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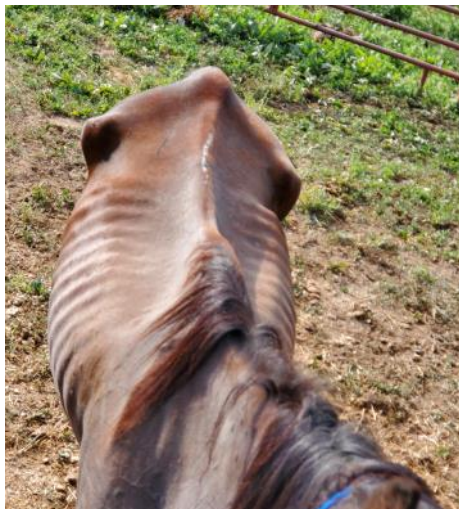
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Just In Time



THE HORRENDOUS VIEW OF JUSTIN'S TOPLINE WHEN HE ARRIVED AT RMHR

His picture was posted on the Stroud, OK kill pen website--a horribly thin thoroughbred with a kind eye.

Usually the kill pen owner will video a guy riding the horse bareback with a halter in order to persuade someone to "rescue" the horse from impending slaughter in Mexico or Canada. However, the skinny gelding was in such terrible shape that no one got on him. A girl just led him at a walk. She then lifted (flipped) his upper lip to reveal his blurry illegible lip tattoo. (Thoroughbred horses registered with the Jockey Club must have their lip tattooed with a letter designating the year of birth and five other numbers which form their registration numbers. This must be done before they can enter a race.

For example, a thoroughbred horse born in 1997 would be tattooed with an "A" plus five numbers. A horse born in 2000 would have a "D" plus five numbers. The sight of this pathetic soul just made me sick and I couldn't get him out of my mind. My friend in California, Lynn Wyman, who



JUSTIN'S ILLEGIBLE LIP TATTOO



A SNEAK PREVIEW! JUSTIN GALLOPING FOR HIS NOVEMBER 9TH LAMENESS EXAM

had alerted me to the website, agreed to pay the bail/ransom of \$650.00 (I will never pay a ransom) while I paid the \$1275.00 for transportation from Oklahoma to our quarantine pen.

His new name became Justin for "Just in Time".

He arrived on September 6, 2022. The papers that came with him indicated that someone named Jane had originally "rescued" Justin from the O'Dwyer kill pen in Bowie, TX in February of 2022. She had problems with his



JUSTIN ASKS, "AM I AT A NEW KILL PEN?"

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Just In Time (continued)

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JUSTIN UNLOADED WILLINGLY IN THE HOPE THAT THIS NEW STOP ON HIS JOURNEY WAS BETTER THAN THE LAST TWO



KRIS GIVES JUSTIN THE FIRST BUCKET OF WHAT WOULD BE "3 A DAY" OF SOAKED GRAIN



DR. TOLL DOES AN INITIAL EXAM



JUSTIN, WITH THE AUCTION SALES ON HIS MANE, INVESTIGATES HIS NEW SURROUNDINGS, THE QUARANTINE PEN



told he had been fed copious amounts of alfalfa by the kill buyer to most likely keep him alive so he wouldn't keel over before he was rescued). We had to be very careful not to founder him. We also gave him lots of carrots to help him recover.

We showed Justin to one of our veterinarians who was at the rescue to tend to another horse and he rated Justin a 1.1 on the Henneke Body Condition Scale. A one is extremely poor and likely near death. A five rating is moderate, while a nine is extremely fat.

We made an appointment with Dr. Lois Toll of Littleton Equine Medical Center to evaluate Justin on September 13th. We were not sure if his tragic condition was due to organ failure or something

weight and care and then sold him to the Oklahoma kill pen knowing they would post his picture or video to give him a second chance at a good life.

We immediately placed Justin in our quarantine pen for 30 days (kill pen horses have been exposed to strangles and other serious diseases). He was started on three meals a day of senior pellets and rice bran as well as unlimited grass hay (we were

else rather than starvation.

Dr. Toll found that his teeth had sharp edges and needed to be floated, but we had to wait for him to gain some weight and strength before he could be tranquilized for the procedure. She also took blood and walked him to see if there was any major lameness.

When she picked up his feet he lifted his right hind leg in an awkward way and showed discomfort. She also said that we shouldn't trot him in his present



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Just In Time (continued)

condition (I was anxious to trot him to see if he was sound, but had to be patient and follow doctor's orders).

Justin dove into his food and appeared to be content all alone in the quarantine pen. He would watch the other horses more than 100 feet away, but didn't pace back and forth or whinny to them. When looking at Justin from the front on September 6th, his breast bone appeared to come to a point between his front legs instead of being hidden by flesh and going straight across.

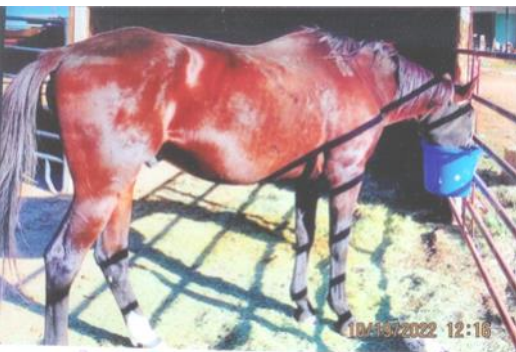
From the rear, the inner thighs of Justin's hind legs didn't touch until his two legs joined. By a month and a half later, his inner thighs were in perfect condition.



FROM STARVATION TO PERFECT CONDITION

It was amazing to see his condition change so rapidly as he filled out and gained weight and became more alert. By mistake, I didn't snap his gate shut and luckily he was caught by Kris after merrily tearing around visiting new friends.

Viewed from above, the change in Justin was dra-



IN A MONTH AND A HALF, JUSTIN HAD FILLED OUT NICELY AND HIS COAT HAD A HEALTHY SHEEN

matic—he had filled out and his coat was shiny. As Justin ate and accepted continuous goodies, his appearance was absolutely amazing by October 19th.

I was dying to find out about Justin's real name, racing record, age, breeding and background before landing in the two kill pens. The Jockey Club sent us an identity kit to try or to establish who our sweet boy is.

Dr. Toll was able to visit on November 9th, a little more than two months after Justin came to



DR. TOLL FLOATS JUSTIN'S TEETH

RMHR. She brought a special black light to try to decipher his blurry lip tattoo. She also floated his teeth and then did a lameness exam which included working him on a lunge line at walk, trot and canter. He performed well on the lameness exam, but she x-rayed his legs just to make sure there was no damage. The x-rays didn't show bone problems, but Lois could not rule out some tissue damage. When Lois completed the x-rays she plucked 30+ strands of hair, including the roots, from his mane and then placed them in the identity kit envelope for DNA testing. Hopefully, we will have the results back in a few weeks.

Regardless of the Jockey Club results, he is now my beloved "Just in Time".

I've fallen in love.

—Bini



JUSTIN TROTGING DURING DR. TOLL'S EXAM



OCTOBER 19TH—FANTASTIC CHANGE



DR. TOLL USES A BLACK LIGHT TO TRY TO DECIPHER JUSTIN'S TATTOO



JUSTIN'S X-RAYS LOOKED GOOD



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Ponies, Ponies Everywhere

We've actually adopted out quite a few minis and ponies this year, but we still have a substantial herd of vertically challenged equines.



CLEMENTINE AFTER A LICE DUSTING (TOP) AND FOLLOWING A ANTIFUNGAL BATH



KRIS AND CLEMENTINE 'MAKE UP'



CLEMENTINE "FUNGUS FREE" IN HER NEW PEN

When people talk about how rotten Shetland ponies are, they are undoubtedly talking about Clementine. Clem came originally through the feedlot, so we have no idea what her previous life was like. (My guess would be she murdered a few small children, bit a dog and lit the barn on fire, but actually it could have been worse than that.) When she came in, she had a skin condition that we first thought was lice. I hadn't done a whole lot with her yet, so I walked into the pen, brimming with misplaced confidence, to give her a good lice dusting. I will spare you the blow by blow description of the ensuing anarchy, but suffice to say after fifteen minutes, twenty seven laps around the pen, eight thousand swear words and one broken fingernail, Clementine was dusted. She was dusted, I was dusted, her roommate Max was dusted, a couple of stray prairie dogs were dusted. It was a thorough application. Imagine my delight when, after that rodeo, her skin didn't clear up. After another vet visit, it was decided that fungus baths were in order. Every day. For a week. I had no sooner turned the hose on than I was looking back nostalgically at my lice dusting experience. I've never actually bathed a rabid mountain lion, but I'm pretty sure I could after my week of Clementine and the fungus baths. I had no idea a pony could simultaneously run backwards, forwards, sideways and up while pawing at my face. You learn something new every

day. Mercifully, the fungus baths did the trick, because I was pretty sure one or both of us was going to need a fair amount of drugs if we had to do another week of bathing. She's one of my favorite horses at the rescue. I really appreciate a Satanic pony.

On the complete opposite end of that spectrum are Tony and Cheyenne. They're two elderly ponies that used to do kid's birthday parties. When the



TONY AND CHEYENNE MAKE SURE WE SEE THEM DURING FEEDING TIME

man who owned them retired, he sold all his other ponies, but he couldn't stand the thought of those two getting passed around, and asked if we'd take them. What a great decision that was. They are honestly just the two cutest, sweetest most gentle animals in the world. All they really want out of life is cookies and scratches and hugs. They live next to Clementine, because I'm hoping it will wear off on her.

It's not working so far.



CHEYENNE STANDS GUARD OVER TONY AS HE RESTS HIS ACHING FEET AND TAKES A NAP



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Ponies, Ponies Everywhere (continued)



POLKA DOT AND JELLYBEAN SETTLE INTO THEIR NEW PEN AND ENJOY A SNACK

Earlier this year, we took in a miniature horse and her foal. Well, ok the foal is actually three years old. But if you never wean them or halter break the baby, it's still a foal, right? They came rolling in the driveway in the tack room of a horse trailer. It's good to know that after all this time, I can still be surprised. When they opened the tack room door and I saw a tiny miniature horse and this gigantic pinto, I was surprised, let me tell you. I was further surprised to learn the tiny mini was the mother and the pinto was the baby. Questionable parentage aside, those two girls are pretty funny and cute. We named the tiny mama Polka Dot and the big baby Jelly Bean. We halter broke Jelly and weaned them for awhile, but now they've been reunited because we ran out of pens. They're just happy to be out of the tack room.

ducing a few of the minis and ponies to Dale through the fence, but he just wasn't interested. So I decided to see if he and my retired show horse Cooper would like each other. I took him over to the pen and the two of them started looking each other through the fence. Once they were in together, they became inseparable. They eat, sleep and drink from the water tank together. Dale doesn't pace or stare off in the distance any more. Cooper herds Dale away from the fence if another horse comes around. It's a love connection.



PARKER GETS LUNGED IN THE OUTDOOR ARENA

And of course we can't forget the herd of resident miniature horses. Jojo, Cowboy, Little Bit, Pete, Parker, Inky and Sweetie. And last, but certainly not least, Tatiana the miniature donkey. They don't possess a whole lot of skills, but they're cute and charming and we love them. You don't have to be tall to be fabulous.

—Kris



DALE AND COOPER EATING DINNER

Then there's Dale, the miniature mule. Dale, who was in a Kansas kill pen, came in and he was just sort of sad. He lived next to two horses, but he spent a lot of time pacing the fence and just generally seemed lonely. I started thinking maybe Dale would be happier with a roommate. I tried intro-



DURING A TURNOUT SESSION (A.K.A. PONYPALOOZA) JOJO LEADS JELLYBEAN AND COWBOY ON A ROUSING GAME OF FOLLOW THE LEADER



POLKA DOT AND JELLY BEAN ARRIVE IN THE TACK ROOM SECTION OF THE TRAILER



TONY GETS A SCRATCH FROM BILL POLZIN





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What is a Thoroughbred War Horse?

Commonly, it's a term used for horses who have left the starting box 50 or more times (though I've also heard it used for horses with 100 or more starts!) Another definition that some people use is a horse who has won over \$100,000 on the race-track.

Well, how about all of the above? We got a call early this summer from a woman in dire straits. She and her husband had a 28 year old thoroughbred named Silver. For the past 22 years, they had owned him. He raced an astonishing 148 times, and had won over \$180,000.00. There is an unofficial agreement at most racetracks that if an owner with only one horse runs that horse in a claiming race, no one should claim that horse. (A claiming race is a race where a horse can be purchased before the beginning of the race for a set price, and is then relinquished to its new owner at the end of the race.) Regardless of this unspoken rule, Silver had been claimed several times during his career. His old owners bought him back every single time.



SILVER AND HIS TEAM POSING IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

nately, shortly thereafter, the new property owner reneged on this agreement. Sweet Silver was soon to be homeless. His frantic owners called, asking if there was any way we'd consider taking a 28 year old retired racehorse. Well, OBVIOUSLY!! We love that!!

I didn't know what to expect out of an old guy who had been so successful on the track, and lived most of the rest of his life at the same place. I was a little worried he'd be sort of frantic and displaced. Silver was not worried. He arrived, took a look around, and that was that. He is the friendliest, most personable horse you'd ever have the pleasure to meet. He'll walk away from his food to come over and have a visit with you. His favorite day is water tank cleaning day. He's an excellent supervisor. Silver is beautiful and sweet. For all the negative publicity the thoroughbred racing world gets, there are the Silvers of the world. He did a job he loved, for people who loved him, and we're honored to get to be his people for the rest of his life.

—Kris



SILVER SUPERVISING THE CLEANING OF HIS WATER TANK



SILVER EAGERLY AWAITS BREAKFAST IN HIS NEW FOREVER HOME



SILVER CREST RACING TO THE FINISH LINE

After his retirement from racing, they took him home and just loved on him for years. Fast forward to this summer, when they had to sell their property, with the agreement that Silver could reside there for the remainder of his life. Unfortu-

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Lexi's Amazing Adoption

One day, I was posting pictures to Facebook. I happened to post a picture with Lexi, our big Paint Thoroughbred. Shortly thereafter, I got a message from a man named Phillip Williamson. He said he thought he had seen a picture of a horse at the rescue that he used to ride and show. After a short back and forth, it turned out that yes, indeed it was one and the same horse, Lexi. I thought that was a neat coincidence, and then he said, "Well, I'd like to adopt her." Oh. Well, I did not see THAT coming. I explained to him that she was not sound to

recently passed away, and then he came across Lexi's picture and figured she was meant to live the rest of her life with him.

We don't normally do out of state adoptions, and Phillip lives in Virginia. We made an exception in this case because Phillip is exceptional! He's a very well regarded coach of a University Equestrian team, and he sent us pictures of Lexi's prospective new home that would make ANY horse volunteer to be adopted by him. Plus, let's face it, you'd have to be made of stone not to be moved by his motivation to care for a horse that his mom had loved so much. So, off Lexi went, to live her best life with the man of her dreams!

—Kris



LEXI AND HER ROOMMATE FRIDAY AT THE HORSE RESCUE

ride anymore, and was really just a companion horse, thinking that would change his mind. It didn't. He went on to say that, when he was a young professional rider, Lexi had been his mother's favorite horse that he rode. His mother had



LEXI IN HER DIGS IN THE VIRGINIA COUNTRYSIDE



LEXI PREPARING FOR HER JOURNEY



THE HORSE FORMERLY KNOWN AS SEXY LEXI IN HER PREVIOUS LIFE AS A SHOW HORSE

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Tuesday, December 6th is Colorado Gives Day. Every non-profit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day

receives a portion of the Colorado Gives Day Incentive Fund, increasing impact and the value of every dollar donated. Please remember us on 12/6 or schedule a donation today.





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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.



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

BUT IT WILL SURELY CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THAT ONE HORSE

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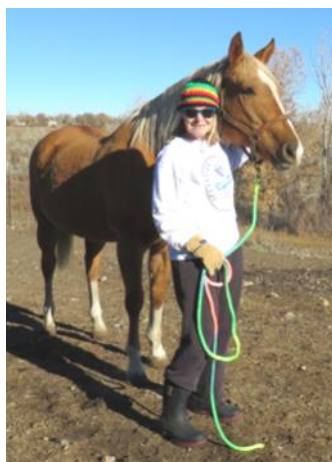
COMPASSION FOR ANIMALS IS INTIMATELY CONNECTED WITH GOODNESS OF CHARACTER; AND IT MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ASSERTED THAT HE WHO IS CRUEL TO ANIMALS CANNOT BE A GOOD MAN.

— SCHOPENHAUER



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.



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.



KATE REID (BRONZE)

IS A SPONSOR OF OUR SWEET MARE—HOOTIE. THE MARE WAS THIN ON ARRIVAL BUT NOW NICKERS EVERY TIME SHE SEES SOMEONE BEARING TREATS OR CARROTS.



LINDA KELLY (BRONZE)

IS A BRONZE SPONSOR OF THOROUGHbred LUCKY DUCK WHO WAS RESCUED FROM A KILLPEN IN COLORADO.



KELLY BIRKLAND (BRONZE)

SPONSORS THOROUGHbred LEXI WHO WAS RESCUED FROM A COLORADO KILLPEN IN 2018.



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)



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So, You Want to Run a Horse Rescue

Often, we get calls from people who say they want to start a horse rescue. Their main question is, "What do I need?" Oh, the many, many, many things you need. The first thing you need is money, and lots of it. I don't believe there is an independent rescue in the world that gets by on donations alone. Grants are available, and helpful, but you'll need a grant writer, because they're also time consuming and confusing. The next thing you need is manual labor. Because horses poop. A lot. They also break things, including themselves. A lot. And you won't have time to do all the work yourself because you'll need to have a job outside of the rescue. (See above. About the money.)

You'll need a fair amount of property, and buildings to house your new hay burners. (Again, see above. About the money. And the manual labor.)

It's helpful if you have at least a working knowledge of veterinary medicine. Things like, how to stop bleeding from major arteries, how to poultice a hoof in the middle of winter on a feral and ungrateful mare in heat, how to take a temperature of a miniature horse who can kick the eye out of a fly, how to bandage a leg, neck, ear, eyeball or penis. (Yes. I've bandaged a horse penis.) Also, you should stay in shape, because you might get to do a lot of walking. At night. In the cold. While a horse is colicky and you're trying to dial the vet's office on your smartphone without taking your mittens off or getting crushed by an angry, sick 1000 pound animal. You should also stay in shape so you can chase loose horses around the property, dodge flying hooves, and stand for hours inside a horse trailer whilst encouraging a skeptical equine that they should come join you and go on their freedom ride. You'll need the patience of a literal Saint as well.



KRIS NIXON ENJOYING A BALMY DAY OF WINTER FEEDING

Because when you're not dealing with the horses, (Work outside! Set your own hours! Work with animals! Meet new people!) you'll be sorting through potential adopters. All of whom are "advanced horse people" or better. (Spoiler alert: a lot of

I'd like to adopt a gentle 3-year-old mare, 15.7 hands tall, with spirit. She's for my 5-year-old son so they can grow up riding together.



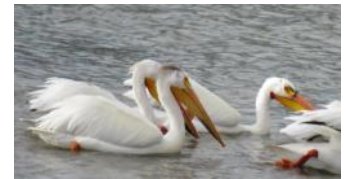
We will keep it in our backyard with the beehives.

them aren't.) You will explain to people, with a straight face, that no, none of these horses would be suitable as racehorses, and they themselves probably can't learn to be a jockey. You'll listen patiently as they tell you that they'd like a horse that's no older than 8 years old, with potential to jump, trail ride, run barrels and foxhunt, and see their disappointment and disbelief when you tell them no rescue in America has such an animal. You'll watch some of these advanced horsemen look at a halter in utter confusion, then attempt to put it on upside down. You'll take a lead rope out of someone's hand when they have to relinquish their horse, and watch them crying while they drive away, and you'll wonder why you ever got yourself into this mess.

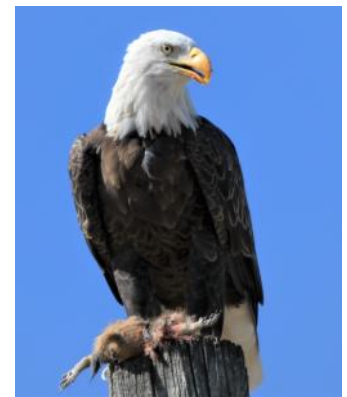
BUT If you've got all those things, and you still want to run a rescue, you'll also be the luckiest person alive. You'll spend all your money, cry all your tears, work yourself mostly to death and tear most of your hair out. And get to meet the greatest people you'll ever know. The people who give all they can to keep your dream and your horses alive. They give you their money, their time, their help. All of it. You'll adopt horses to the kindest, most caring people you've ever met. People who want nothing more than to provide a home to a horse that, not very long ago, no one wanted at all. You'll get to see your rescue horses every day. And know that because they're there, their lives are better. You'll watch them live and sometimes die, but always know at least they had love, even if it was just for a little while. So, get your money, your labor, your first aid skills, your cardio and your Xanax and start a horse rescue. It's worth it.

—Kris

RANCH WILDLIFE



A GROUP OF WHITE PELICANS FISHES THE COVE NEAR THE RANCH



A BALD EAGLE ENJOYS A PRAIRIE DOG MEAL ON A POWER POLE



A BOBCAT PATROLS A PASTURE LOOKING FOR LUNCH



A YELLOW HEADED BLACKBIRD LOOKS FOR SPILLED GRAIN



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The Story of Goose

April 2022

"You don't by chance have a big bay Thoroughbred named Gray goose, do you?" My answer was, "We do have a tall Thoroughbred nicknamed Goose whose registered name is Spanish Hope." The person on the other end of the line started to cry. "That's MY BOY!". Soon we were both crying as Emily Lucas told me about her lost friend.



GOOSE, A HANDSOME TB



GOOSE AND EMILY OUT RIDING IN INCLEMENT WEATHER



EMILY LUCAS WITH GOOSE IN BETTER TIMES

She asked me how much would it cost to adopt him and I told her, "Zero" (an opportunity to reunite a beloved horse with its grieving owner doesn't come along every day).

She started to tell me all about her best friend and that she had lost track of Goose when a dressage stable in Ft. Collins, CO was sold in 2021 and the owner moved to California.

In 2019, Emily had given birth to a little girl, but was badly injured during the delivery. She couldn't walk unassisted due to nerve damage she sustained from a badly placed epidural. During this traumatic time, she told Rebecca Dixon, Goose's owner at the time, to just find a new home for her boy since the boarding barn was not available. (Rebecca had

bought him from Kate Brown who showed him in Eventing Trials in Missouri and elsewhere).



GOOSE ON THE TRACK

While tracing Goose and his travels, we found out that he had raced for three years, starting in 2009 as a three year old. He had 30 starts, eight wins and won \$44,388 in earnings while racing at River Downs in Cincinnati, Turf Paradise in Phoenix, AZ and Keeneland and Churchill Downs in Kentucky.



EMILY AND GOOSE FORDING A STREAM

Emily bought Goose from the track and had
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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



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The Story of Goose (continued)



EMILY AND GOOSE JUMPING

many adventures with her boy including trail riding, river fording and jumping.

By the time Emily called RMHR, she was living in Florida and running two businesses--a wedding planning service and equine massage practice.

With the boarding barn sold, Rebecca filled out forms to donate Goose to the Colorado Horse Rescue Network. Fortunately she sent her horse to Arianna Armstrong, who lived on a cattle ranch in Rocky Ford, to decide when to donate him. Arianna rode Goose in an English saddle and really loved him. She even had him be the best man when she married her rancher husband. However, whenever he was lonesome for human company, he would jump over the barbed wire fence near a dangerous highway.



ARIANNA ARMSTRONG AND HER "BEST MAN"

So Arianna sent him (on trial) to a lady in Northern Colorado. He loaded easily but the lady neglected to untie him when unloading. This resulted in Goose tearing back, injuring the lady and sending her to the hospital. He was also in a dead sweat after being stabled all alone with no new friends in sight.

Needless to say, this situation was untenable. Arianna was called and told she had to take Goose back. Arianna wanted to take him back, but was afraid that Goose would jump out again and either injure himself or get hit by a passing vehicle on the nearby highway. In desperation, she called every rescue in Colorado to find him a new home. Her call to RMHR paid off!

A frantic thoroughbred needed help, so of course I said yes, you all should know me by now!

On December 2, 2021 our new thoroughbred arrived and unloaded perfectly in the dark. He was then led with the help of flashlights and lanterns to an unlighted pen. He looked around, met his new neighbors over the corral panel, and then rolled. He knew he was safe.

He also arrived with a one inch thick notebook detailing past veterinary care, travels, race and owner records. A luxury that we don't often get.

We spent the next few months evaluating goose. Emily Kil did most of the riding to assess what would be the perfect adopter skill level for Goose. Efforts that were largely unnecessary when the original Emily contacted us. With a plan for Goose in place, we now needed to find a way to have her horse shipped to her in Florida.



EMILY KIL EVALUATES GOOSE FOR SOUNDNESS AND 'QUIETNESS'

AROUND THE RANCH



MARK LADWIG RUNS HIS 'STACKER' TO PICKUP OUR HAY



DUKE, LAST YEARS COVER STORY, MODELS HIS CURRENT FITNESS AND A COAT OF MUD AFTER A HAPPY ROLL



KRIS NIXON'S FEEDING ASSISTANTS FIND A WINTER SNOW-STORM LESS THAN PLEASURABLE



A FREAK WIND DOWN DRAFT TOOK OUT THE PORTA POTTY (LUCKILY NO ONE WAS INSIDE AT THE TIME!)



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The Story of Goose (continued)

SUNRISE/SUNSET



KRIS NIXON LEADS GOOSE TO ANNICK'S TRAILER—
"WHERE AM I GOING NOW?"

On April 27, 2022 Annick Chappot-Look of First Class Equine Transport agreed to haul Goose to his final home in Florida. Her trailer is amazing complete with painted side walls of grass pasture, blue skies and clouds on the ceiling, misters, soothing classical music and video monitoring.



GOOSE PRACTICES LOADING AND UNLOADING INTO ANNICK'S TRAILER.



GOOSE'S FANCY NEW HALTER

Wearing a new halter with a brass name plate and shipping supplies sent by Emily, Annick patiently worked with Goose loading and unloading him several times. Annick keeps the time on a road to intervals so that horses

have a chance to stop and rest on long journeys. She likes to make sure that they are comfortable getting in and out of the trailer on their layovers.

Goose arrived at his new boarding stable after three days on the road and was in a pasture when Emily first saw him (she had been in another state when Goose was delivered). She said that she yelled "Here Bubba!" and Goose pricked up his ears and came galloping over. They then hugged each other. Goose was home!!

So ends a beautiful story!

—Bini



THE PAINTED SKY AND GRASS WALLS IN ANNICK'S TRAILER



GOOSE WITH EMILY'S DAUGHTER AND MOTHER



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JoJo's Corner

Recently, I have noticed a lot of horses coming on to my property and going to the Quarantine pen. Upon further investigation, it seems that these horses get to

- 1) live by themselves,
- 2) eat a lot of food and
- 3) receive multiple compliments about how fat they are getting.

Now, this is troubling to me on a number of levels. As MIC (Miniature In Charge) of the Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue, I have put in multiple requests to be transferred to a luxury suite. I understand my roommate, Cowboy, requires a fair amount of supervision, but I can't help feeling that his lack of fabulousness has begun to reflect poorly on me. He rolls in poo, for heaven sakes! I feel that at this stage of my career, I should really be associating with a crowd equal to myself. Since no such equines exist, I should really have my own pen.

Now, about this multiple feedings a day situation in the quarantine pen. I don't know if they're ordering from DoorDash, or UberEats, or what, but that food has to go RIGHT PAST my pen to get to the quarantine pen. I fail to see the point in going all the way down there when the food could simply be dropped off with me. I'm very interested in saving the rescue money, so just simply saving that extra gas money would be a huge improvement. Never mind the environmental impact of all that driving. We really all need to pitch in, and I'm more than willing to do my part.

You're welcome.

But really, the most disturbing part of this quarantine pen thing is everyone ranting and raving every time those horses gain a pound. Listen, I'm here to

tell you, gaining weight is not a challenge. And no one ever has complimented me on my outstanding belly. And it really is outstanding, if I do say so myself. In fact, not only do I not get compliments, I have heard a number of times that I might possibly be considered fat. And it hasn't been said in a complimentary way. I know. I'm as surprised as you are. I mostly hear my butlers saying this about me though, and they are a nice bunch, but between you and me, I'm not sure they're the sharpest tools in the shed.

Anyway, I'm telling you all this because my vociferous complaints here fall on deaf ears. I'm thinking of starting a petition. It will be called "More food and compliments for Jojo". I hope I can count on your signature.



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



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

Credit Union of Colorado



On October 10th, we had a great group from the Colorado Credit Union come out to do a day of service for us.

Hootie's favorite part was group pictures and grooming. Tony and Cheyenne also enjoyed all of the special attention from the group.

Everybody learned about grooming and picking hooves, and how to properly feed treats. It was a fun day for the ladies and the horses.





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**DR. BAER PERFORMS A
HEALTH EXAMINATION**

A Helping Hand

Earlier this year, we got a call from a very nice man who needed some help. He was very concerned about his unsound horse, but wasn't in a financial position to get her the vet care she needed. There was some talk about him possibly giving us his horse, so we could handle the vet situation, but at the end of the conversation it was decided that what he really needed was just some assistance covering the cost. He loves his horse. He takes beautiful care of her, and he/s had her most of her

life. He just needed help. So we called our fantastic friends at Mobile Vet, and Dr. Baer went out and did her usual amazing job. With her guidance, and some good farrier work, he got his pal back on track.

This man was so grateful and happy. It was so fun to help someone out, and enable him to keep his beloved horse.

—Kris



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The Unwanted Horse, An Unpopular Opinion

The world of social media has shined a very bright light on the plight of the unwanted horse, specifically those that go through the auctions. Many horses who are sent to auction end up in the hands of a "kill buyer". Kill buyer is the unofficial title of those brokers who travel to auctions for the purpose of buying horses and sending them across the border to be slaughtered for human consumption. With the invention of social media, these people now have a whole new audience to sell their unfortunate recent purchases to.

Facebook, in particular, has given life to probably thousands of groups dedicated to buying horses from the kill buyers and rehoming them in various ways. Often the purchase involves crowdfunding to raise funds to bail out one or more typically rather tragic horses, which are then sent to a rescue. Sometimes private parties buy these horses and take them, hoping to nurse them back to health and have some sort of productive animal, or simply just to save their lives. The problem here is that bailing a horse out of a kill pen usually costs three or four times what the kill buyers paid for them, thus enabling said kill buyer to return to the next auction and buy more horses, some of whom will end up being slaughtered. This is obviously not an ideal scenario, and there are many people, including quite a few rescues, who won't take a horse that came from the kill pen, believing (not inaccurately) that it perpetuates an unfortunate cycle.

Their answer to this problem is to go to the auctions in person and try to outbid the kill buyers and buy the horses directly from the auction. The prob-

lem with this scenario is that the original owner of the horse, the person who starved, abused and denied medical care to an animal before bringing it to an auction to get the last little bit of money out of it before it drops dead in their field, benefits by walking out of the auction with a check.

There is a lot of conversation surrounding this issue, and with that conversation comes division. The side that refuses to deal with the kill buyers is quite vocal in their disdain for those who do. And the side who does deal with the kill buyers and crowdfunds for bail often ends up scrambling around at zero hour trying to find placement for horses with little or no knowledge of how they'll be cared for once they arrive at their destination.

Both sides are problematic, in my opinion. You are making a deal with the devil regardless. You either pay a kill buyer way too much money and save a horse, or you go to the auction and pay some reprehensible animal abuser and save a horse. The positive outcome is that a horse has been saved. The negative aspect is that either way, someone profits financially from abuse.

As long as people have horses, there will be unwanted horses. It's an unfortunate reality. I think instead of arguing over who is taking the moral high ground, it would be best if everyone who wants to help unwanted horses banded together and worked toward the common goal of rescue, while simultaneously trying to fight for stricter laws against abuse.

—Kris



"To place your horse's need for you to let him leave his falling body above your need to keep him with you—that is the greatest and purest love."
- Cynthia Garrett

The gift of a good death for a beloved companion is the only humane and caring way in which to set an animal free. Those who send their old and infirmed horses to auction, who turn their eyes and minds away from their eventual slaughter never truly possessed that pure love for their horse, but rather saw them as a commodity without value. - MCE

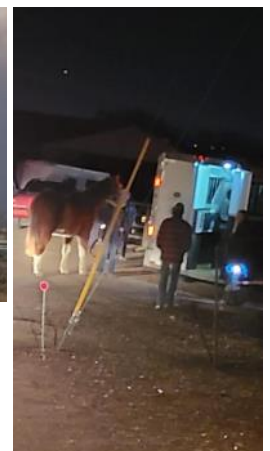
The Marshall Fire

On December 30, 2021, a raging grass fire started northwest of us. Fueled by 100 mph winds, it escalated at a rate no one could have predicted. Homes and livestock were being evacuated all afternoon. Originally, the fire was well over 30 miles from us, and the wind was blowing straight east, so we weren't concerned for our animals. Then the wind changed direction. We went from offering shelter to evacuation in just a couple of hours. What can I say about the tremendous outpouring of help that came our way? Words don't even seem adequate. We got more help than we needed, even. I'd say "controlled chaos" probably describes the process of loading 40 horses in the dark. The horses all stepped right up, which was amazing to me. We got everyone loaded and on the road, and then evacuation orders were lifted. (As it was, we were

only on pre evacuation orders, but when everyone offered us so much help, we figured it was foolish not to take it.) We will never be able to repay everyone for their kindness and generosity. Many of the people who came had been evacuating horses for hours, at multiple facilities. They all amazed me. Total strangers coming together in a big way to help us.



THE SMOKE PLUME WAS TERRIFYING AS THE 100 MPH WINDS WHIPPED THE FIRE



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Raindropsafalling

Lynn Wyman in California called me in May to see if we had the quarantine pen available if she bought a thin Thoroughbred mare from a kill pen. The kill buyer had posted a video of her being ridden at the walk and trot, where she appeared to be sound, although you never know if they've been medicated.

Lynn decided to pay the exorbitant ransom and over \$2000 in shipping to get her to us.

The mare with the special name arrived at our arid ranch from Louisiana on June 16th. Her trip lasted four days, as she rode around the country while the shipper dropped off and picked up other kill pen horses.

Her registered name is Raindropsafalling, and as she stepped off the trailer, it started to rain!



RAIN'S RIBS ARE FULLY EXPOSED AND SHE STILL WEARS THE AUCTION TAG JUST AFTER SHE MOVES INTO THE QUARANTINE PEN

and eating and eating. She really enjoyed her 3 meals a day and unlimited hay.

"Rain" was foaled in Louisiana on March 15th, 2007.

In her 30 starts (mainly at Delta Downs in Louisiana), she had won \$87,608.00, and STILL ended up at an auction so her greedy owner could get his last few dollars out of her.

We couldn't trace her post racing life, although it's



A PICTURE OF RAIN IN ONE OF HER SEVEN WINNING RACES.



RAIN BEING RIDDEN IN THE KILL PEN IN LOUISIANA WITH A HALTER



RAIN IS UNLOADED



KRIS NIXON BEGINS TO LEAD THE THIN MARE FROM THE TRAILER TO THE QUARANTINE PEN

Woohoo! Maybe this ex racehorse will bring the rescue good luck and more rain.

We quickly led the rain soaked mare to the quarantine pen for her mandatory 30 day stay. She adjusted very well and spent most of her time just eating



"FOOD AT LAST!"

NOTE:

Kill buyers buy heavy sound horses as well as thin or lame ones (many draft horses end up in the kill pen). More pounds = more money at slaughter.

Kill buyers make a fortune getting folks to "rescue" these poor souls before slaughter in Mexico or Canada.





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Raindrops falling (continued)



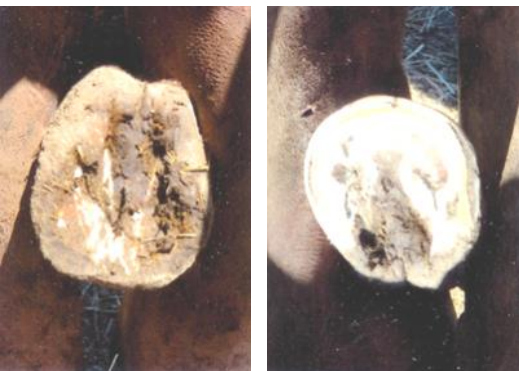
CRAIG REYNOLDS WORKS ON RAIN'S FEET WHILE SHE PATIENTLY STANDS STILL



DR. KATE BAER FLOATS RAIN'S TEETH WHILE TARRIN MCCLAIN HOLDS THE SLEEPY MARE

apparent she has nursed at least one foal, but no registered foals appear on any database. Her ances-

graphed her at her proper weight. Our next step is to ride her and see if she can forget her past racing and kill pen life and be someone's future trail horse or . . . ? —Bini



BEFORE TRIMMING

AFTER TRIMMING

tors included many famous racehorses such as Secretariat, Northern Dancer and Mr. Prospector.

On June 27th, our farrier, Craig Reynolds, trimmed her badly neglected and folded feet. Both front feet had these same thick walls grown out and folded over onto the soles.

Once she was out of quarantine, Dr Kate Baer came out to float her irregular teeth. The only problem was, when it came time to go into the barn, Rain decided she I'd rather stay with her new best friend, Hootie, and showed us some of her best ex racehorse moves! After sedation, Dr Baer was able to get her teeth done, and now she's REALLY an eating machine!

As she has continued to gain weight, she's become quite enthusiastic at feeding time, galloping around and bucking and rearing as you pour her food into her bucket. Finally, on November 12th, we photo-



LOOK AT OUR BEAUTIFUL KILL PEN GIRL NOW!



AROUND THE RANCH



AFTER YEARS OF PROMISES ROB FINALLY GOT THE JUMPS PAINTED INCLUDING THE RMHR AND McDONALDS JUMPS



BINI (AT 90 YEARS OLD) TAKES WAYLON FOR A TEST DRIVE



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Staff Sergeant Reckless—War Horse and Hero



WORLD WAR I SOLDIERS PAYING RESPECT TO THE HORSES KILLED IN THE CONFLICT



MARINES STRAP MUNITIONS TO RECKLESS FOR A TRIP TO A FIRING SITE



RECKLESS STANDS NEXT TO HER NAMESAKE RECOILLISS RIFLE

Reckless was a small Mongolian mare purchased in 1952 in Korea by Lieutenant Erick Pederson, leader of the Recoillless Rifle Platoon in 5th Marine Regiment. In Marine jargon recoillless rifles were known as “reckless rifles,” hence her name.

Marines trained Reckless to carry 75mm ammunition and supplies to frontline firing positions. She learned quickly and often completed her mission without a handler. A strong, mutual bond formed. It was no longer just a horse and Marines; the platoon accepted her as one of their own. The small mare became Private Reckless.

When the 5th Marines returned to Camp Pend-

Staff Sergeant Reckless
1948-1968
5th Marine Regiment - 1st Marine Division

“The spirit of her loneliness and her loyalty, in spite of the danger, was something else to behold. Hurting. Determined. And alone. That’s the image I have Imprinted in my head and heart forever.”
– Sgt Harold Wadley, USMC

SSgt Reckless served valiantly with the United States Marine Corps in the Korean War. During the pivotal five-day Battle of Outpost Vegas in late March 1953, she made 51 round-trips in a single day-most of them solo- from the Ammunition Supply Point to the firing sites. She carried 386 rounds of ammunition totaling more than 9,000 pounds, and walked over 35 miles, through open rice paddies and up steep mountains, as enemy fire exploded at the rate of 500 rounds per minute.

Reckless provided a shield for front-line Marines, carried the wounded to safety, and was wounded twice. But she never quit until the mission was complete. She wasn't a horse - She was a Marine!

SSgt Reckless is buried at the Stepp Stables, MCB Camp Pendleton, where she spent her final years before her death in 1968.

Military Decorations:
Two Purple Hearts * Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal * Presidential Unit Citation
Navy Unit Commendation * National Defense Service Medal * United Nations Service Medal – Korea
Korean Service Medal w/ 3 Stars * Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation * PDSA Dicken Medal



leton in 1954, Reckless came with them. She lived the remainder of her days at the Camp Pendleton stables. Over the years, she had three foals: Dauntless, Fearless, and Chesty.



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GARY CLYNCKE DELIVERS A 570
BALE LOAD OF HAY TO RMHR



MURPHY AND FRIDAY TAKE A
BREAK FROM GRAZING



A RAINBOW ABOVE THE OUTDOOR
ARENA



A SPRING SNOW FALLS
PEACEFULLY ON THE RANCH



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Contributors – Items

Glenna Day—78” midweight blanket, ton of tack, tack trunk; Jax Farm & Ranch—40 bags of assorted horse feed; Doug Torza—pair of soft ride boots, grazing muzzle; Celia Thomas & Friends—truck load of senior feed, box scraper; Nancy Million—plywood sheets, 2x4s, 4x4s, various building supplies; Leigh Peters—Dawn Normali painting of horses for fundraising; Daniel Richmond—2 bags of Organic horse plus; Deborah Jo Hargreaves—antique saddle; Dave Martineau & Jill Billings—blankets, tack, lots of feed, dewormers, treats; Amy

Howard—Cosequin, dewormers, electrolytes, fly traps, treats, 10 bags of various feed, salt blocks, bits, saddle pads and more; Scott & Terry Howard—4 bridles, saddle bags, helmet, 6 cinches, 3 blankets; Linda Cortes—3 step mounting block; Jason Ylarraz—Trex deck boards; Deb Godesiobois—her Dad’s antique pack saddle, panniers, harness, bridles, easy boots and more; Corky & Mindy Brown—

50 lb bag of carrots; Kay Shehann—bags of bran and special elder horse feed; Laura Dixon—loads of Invermection dewormer, stamps; Gary Vosburg—14 bales of grass hay; Ann Van Deveter—blankets, saddle pads; Cindy Morrison—saddle, blankets; Cheri Rooney—2 muck rakes, 2 saddle blankets, 2 Davis boots with inserts, metal bird feeder; Jean Mesendich—sport boot, irons, tack, etc.; Melanie Hood—8 small salt blocks, hose; Jared Gregory & fellow Lockheed Martin employees—24 bales of straw; Kendra Sandoval—6 straw bales; Lisa Lucero—2 bags of special feed; Manna Pro—185 bags of senior feed; Gabriele & Sam Patton—50 bales of hay; Faith Wille—25 bales of alfalfa.

We are very appreciative of others who donated goods that either wished to remain anonymous or we accidentally omitted.

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JARED GREGORY AND HIS FELLOW WORKER FROM LOCKHEED MARTIN DONATED 24 BALES OF STRAW



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GARY VOSBURG DONATED 14 BALES OF HAY AND GRAIN AT THE SUGGESTION OF LEMC

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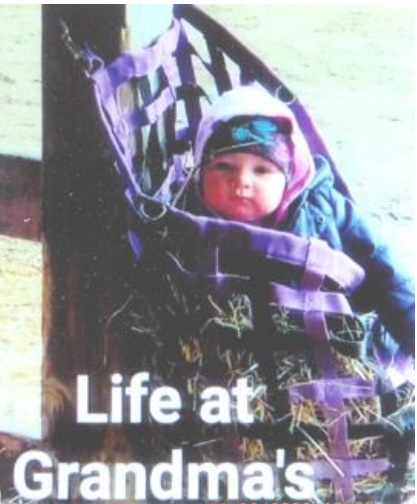
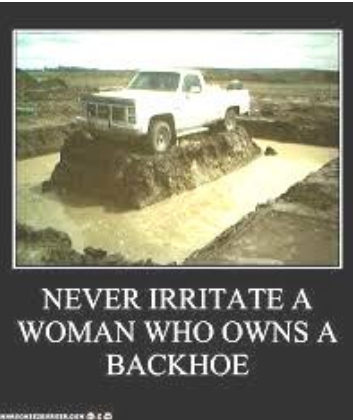
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Where are They Now?



SOME OF OUR ADOPTIONS ARE HAPPENING ALL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES!



Max—Kendall Secary

Kendall was looking for a companion pony for her retired horse Woody. She wanted the pony to be good with children. She met with Kris and Max was the perfect fit. As a bonus, Max got a free baby!



Gypsy—Joleen Woodward

Joleen came to the rescue looking for a horse for her daughter to ride and instead left with Gypsy, one of our Iowa minis. Gypsy is going to be a companion to Joleen's other miniature horse.



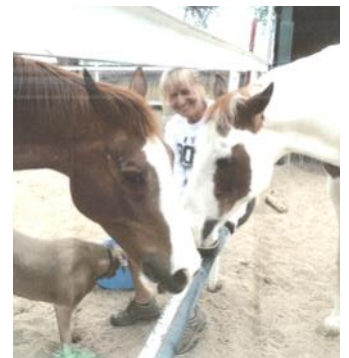
Twiz—Zach & Rachel Gillham

Zach and Rachel live on a small horse farm in Keenesburg, CO. They were looking for another horse to add to their family when Twiz took a shine to them. They were going to proceed in adopting Twiz more slowly but his love for them expedited the process. They are all getting along perfectly.



Snowflake & Easton—Laura Hensen

Laura is a long time volunteer who took a shine to Snowflake and Easton. Her love affair led to her being a Silver Sponsor of both horses to help offset the cost of their care. Eventually, Laura decided to adopt the two and board them at a fantastic stable. All three now live blissfully together in Conifer, CO where Laura dotes on them daily.



Elle (on the left) and Shirley Valverde

Shirley had previously adopted Belle, an older chestnut TB, from RMHR many years ago. Sadly, Belle had to be put down and her stablemate Desi needed a new companion. Shirley adopted Elle in May of this year. Desi is so glad to have a partner, she just lets Elle be the boss.



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JANICE HOLLAND PETS SILVER WHILE KASH TRIES TO 'HORN IN' ON THE ACTION



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



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



NANCY HARTS AND DEBBIE PICKERILL PAUSE CLEANING PENS TO POSE WITH JUSTIN AFTER HE GAINED WEIGHT



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

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



KELLY BIRTLAND 'PICKS' CLEMENTINES PEN



NANCY MILLION AND JILL WYRWA TAKE A BREAK FROM CLEANING LEXI I'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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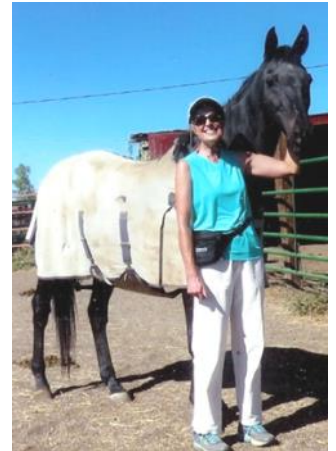
KATE REID RAKES IN THE MINI'S PEN (AT LEAST THEY DON'T PRODUCE AS MUCH MANURE AS BIG HORSES)



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



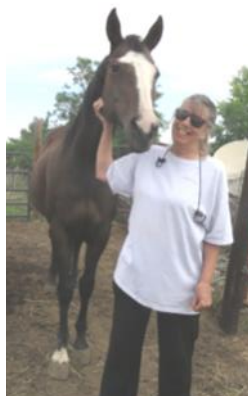
CLAUDIA HOGUE AND PATRICIA LILLISTON GET THE DONE DONE AT DOUBLE PACE



TONI RAUTUS (LONGTIME VOLUNTEER AND BIRD AUTHORITY) HOLDS DARK CHIPS



DON CLARK DECIDES WHETHER TO NEXT CLEAN DOUBLE TROUBLE FRIDAY'S PEN



"MAGGIE" THANKS BARBARA BRENNY FOR HER CLEAN PEN



KAREN KAH HAS TO BEND DOWN TO CUDDLE WITH EMMY



RANDY KERR, AND ASSISTANT, STOP BY TO CHECK ON A MAL-FUNCTIONING GOLF CART



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



TERRI COLLINS IS THANKED BY JELLY BEAN FOR CLEANING HER PEN



LAURIE BARTLETT AND ANDREW DRYDEN WITH DALE AND COOPER



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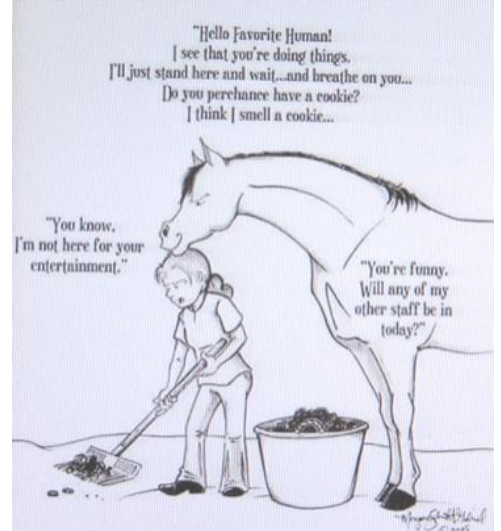
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LAURA QUACKENBUSH POSES WITH COWBOY



KRYSTAL BEGLARI, "SATURDAY" LINDA CORTES, SHANNON BERCOMPAS AND KATHI POBER CLOWN AROUND AFTER CLEANING CHIPS' PEN



VOLUNTEER SENTIMENT OFTEN



BETTY BERRY SHOWS "JUSTIN" HOW SKINNY HE WAS ON ARRIVAL



GLORIA MATTAROCHIA PREPARES CLEMENTINE FOR A WALK TO LOSE WEIGHT



DAVE SCHLESSELMAN TAKES A BREAK WITH PISTOL PACKING PETE



MARK LADWIG BALES OUR HAYFIELD



KRYSTAL BEGLARI TAKES A PICTURE OF JELLY BEAN AND HER TINY MOTHER, POLKA DOT



BOBBY GRIESGRABER GOES TO WORK PICKING UP MANURE



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



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ROB NIXON AND BILL POLZIN BUILD A GREAT SHED FOR WAYLON AND WILLY



MELANIE HOOD DOES DOUBLE DUTY GIVING LEXI AND OCTOBER SKY THEIR 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



KELSEY JANUASKAS AND KENDLE & LINDA GROSSO FILL 2 WHEELBARROWS IN 1 PEN

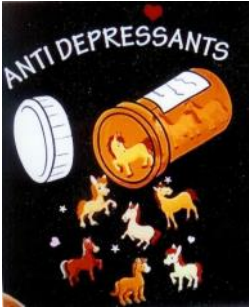


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