tripod helped him to stand on three legs so the farrier could accomplish the task.

Although our slings have traveled to Alaska twice (while filmed on Animal Planet and National Geographic Wild), we are very thankful that we have these resources to lend to owners who need our help in Colorado or elsewhere. —Bini



THE ANDERSON SLING IS THE LAST CHANCE FOR A DESPERATELY THIN BASKIR CURLY

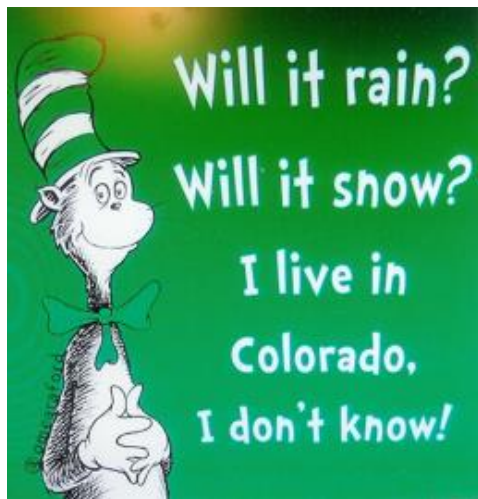
From the owner:

April 15 — As of this morning, Barbie (pictured) is still on her feet. Stiff and moving slowly, but not down. Will keep everyone up on her progress. Thank you so much RMHR for helping us. She would not be with us today if it had not been for you.

## Miscellany



KRIS NIXON - DRESSED FOR THE BALL AFTER WINTER FEEDING





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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.



### GLIDE WITH SLIPSHEETS

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



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 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).

### 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.



### QUICK CORRAL

Five foot long sections can be quickly assembled to create an emergency enclosure and are in two bags for car or trailer transport



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### Up for Adoption

ELLE IS A 20 YEAR OLD QUARTER HORSE MARE IS A SWEETHEART TO TAKE CARE OF AND WOULD BE GREAT AS A COMPANION HORSE.



TWIZ IS A REGISTERED 16 YEAR OLD ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE. HIS GAITED BREED IS USED FOR TRAIL AND PLEASURE. HIS NICKNAME IS "BEACH BOY" BECAUSE OF HIS BLEACHED LOOKING FORELOCK. TWIZ REQUIRES A VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ADOPTER.



LEXI II IS A REGISTERED PAINT WITH BLUE EYES. COMPANION ONLY BECAUSE OF RINGBONE. SHE'S TALL, LOVING AND EASY GOING AROUND OTHER HORSES.



CHIPS IS A 25 YEAR OLD THOROUGHbred WHO HAS HAD EXTENSIVE DENTAL WORK. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT HE IS SOUND AND RIDEABLE BUT WE HAVE YET TO EVALUATE HIM PERSONALLY AS WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH HIS TEETH.



EDDIE IS A 24 YEAR OLD REGISTERED PAINT WHO IS QUIET AND FORGIVING UNDER SADDLE AND CAN BE RIDDEN ENGLISH OR WESTERN ON TRAILS OR IN THE RING.



LEXI IS A GREAT 17 YEAR OLD THOROUGHbred MARE RESCUED FROM A KILL BUYER IN 2018. SHE REQUIRES A FAIRLY EXPERIENCED RIDER.



MAGGIE IS A LOVELY 22 YEAR OLD WHO HAD NEVER BEEN RIDDEN UNTIL FOUR YEARS AGO. STILL GREEN, SHE IS LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED RIDER, BUT HAS A BREATHING PROBLEM SO NO FAST RIDING.

Visit our website:  
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and call (303) 424-0037 for changes in adoptable horses!  
Two Missouri Foxtrotters coming in soon!



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## Great Group Volunteers

### Credit Union of Colorado

Ten caring employees from the Credit Union of Colorado, Arvada Branch, arrived on October 11 to volunteer at our Rescue. We spent the first hour showing them all of our 'charges' and sharing the story of how they came to the rescue. They spent the next hour shoveling, raking and generally doing the daily chore of cleaning up after the horses. What a great group of people who chose RMHR as their non-profit for a 'day of service'. We could not have accommodated so many people had it not been for the help of regular volunteer Nancy Million, who mostly

managed the whole endeavor. Thank you for your service and the very nice donation through Colorado Gives the next day.  
—Bini



THE CREW FROM THE CREDIT UNION OF COLORADO POSE WITH OUR NEW SHETLANDS, TONY AND CHEYENNE



### From Florida to Colorado

No one in Florida, or for that matter, the nation, will forget Valentine's Day in 2018 when a former student senselessly took the lives of 14 students and three teachers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

We were amazed to receive a call early this year by a teacher from the school asking us if she and two of her peers could honor one of the fallen staff members (a horse lover) by giving a day of service at the Rescue in remembrance of their friend (they

were going to be in the area to visit with family).

They arrived from Florida on February 12th offering to do whatever chores they could to help out. Toni Rautus and Emily Kil were on hand to greet the three visiting teachers and two of their local friends. Unfortunately, the day turned out to be one of the coldest of the year and the ground was frozen. The ladies' resolve to labor was strong and so they spent the better part of the day,

grooming a number of horses.

We are so honored to have hosted them and thank them for their "Labor of Love".

—Bini

### Yum

Unsold cookies were donated by two girl scout troops as snacks for our volunteers. We all fought over the boxes of thin mints.

Both troops toured the rescue and were able to meet, pet and feed treats to the horses they had read about in the newsletter.

All of the scouts seemed to enjoy their visit—while we certainly enjoyed their donations.

—Bini





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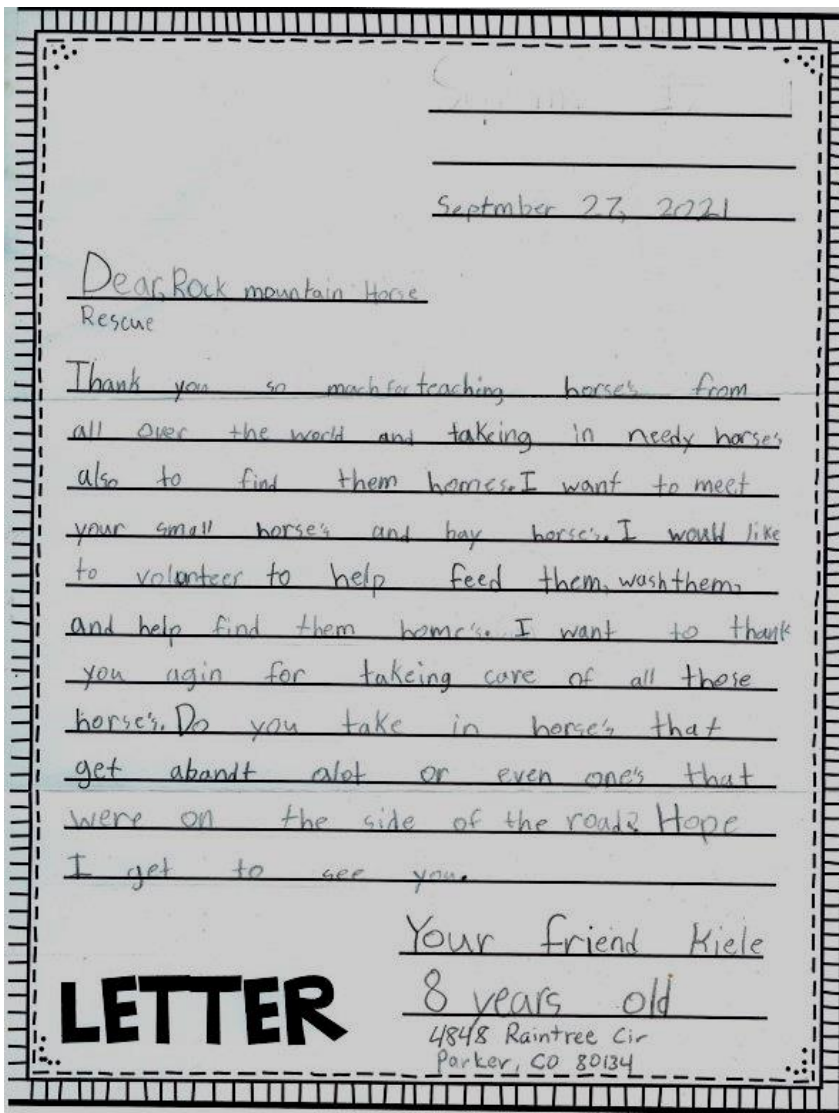


### Unique Kindness

It's been another incredible year. Through the tragedy and upheaval of the past few years we have seen some of the most heartwarming and kindest of actions. We've received countless inquiries (from young, old, local and across the country; even internationally) about volunteering, helping with the horses and donations. We wanted to highlight a couple of these kind acts.

#### Kiele's Letter

We received this wonderful letter from a little girl with big ideas and questions. Kiele will have to wait until the COVID pandemic is completely under control. We will then welcome her for a tour and petting party.



#### Celebrating Samson

JoAnne Stratton had a great idea--to hold a party for her beloved gelding, Samson, on his 30th birthday.

So she sent out formal invitations to his many human friends to celebrate Samson's special day on Sunday May 16th. She noted that in lieu



29 YEARS AGO

of presents, donations in his honor could be used to raise funds for Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue.



PARTY GOERS LOVE SAMSON (JOANNE IS ON THE RIGHT IN THE LEFT HAND PICTURE)

Although Samson would have probably preferred carrots and treats, his birthday bash at Columbine Stables produced a wonderful donation for RMHR.

Kudos to JoAnne and Tom, Samson and all of his caring supporters.

—Bini



A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL





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## Where are They Now? - Amber

Desiree Davis and her 17-year old daughter, Claire, had their horses at Rebecca Johnson's InStride stable in 2013. Claire competed at numerous horse shows over fences with her warmblood, Graphite. On the tragic day of December 13th, 2013, Claire was in the hallway of her Arapahoe High School when a fellow student holding a rifle shot her. (The disgruntled student was searching for his debate teacher who had ejected him from the debate team earlier.) Sorrowfully, Claire passed away eight days later.

A memorial service for Claire was held on January 1st at the National Western Stock Show Events Center. Her mourners filled the huge center and Graphite was part of the heart wrenching ceremony.



ENTRANCE TO THE CLAIRE DAVIS MEMORIAL ARENA

We later dedicated our jumping arena as the Claire Davis Memorial Arena in tribute to our remarkable friend.

In September of 2015, we received a call from Rebecca Johnson needing a reliable trail horse for Desiree because her own horse was a little too excitable. We gave her the perfect horse for that job—a Haflinger mare named Amber.

Desiree and Amber now travel all over the countryside and have even tried a little jumping. (One time Desiree got dumped over cross poles.)

Desiree wrote to RMHR, "Amber is a gentle soul . . . perfect for me in every way!"

—Bini



DESIREE AND AMBER TRAIL RIDE THROUGH A STREAM



DESIREE AND AMBER PERFECT TOGETHER

## Memorials & Honoraria

### Honoraria

- ◆ Ruth Ann Burnett in honor of Bini Abbott, Kris & Rob Nixon
- ◆ Denise Kay in honor of Abigail Guhman
- ◆ Chris & Andy Hancock in honor of Bini Abbott
- ◆ Jenny Pickett in honor of Cathy Hupka
- ◆ The Credit Union of Colorado—Arvada Branch in honor of RMHR
- ◆ Michele Irwin in honor of Jeremy Irwin
- ◆ Dylan Shelofsky in honor of Lucie Shelofsky
- ◆ Jessica Taylor in honor of Roberta Taylor
- ◆ Anonymous in honor of Shannon Ryan-Cebula
- ◆ Heidi Saltzman in honor of Tom Reeves
- ◆ Yvonne Luna in honor of Clara
- ◆ Valerie Starke, Susan Scott, Ronald Hull, Nancy Stanescoi, Cynthia Kebba, Anita Anderson, Dene Engelking, Kim Leaman, RA Burrell, Mary Clare Sharp, MH Hillard, Susan Brushaber, Kathleen Jagger, James Blankenship Jr., Terri Auerbach, Stefanie Vasques, Marcia Malone, Tommie Evans, Jenny Albiezt, Suzy Hiskey, Scott Henry, George Johnson, Rena

Grayson Julie Essex, Keith & Diane Bennett, and Alison Rabinoff in honor of Samson

- ◆ Lori Kennedy in honor of Duke
- ◆ Lee Kirsch in honor of Murdock & Sierra

### Memorials

- ◆ Kathryn Sibley, Jacqui Mercer, Jean Sibley in memory of Richard Sibley
- ◆ Daisy Shepherd in memory of Donna Rae Pugh
- ◆ Lenore Mitchell & Wendy Covert in memory of Jennifer Hancey
- ◆ Megan O'Meara in memory of Joe McClure
- ◆ Littleton Equine Medical Center in memory of Candy Grey
- ◆ Jacqueline Smith Wagoner in memory of Norman & Elsie Smith
- ◆ Dena Boutwell in memory of Janet Williams
- ◆ Cathy Eberhard in memory of Doug Eberhard
- ◆ Barb Suderman in memory of Katie & Jake Sudermann
- ◆ Ben & Laurie Duke in memory of Maud Duke
- ◆ Gina White in memory of Samson Miller

- ◆ Kristine Smith in memory of Michelle
- ◆ Leslie Stohlgren in memory of Another Moment AKA Temple
- ◆ Ruth Ann Burnett in memory of Nickers, Michelle's Magic and Charlene's Geronimo
- ◆ Susan McOllough in memory of Sunny
- ◆ Alicia Whitt in memory of Macy
- ◆ Pat Spetz in memory of all our departed horse souls
- ◆ Dave & Shirley Thomas in memory of Doc
- ◆ Melanie Wagner & Lori Reisig in memory of Mesa



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### Board Member Match Game Answers

1. Kris Nixon - Large "R" rated Hunter Jumper judge; head honcho on feeding and medications
2. Laura Gill - owner/breeder Stone Dance Thoroughbreds; building her own home including installing her own electrical
3. Stephanie Shea - sells stuff for us on eBay while pursuing post-graduate studies at School of Mines
4. Dr. Lois Toll - immensely popular Veterinarian at Littleton Equine Medical Center
5. RuthAnn Burnett - raises money for RMHR; still riding and working her ranch including irrigating
6. Bini Abbott - benevolent dictator of RMHR; bogged down with never-ending bookwork
7. Mary Norden - retired intensive care nurse; husband and daughters are all fire fighters
8. Emily Kil - new volunteer mentor; Pony Club Instructor; teacher of K-4 computer technology
9. Ranya Kelly - heads The Redistribution Center benefitting veterans and others in need

**FOUR OUT OF THREE  
PEOPLE STRUGGLE  
WITH MATH**



RMHR's 2021 IN A MEME

### This Old Horse

I think this year we've taken in some of our most difficult and expensive horses. The average age of the horses we've taken in this year is about 25, and they have all come with multiple heath issues. I've actually had people ask why we don't just euthanize these old guys. Why we take in horses that are unadoptable even when we get them to their best possible shape. Sometimes my answer is, "I don't know" to be perfectly honest. It's hard. It's expensive. It's depressing sometimes. And it rarely results in big adoption days. But most of the time, my answer is, "Why are these old, 'used up' horses any less worthy of a life than a young horse?"

I think our focus is different than a lot of the rescues, and maybe not even on purpose, but just

because that's where we've chosen to fit in. We take in horses that probably no one else wants. They're sick, they're skinny, they're old. We do it knowing this is their last stop. It's a terrible business model. It makes me a little nuts sometimes. But when I look around at all these sad creatures and know that they'll never have another day where no one cares if they live or die, it seems pretty worth it.

— Kris



PATCH, A RECENT ARRIVAL

### Donations



Cindy Morrison pauses while unloading the third of three truckloads of donated supplies.

### Arizona Visitors



Leslie Stohlgren and friends Gail French, Kaycee Desmarteau and Lynn Kitzmiller were in town and stopped by RMHR. Bini, Penny and Dexter led the walking tour of the rescue.

### Perfect Horse Pictures



To get a great photo of horse with ears up, have another person open an umbrella, shake a can of grain, throw a bag in the air, or impersonate a cheerleader (complete with pom pom).



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## Thank You Contributors!

Our heartfelt thanks to our generous contributors. You have given us your time, talent, supplies, cash and even moral support since 2004. We wouldn't be successful without you!

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Nancy Gooding, Carrie DuPont, Hewlett Packard

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**A GREAT HORNED OWL IS A CONSTANT VISITOR AT DUSK SOMETIMES HOOTING HIS THOUGHTS WHEN DISTURBED**



**SIXTEEN COTTONTAILS ENJOY A SNACK WHILE THE RESCUE HORSES EAT DINNER**

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**GOOD FRIEND SUSAN FREY CREATED A FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER FOR GIVING TUESDAY AND GOT ALL HER FRIENDS TO DONATE TO RMHR'S CAUSE**

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### Contributors – Items

Marcia Murphy – saddle, muck Wellingtons, cowgirl boots, neatsfoot oil, horse book, breast collar, lunge line, two sets of reins and more; Cindy Morrison – three truck trips of new tack, used tack, saddles, fly spray, meds, and tons more; Linda Marige – saddle blanket, two breast collars, hackamore bridle, new reins, grazing bits, Western bridle and tons more; Susan McOllough – new skidding har-

ness, bridle with blinkers, saddle with saddlebags, two draft halters, spurs; Anonymous – chaps, two standing martingales, wool cooler, break-away stirrups, super synthetic child's English saddle, two fleece English saddle pads; Robin Intribus – heated water buckets, clippers, meds, Easy Boot; Anonymous – propane water heater complete with dolly; Grant Newman – 100+ bales of Alfalfa hay; Ray Salinas – multiple gallons of barn red paint at a special price, brushes, etc.; Jenny Alsberg – 2 bags of senior feed, gazillion new breakaway halters; Lisa Kahle – 10 bales compressed hay, blankets, halters and more; Dave Martineau and Jill Billings – pants, bits, bridles, haynets, chaps, great winter blanket; Roxy Goss – giant bags (as big as an elephant's leg) of carrots; Opal Hilty – straw bales used from hay ride; Alisa Bilby – blanket for Amiri; Celia Thomas – tons of senior feed 50 lb bags; Jill Kluge – manure forks, two wheelbarrows; Chris Fouts – 50 lbs Performance 1.2, two 50lb bags of Amplify; Stephanie Hippel – blankets, halters, water heater, leg wraps, ointment; Alicia Whitt & Boulder Creek Infusions—CBD Oil; Emily Kil – new manure rakes; Andrea Van Meenan – four bags of senior feed; Angie Kepler – many bales of alfalfa hay, fly traps; Ted and Peg Frost – 13 corral panels, gate; Becky Helms – 12 bags of Nutrena Senior; Marie Hackett – tons of feed and horse treats through Jax Ranch Supply; Andrew Eswein – two bales of hay; A Home for Every Horse – 40 coupons for free Purina Senior; Faith Wille – 18 bales of alfalfa; Pauline Ayers Menk – new Rambo 72" stable sheet, two tubes of wound care; Doug Torza – tub of Insulin Wise; Anne Yates – two new small halter, two hang on food tubs; Amy Smith – 20 thick stall mats; Joyce Rutherford & Richard Kinney – Fabtron western saddle, two lunge lines, two flat buckets, winter blankets, two saddlepads; Jeff Marshall – lots of lumber

**SPECIAL THANKS TO A HOME FOR EVERY HORSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PURINA WHO DONATED COUPONS FOR 40 BAGS OF PURINA® HORSE FEED**



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**OUR WONDERFUL FRIEND CELIA THOMAS (AKA SANTA'S HELPER) DELIVERED A PALLET OF GRAIN TO THE RESCUE. THE FIRST OF TWO PALLETS MADE POSSIBLE BY GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM LOTS OF GREAT FRIENDS.**

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**KILLDEERS ARE SO BRAVE, THEY WILL FAKE A BROKEN WING TO LURE ANIMALS AND PEOPLE (EVEN IN CARS) AWAY FROM THEIR NEST OR BABIES**



**A GROUP OF MULE DEER BUCKS LOOK IN KRIS AND ROB NIXON'S LIVING ROOM WINDOW**



**A CATTLE EGRET PATROLS THE LAKE EDGE**



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*Our Wonderful Volunteers*



REBECCA DOYLE TAKES A BREAK TO PET CHIPS (WITH TONGUE WAGGING)



ELISA KELLY EXERCISES MAGGIE AFTER A DAY OF MANUAL LABOR



RANDY KERR, AND ASSISTANT, STOP BY TO CHECK ON A MALFUNCTIONING GOLF CART



KATIE DESPAIN DOVE RIGHT IN TO SHOVEL AFTER HER TOUR



OUR TREASURER, KATE CORCORAN, WORKS ON FINANCES EVEN AFTER MOVING TO ARIZONA



KARYN SIMPSON TAKES A BREAK WHILE 30 YEAR OLD LITTLE BIT SHOWS HER APPROVAL



CATHI POBER & BETTY BERRY (WHO TRAVEL THE LONGEST DISTANCE TO VOLUNTEER EVERY SATURDAY) GIVE LOVE TO ASPEN AND TREY



TONI RAUTUS (LONGTIME VOLUNTEER AND BIRD AUTHORITY)



KAREN KAH HAS TO BEND DOWN TO CUDDLE WITH EMMY

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



NANCY MILLION AND JILL WYRWA TAKE A BREAK FROM CLEANING LEXI'S PEN



FARRIER CRAIG REYNOLDS TAKES A BREAK FROM TRIMMING HORSES



JILL KLUGE THROWS HER HANDS UP IN DISMAY AFTER PETE AND TATIANA KNOCK OVER HER WHEELBARROW



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RAY SALINAS HELPS MAINTAIN OUR FLEET OF WHEELBARROWS AND GETS US GREAT DISCOUNTS ON PAINT FOR SHEDS



CONNIE CARUSO ALWAYS VISITS WITH TREATS AND ALSO HAULS HORSES FOR US



ROB NIXON UNLOADS NEW SHETLAND PONY, CHEYENNE



'SATURDAY LINDA' CORTES SHOWS OFF OUR NEW OUTHOUSE DONATED BY VOLUNTEER AND SPONSOR LAURA HANSEN (NOW VOLUNTEERS CAN STAY LONGER?)



STAN & KATHY KONEZ VOLUNTEER WEEKLY TO SHOVEL AND RAKE WHILE LEXI I CONTEMPLATES PRODUCING ADDITIONAL MANURE



CYNDY DOMINGUES AND MICHELLE PATTI GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO DREAMER AND ROSIE



LONG TIME VOLUNTEERS, DONORS AND TRANSPORTERS FOR RMHR MICHELLE MCDANIEL AND COLLEEN POPICK, OWNERS OF ST. VRAIN BLOCK



ROBIN INTRIBUS (DONOR OF PATCH) TAKES TIME TO GIVE ASPEN MUCH NEEDED LOVE



JORDAN TYLER STOPS BY TO HELP OUT BEFORE HEADING TO WISCONSIN FOR SIX MONTHS WITH HIS NATIONAL GUARD UNIT



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**BOBBY GRIESGRABER GRABS A WHEELBARROW TO START PICKING UP THE NEVER ENDING CONTRIBUTION OF MANURE**



**LAURA QUACKENBUSH POSES WITH COWBOY**



**MARK LADWIG MOWS OUR FIELD**



**CLAUDIA HOGUE GIVES MOLLY (WHO THINKS SHE'S STARVING) A HUGE CARROT**



**CHRISTIE BARNETT MASSAGES DUKE WHILE WEARING HER "MAY THE HORSE BE WITH YOU" T-SHIRT**



**DAVID KRUSE, OUR "ENERGIZER BUNNY", IS ALWAYS HELPING OUT (EVEN AFTER DARK IN STORMS)**



**MARGO GOLDBERGER AND MURPHY RELAX AFTER A BUSY DAY OF OUR GELDING MAKING MANURE PILES AND MARGO SHOVELING THEM UP**



**MELANIE HOOD DOES DOUBLE DUTY GIVING LEXI AND OCTOBER SKY THEIR TREATS**



**PATRICIA LILLISTON CHEERFULLY RAKES MANURE WHILE JOJO ADDS MORE!**



**NANCY HARTS, DEBBIE PICKERILL AND ALANA BROWN (OUR THREE MUCKETEERS) SHOW OFF THEIR HANDIWORK QUICKLY BEFORE "INSPECTOR" AMIRI DUMPS IT OVER**





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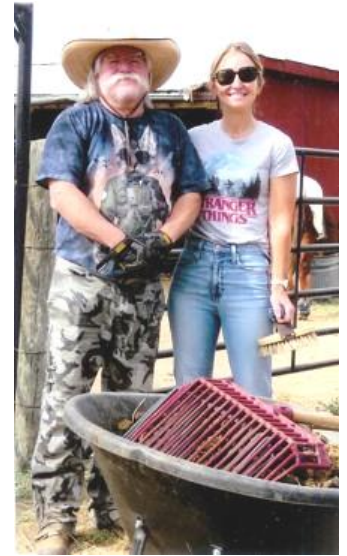
### Our Wonderful Volunteers



OUR SPECIAL EX-NEIGHBOR, JARED JANSEN, FLEW FROM HIS NEW HOME IN WISCONSIN TO COLORADO TO HELP OUT THE RESCUE. JARED MOVED IN THE SPRING, SELLING HIS HOUSE AND HIS EQUIPMENT BUT COMMITTED TO COME BACK TO COLORADO AND CUT, RAKE AND BALE OUR HAYFIELD (WHILE TRAINING THE EQUIPMENT'S NEW OWNER). TO THINK THAT HE WOULD TAKE A WEEK OFF FROM HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO HELP US OUT IS OVERWHELMING. A HUGE THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US (AND THE CRITTERS)! WHAT A GREAT FRIEND!



BILL POLZIN TAUGHT ASPEN (FROM THE KILL PEN) HOW TO ACCEPT TREATS



CRAIG MARTINEZ AND ERIN HOGAN ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP



BIRGIT BLUN CAME CLEAR FROM GERMANY TO HELP OUT (ACTUALLY SHE MOVED TO GOLDEN RECENTLY)



DIANNA MAYO PETS OUR NEWEST SHETLAND PONY, TONY



SHERRI LAFFERTY, A LONG TIME REGULAR, GETS ELLE'S MUCKING APPROVAL



EMILY KIL AND RYAN SHIELDS TAG TEAM A SECTION OF UNRULY FENCE IN ONE OF OUR OLDER PENS



KRIS NIXON & NANCY LOFTUS SHAVE LITTLE BIT WHO WAS ABOUT TO MELT FROM HER LONG WINTER COAT



BIRDWATCHERS AARON SHIPE AND MARK CHAVEZ CLEAN OUT THE BARN OWL NESTING BOX. THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR WE HAVEN'T HAD BABY BARN OWLS. WE BELIEVE THAT A GREAT HORNED OWL HAS BEEN TERRITORIAL AND SCARED THEM OFF.



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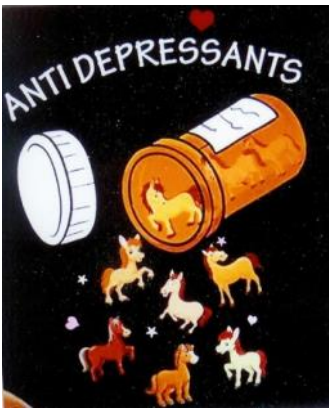
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everyone can help someone.  
- Ronald Reagan



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