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Norma Jean

The first time I heard about Norma Jean, who at that time was just known as Lot 1175, I just said, "No".

She was getting ready to ship to Mexico on a kill truck, and I was asked if we could take her if someone paid her bail. No; we can't take on an elderly, lame, half blind draft horse. No. Then against my better judgement, I looked at her pictures. She was thin, had an obviously badly injured eye, and something rather drastically wrong with her hind leg. She had been an Amish work horse for however long and then when she was old and broken, she got dumped at an auction. The more I looked at her pictures, the sadder I got. She was just so pathetic. Here was a horse the size of a small elephant, and she looked like a lost puppy.



NORMA JEAN IN THE KILLPEN



NORMA'S EYE

NORMA'S HOOF

"Yes", was the next thing I said, "If you get her, we will take her."

Then began the scrambling around to get her shipped from Texas. I felt pretty strongly that time was not on our side and she needed to get to us as quickly as possible.

But it was also about 10 days before Christmas, so not a lot of trucks big enough to haul a contaminated draft horse were available. We finally found someone and Lot 1175 was on her way to us.

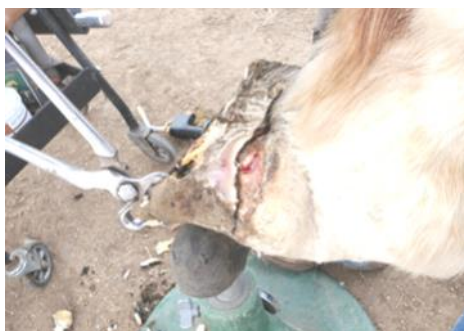


NORMA JEAN IN THE QUARANTINE PEN WITH HER BRAND NEW BLANKET

When she arrived, non-weight bearing on her left hind leg, and with her left eye swollen shut, I had a moment of, "What the hell are we doing?" However, we're an optimistic bunch of dummies around here, so we put her in the quarantine pen and started on what I can only describe as a veterinary odyssey.

I decided to name her Norma Jean, because I felt like she needed a big glamorous name to go with her big maybe not so glamorous body. Lot 1175 was going to be a star just like Marilyn Monroe.

Norm Jean embraced the glamorous life with gusto. Even in her semi-dilapidated condition, she enjoyed the finer things in life, like blankets and most especially: food! Nobody can plow through a bucket of grain like our gal Norma. When she first arrived she would not take a treat, but now about takes your whole arm off.



NORMA'S HOOF, CRACKED ACROSS THE CORONET BAND

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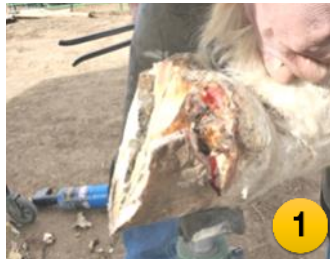
Norma Jean (continued)

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We started out Norma's vet care attempting to treat her eye. She had a badly infected cut over it, and our vet, Dr. Kate Baer, cleaned it and examined her eyeball. She determined that the eye would have to be removed, but fortunately it was not an emergency situation, so we could let her get a bit healthier in general before putting her through surgery.

Next up was her left hind leg. She had blood seeping out of multiple cracks on the sole of her foot. After cleaning it up, we packed it and treated it as a sole abscess, which actually worked! For a while.

After Norma Jean got out of quarantine, we started making plans for her enucleation (eye removal). Meanwhile, she had recurring abscesses in her hind foot, which we continued to treat and that came and went.



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1. TANNER'S FIRST TRIM, RESECTIONING THE HOOF
2. FITTING THE SOLE PLATE AND SHOE
3. THE FINISHED PRODUCT
4. SIX WEEKS LATER, TRIM NUMBER TWO
5. FITTING THE SHOE WITHOUT THE PAD FOR HER SECOND SHOEING



TANNER GRASS EXAMINES NORMA'S TERRIBLE HOOF CONDITION AND FORMULATES A PLAN (SEE THE PROGRESS IN LEFT MARGIN)

Two days before her scheduled eye surgery, a little incident occurred. When I say "Little incident" I mean her left hind foot exploded!

Anyone who has had horses long enough has dealt with sole abscesses. We deal with a lot of them out at the rescue, but honestly nothing really prepared me for foot explosion 2023. Norma was just out and about, minding her own business, but we noticed she was extremely lame on her left hind leg AGAIN. Thinking we would just wrap up her foot as usual, Bill Polzin and I went in the pen with my trusty abscess kit. I picked up her foot and her entire heel opened up like the sole of a shoe that



BINI AND NORMA JEAN

had come unstitched from the shoe. Additionally, the smell emanating from that abscess was nothing short of appalling. I will spare you the rest of the gory details except the part where I ran around trying to get everyone in sight to come smell her foot. There were no takers.

At this point, we knew we had a serious problem. If her hoof sloughed off at the coronary band, euthanasia would probably be our only option.

Fortunately, Dr. Baer was able to come out very quickly. Radiographs showed the entire inside of her hoof capsule was filled with gas and necrotic tissue, with infection pushing its way out through her coronary band.

Enter Tanner Grass. Tanner is an extremely talented farrier, with tons of experience both with draft



NORMA'S STITCHED EYE



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Norma Jean (continued)



NORMA'S HEAD BANDAGE AFTER ENUCLEATION

horses and hoof resection. Tanner worked on her for hours. He cut a huge portion of her foot off, cleaned out the crevasse caused by the infection and then fitted her with a shoe and pad which he put on backwards to alleviate pressure on the compromised area. Then we bandaged her foot and leg and hoped for the best.

The next day, she had her eye removed. It was quite a week for Norma Jean. The eye removal went smoothly although by that point, she was more bandage than horse!

Weeks went by, she had her eye sutures removed, got reshod by Tanner and her foot was looking great. In the process of all our other diagnostics, we discovered she has very significant ringbone in at least three of her four legs (we didn't radiograph the fourth leg, because why?).

The great news about Norma Jean is almost a year after coming to us, she's doing great. She's acclimated to only having one eye, her left hind foot is great and we manage her ringbone with daily Equiox.

She has also developed quite a personality! From the sad sack that came in (who stood in the corner with her head hanging), she now runs up and down the fence at feeding time and mugs you for cookies.

She is a grand old gal and we couldn't be happier to have her.

The moral of this story though is this: if you bail a horse from a kill pen or buy one at an auction to save it from the kill pen, you really have to be prepared to do just about anything. These horses often have tremendous problems, whether physical or mental. They require more care, more feed, more veterinary assistance and generally more knowledge than a horse bought through traditional channels.

Norma is happy and healthy now, but it was not a short or inexpensive road.

We feel lucky to have her and she's definitely lucky to be here!

Kris Nixon



KRIS NIXON JOGS NORMA FOR VET KATE BAER



NORMA'S EYE AFTER ENUCLEATION SURGERY



A FEATHER HANGS FROM A BRAID IN NORMA JEAN'S MANE AFTER A THOROUGH VOLUNTEER GROOMING SESSION

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.



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

— MAHATMA GHANDI

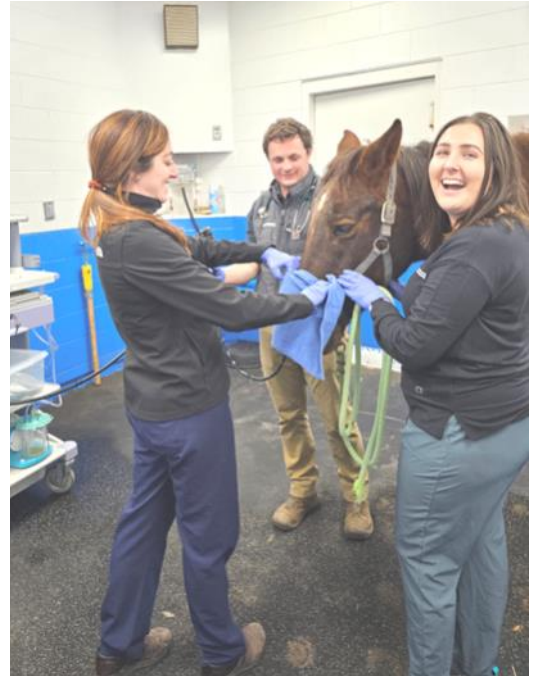


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Ray



RAY AND VOLUNTEER LINDA CORTES



THE TEAM AT LITTLETON EQUINE MEDICAL CENTER SCOPE RAY'S SINUS



RAY GETS AND EXAM AND SOME HEAD RADIOGRAPHS BY DR. KATE BAER

Ray is a twenty-two year old Missouri Foxtrotter. He came to us in June from the Forest Service. We fairly quickly diagnosed him with Cushing's disease, and started treating him. We thought that was pretty much darling Ray's only problem. We were mistaken. Ray had a little discharge coming from his right nostril, which then became a little more discharge. Upon further investigation (an x-ray of his head), it was determined that his sinus cavity was full of infection. An oral exam didn't reveal anything especially noteworthy, but it was impossible to tell for sure whether or not it was a tooth because of all the infection up in his sinus. A round of antibiotics did nothing to improve him, so on to plan B, which was flushing his sinus.

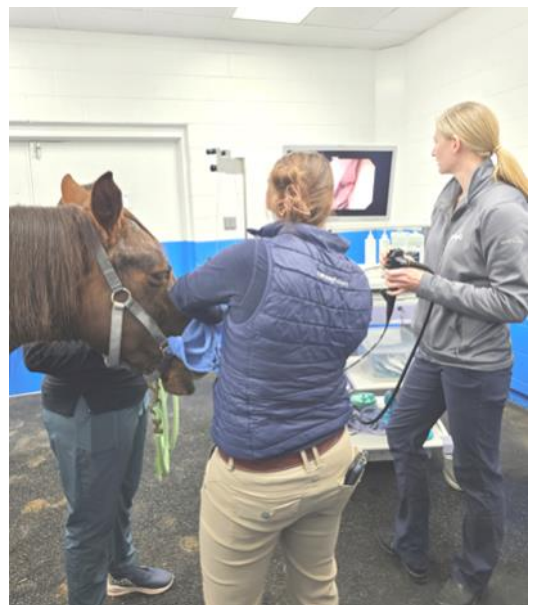
A needle was inserted into his sinus and saline solution was pushed through in the (vain) hope that the infection could be broken up and cleared out. That procedure was performed three different times, with very little success. The vets were able to flush out a small amount, which was sent to the lab for a culture. The culture responded to a different antibiotic, so we treated Ray with that for 14 days. Unfortunately, what worked in the lab didn't work in Ray's nose.

Plan C anyone?

Plan C was for Ray to go to Littleton Equine Medical Center and have his sinus scoped, and hopefully figure out further treatment. Once we arrived at LEMC, Ray was sedated and they ran a scope into his sinus. It was PACKED with infection. The vets there flushed, scraped and plucked away at the pockets of infection and even found where it had actually eaten a hole in his sinus. Once they had removed quite a lot of infected material, they radiographed his head again. With much of the impact-

ed material gone it was apparent that he had a badly infected root on one of his teeth.

Removing teeth in a horse can be very difficult and can involve going in through their cheek to get the



RAY GETTING INFECTED MATTER SCRAPED OUT OF HIS SINUS BY DR. HILL



FLUSHING RAY'S SINUS



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Ray (continued)

broken root out when extracting through their mouth doesn't get the whole tooth.



THE HOLE IN RAY'S SINUS

Consistent with the rest of Ray's saga, the tooth broke off at the root. The next day they made an incision in his face and extracted the root. Finally he had some relief! As of this writing, Ray is home, on oral antibiotics (again) and doing very well.

Who knows how long he went around with that nasty infected tooth? He's probably had a headache for a year!

Kris Nixon



RAY LOOKS FORWARD TO HEADING HOME

THE KILLDEER YEAR

WE DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS THE WET SPRING OR SOME OTHER WEATHER PHENOMENA, BUT WE WERE ABSOLUTELY INUNDATED WITH KILLDEER THIS YEAR. THEY YELLED AT US AS WE MOWED, FED HORSES, DROVE IN AND OUT OF THE RESCUE, ETC. ONE BRAVE MOTHER LAYED HER EGGS IN THE SAND OF THE OUTDOOR ARENA WHERE WE HAD TO ERECT A PERIMETER FOR THE 30 DAY INCUBATION. BOY THE BABIES SURE WERE CUTE THOUGH.



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- DONE! RMHR displays in the Community Rewards section of your account.

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RANCH WILDLIFE



A FIRST AND ONLY. A SMALL GROUP OF ELK RUN THROUGH A PASTURE



"UNO" THE ONE EARED BUNNY



THE STANDLEY LAKE EAGLES ON A POWER POLE IN OUR HAYFIELD



"BOB", LOOKING MAJESTIC

The RMHR Hootenanny

When my good friend Susan Brock approached me about doing a fundraiser for our rescue at her farm, I said yes, because, gee, how hard could it be? Turns out, I was wildly underestimating the amount of work it would be, while wildly overestimating my own abilities. When the Beatles sang, "I get by with a little help from my friends", they must surely have been foreshadowing my inaugural run as charity event manager. Ok, well, a "little help" times one million.



BINI EDUCATES SOME ATTENDEES ON THE AVAILABLE RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND HORSES UP FOR ADOPTION

Fortunately, I have the greatest husband ever, and also the best, most helpful friends and rescue supporters. Somehow, Susan and I and aforemen-



FOLKS ENJOY THE MUSIC OF MOUNTAIN REVERB, PIZZA AND DRINKS

tioned husband, friends and supporters managed to pull together a party and auction in three weeks! It was a grand time, once it started! Susan knew of the greatest band, Mountain ReVerb, and I happen to be friends with a fabulous auctioneer, Phillip Pearceall. My great friend, Sarah Watson, and one of our mighty volunteers, Karyn Simpson, ran the silent auction.

I was floored by the number of auction items that were donated. My friends from across the country sent so many fabulous things, to say nothing of the outpouring of support we got locally. We raised over \$10,000.00 that night, and also got to make some new friends and reconnect with some old friends.



KRIS NIXON DEMONSTRATES THE CORRECT FORM TO RIDE "DIABLO" AND DONATE \$2



PHILLIP PEARCEALL WORKS THE LIVE AUCTION CROWD WHILE KRIS DOES HER BEST "VANNA WHITE" IMPERSONATION

ENTRENCHED IGNORANCE MASQUERADES AS TRADITION — ANONYMOUS





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JoJo's Corner

So, a couple of times a year, I hear a lot of grumbling and complaining about "the time change" and let me tell you I could not agree more.

I thought I was the only one who noticed that time changes. Like, how slowly it goes right BEFORE feeding time and then how fast it goes while you're eating.

And then how about how fast it goes before your vet appointment? And how slow it is when the farrier is trimming your feet? It's not right!

One time, I fell asleep and when I woke up someone had filed my teeth off. That time went VERY fast.

Then another time, I had a stomach ache, and my butlers said I couldn't eat any food until dinner even though I felt completely fine after I got a shot, and even kicked someone to let them know I felt fine. That day, the time went very, very slowly.

When I get turned out with my friends, the time speeds up again. The butlers say I've been out half the day, but I'm pretty sure that's a lie and it was 10 minutes.

A lot of times, they say, "Just hang on a minute" when I'm sticking my head through the fence because they have clearly forgotten to feed me. I guess a "minute" is the same as half the day.

I'm not sure what this daylight savings is, but I think you guys should know, you can't save daylight. Does daylight even need to be saved? It seems like daylight knows what it's doing. I live outside. I see daylight quite a bit and it really seems very competent . . .

On, wait. My butler just told me we're talking about setting the clock and our watches back and forward, not saving daylight or how fast or slow time is. That's dumb you guys. Of course, I can't wear a watch, because it slides off over my leg, but really, just make sure that my meals come at the same time every day. I don't care about your clocks.



JOJO LEANS OUT OF HIS PEN TO ASK IF IT'S "DINNERTIME".



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Where Are They Now

Max the Pony Update

Max was in a kill pen in Louisiana where he was substituted by the kill buyer for a cute yearling pony who was probably “ransomed” over and over. He traveled to Oklahoma and Texas with Clementine before reaching his Colorado savior. Max, adopted last year by Kendall Secary, loves hanging around with his new kid friends



Jelly Bean and Leslie

Jelly Bean came to us as a barely handled 3 year old. By the time she was 4, she had some job skills, but was still a firecracker of a pony, and was definitely going to need the right people to bring her along.

Enter Leslie Stuler. Leslie was looking for a companion for her horse, but she also really wanted something she could work with. A project? Have we got the project for you!! Leslie and her husband came up and instantly fell in love with Jelly Bean. They worked with her around our property, and decided she was the one! Lucky Jelly Bean now has the perfect home.



Maggie and Christi

I have to be honest, I thought Maggie would be with us to the end. She's older, she's barely broke to ride, she's a little hard to catch, and she has a breathing problem. And of course, she's a mare. Not the most adoptable horse around. Until Christi Romberg met her, that is. Christi has an older paint gelding and wanted him to have a pal. She fell in love with Maggie. Maggie and her new family are doing just great. What do I know?



Clementine and Rochelle

Rochelle Malik called us earlier this year, looking for a companion for her older gelding, Darry. His current companion was experiencing major health problems and was going to be euthanized. She wanted a small horse or a pony, and we had just the perfect one!! Clementine and Darry are very happy together!





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Where Are They Now



Friday and Julie

Julie Benz called me and asked if we had anything suitable to be a companion to her older broodmare.

She said the mare was a little bossy, and needed a horse who wasn't too much of a wallflower. She also wanted something gentle to handle, as she does all her horse care herself, and wasn't keen on getting dragged around and stomped on. (Who is, really?)

I told her she had basically just described our boy Friday. He loves mares, he's no pushover, and he's easy as pie on the ground. Julie came for a meet and greet, and Friday showed her his perfect charm and manners. Friday is working out so well, in fact, that day two of having him and his new bestie separated by a gate so they could get to know each other a bit, they broke the gate down so they could be together. True love.



Darby and Heather & James

Heather Taylor had a darling older miniature horse that was nearing the end of her life. She desperately wanted a sweet mini to keep her other horse company after her mini passed. Darby!!! Darby is THE ONE. Darby is the most perfect miniature horse ever. She's sweet, she's calm, she's friendly, she likes other horses. I honestly didn't especially even want her to get adopted, because she is so generally delightful to have around. But Heather is so nice, and the situation sounded so great, it was really just meant to be.

In case I had even a smidgen of doubt, Heather and her husband James gave her a middle name. Dazzle.

Congratulations, Darby Dazzle Taylor. You're home.



Laverne, Shirley, Thelma, Louise, Sinks, Lucy, Ethel and Kris

This is not a case of being adopted, this is a case of me adopting! For some reason, I've always wanted ducks. Well, now I have ducks!!! Seven ducks, to be exact. Why did I need ducks, you ask? Don't you have enough to do, you ask? What do ducks even do? They quack, waddle, swim and lay eggs. You know, duck stuff. And no, I didn't NEED them, but I love them. And Rob built them the worlds greatest duck house, so they're safe at night, and during the day they go out in their duck turnout. Yes, they have a duck turnout. Be quiet. I know. No, they are not available for adoption. I'll just be over here watching my ducks swim, if you need me.

Kris Nixon





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New Faces Around the Rescue

Tulip



TULIP ON HER ARRIVAL AT RMHR



Tulip came from a traveling circus in Florida! She was part of a pony riding ring, and a good Samaritan reported her poor condition to Animal Control. Of course we couldn't resist a mini! Tulip has gained weight and is downright feisty now. She's probably in her mid to late twenties but don't tell her that.

Cookie

Recently, it was brought to our attention that there was a totally blind horse in need of rehoming. Never ones to let good judgement or even normal common sense stand in our way, I contacted the owner to get more details. The mare in question had been a ranch horse and by all accounts everyone's favorite to ride, until one day she was found with major injuries sustained from bumping through the pasture fence. In the course of stitching up her injuries, it was discovered that she had at some point lost her sight. She was living out on many, many acres, with cattle and other horses and rugged terrain, which clearly wasn't going to be a sustainable situation if she was blind. A decision was made to euthanize her. When I spoke with the owner, he told me they had owned her for most of her life, and she was a very kind and gentle horse that his young grandson had learned to ride on. Other than losing her sight, she was healthy and still fairly young, at only 16 years old. I agreed we'd give her a chance, particularly since she was supposed to be very good with other horses, so I figured we could give her a seeing eye pony, and all would be well. Our great friend Carrie Terroux-Barrett, founder of Colorado Horse Rescue Network in Rush, agreed to haul her for us, since the

mare was living not too far from her.

When "Cookie" arrived at the rescue, we were all amazed at how well she really gets around for a horse with little or no sight. Carrie had, in just a few days, taught her that the word "touch" meant she should touch something with her nose to figure out to step up, or find the water tank, etc. She's a very sweet horse, and attractive.

As with most stories, that's the good news. Now the bad news. Within less than a half an hour, it became readily apparent that Cookie might like other horses, but she sure doesn't like OUR horses. Her potential roommate, Stella the pony, got screamed and struck at, so I removed her from the pen. That left only her next door neighbor, Butch, whom she could easily avoid contact with, if she didn't like him. Unfortunately, Cookie chose violence, and practically immediately kicked at him through the corral panel, proceeding to get her hind leg stuck. Fortunately, Carrie hadn't even had time to leave, so in the true spirit of, "it takes a village", we extricated Cookie, unharmed, and moved her to a different pen where she has no direct neighbors. Nothing is ever easy around this joint.

She has an appointment to see an eye specialist. So hopefully we can at least get a diagnosis and make sure she's as happy and comfortable as possible. As an Appaloosa, it seems fairly likely that she has periodic ophthalmia (uveitis), but we'll know more soon.

For now, she's happy in her neighbor-free pen, eating cookies and whinnying when she hears anyone that sounds like they might have snacks headed her way.

Luke, Spice, Daisy and Lacey



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SWEET, BLIND COOKIE



COOKIE WITH HER LEG CAUGHT IN THE FENCE WHILE KICKING OUT



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New Faces Around the Rescue (continued)

These four adorable young ponies have had quite a life journey already. Luke and Spice were only about six months old and Daisy and Lacey were about a year and a half when they were all sent to an auction and ended up at a kill lot. While ponies this small are unlikely to ship to Mexico for slaughter, they were still in a precarious situation. They were bailed from that lot by a rescue in Nebraska and from there were picked up six months later by Colorado Horse Rescue Network. We agreed to take them from there and they are now learning the ways of a civilized society. It turns out they are nicely bred American Shetland ponies. We have high hopes they will make nice project ponies for someone. They are all very intelligent and obviously extremely cute.

Stella



Stella is an eight year old pony. She was surrendered by her owner, who was moving away and couldn't take Stella with her. Stella has an old injury to her hind leg, so she is not rideable, but she is the cutest, sweetest companion pony.

Stock Trade (Dusty)

Dusty is an eight year old thoroughbred gelding. As recently as 2021, Dusty was a racehorse. He raced at some fairly prominent tracks like Churchill



Downs, Arlington and Belmont and won over \$127,000 in his career. And yet, he arrived at the rescue earlier this year thin and lame. Such is the fate of many ex racehorses. Dusty is fortunate in that he didn't have to go through an auction or visit the kill pen before he came to us.

Dusty is fat and sound now, and is working on learning some non-racing job skills.

Butch



Butch is a 17 year old Saddlebred with a history of laminitis. He came to use from another rescue after the founder of that rescue passed away. Butch enjoys eating, being groomed and biting people (but he means it in the nicest way possible).

Darby and Mocha

Darby and Mocha came in together early in the summer after their owner died. Mocha is actually a second time resident here, as he was adopted from us originally about seven years ago. Darby has already found her best forever home. Congratulations Darby!



Bonnie & Clyde

Bonnie and Clyde are two 14 year old miniature horses that



were an owner surrender. The couple who owned them had them for twelve of their fourteen years, and had led their small grandchildren around on them and just had them as pets.

The owners were beginning to worry that since they (the owners) were getting older, they might not be able to care for them and with their grandchildren too big to ride them anymore, they should try to find them a new home. You know we're suckers for minis around here and also Bonnie and Clyde have a pretty sweet backstory. They were born at the same farm a few weeks apart. Sadly Clyde's mother died when he was only a few days old so he was put in with Bonnie and her mother, who raised them both; and they've never been apart since.

Welcome "Debaults dinah-mite surprise" (Bonnie) and "Debaults made u look design mdb" (Clyde)

I had to include the world's longest names for tiny horses.

Kris Nixon



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Popeye's Story

This is Popeye's story and mine.

Popeye (Pops), a handsome Shetland pony, came to Bini at RMHR years ago after an injury which led to his left eye being removed. After being cared for following surgery by Laura Gill, he spent many years at the rescue with a few adoptions as a companion horse and a brief stint as a lesson pony.

Being a horse-loving volunteer at RMHR was a joy and such good "therapy"! I loved just being around the horses, cleaning with fellow "horsey" friends I had met over the years and eventually falling in love with Popeye. Leaving them and him was the hardest thing about an opportunity to move to the country near a little town in Washington state 5 years ago. When I told my landlord/friend all about Pops, and since she was planning to adopt two young donkeys, she said, "Let's bring Popeye here too." My heart nearly burst with happiness!

It took a lot of planning to arrange for Popeye's move. Bini knew of an excellent horse shipper for transport. We found a boarding stable for him while we fixed up the acreage here to accommodate the equines. When the donkeys were brought from the donkey rescue, Popeye was brought over from the boarding stable and for the next 6 weeks, they got to know each other by living in runs next to each other. When they were turned loose together, it was pure joy to see them all take off running!



POPEYE WITH HIS DONKEY GIRLFRIENDS, REA AND KYRA

My apartment is right across from Popeye and the donkeys. He is never alone as there are goats and sheep around too. And, he has a job, keeping those donkey girls in line! (all the critters here are from rescues - how lucky I am to help care for them all!).

Pops and I have worked together patiently to build a bond of trust, and he is so easy to work with. Our wonderful farrier thinks he is the most well behaved equine client he has! Being a first-time



WAITING FOR SANTA AND SNOW. HE HAS HIS WINTER FUR COAT ON

horse parent, I had so much to learn. I hired a trainer for both of us to help me learn the ropes.

I am beyond grateful that after wanting a horse since I was three, it took a very special pony to turn that dream into a reality. He has been such a blessing in my life and we are both thriving. RMHR and Bini have my everlasting thanks for allowing me to adopt my precious Popeye!

Pat Spetz



PAT SPETZ AND POPEYE



POP'S SMILES HOPING FOR AN ADDITIONAL TREAT



POPS IN HIS SUMMER ATTIRE

MISCELLANY



WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A QUICK CORRAL AND AN ADOPTED MINIATURE HORSE? BILL POLZIN SAYS, "TAKE THEM TO A CHURCH PICNIC"



NEIGHBOR CHARLY KERR EXERCISES DAISY



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Gone Too Soon

The very worst part of being around animals is the day you lose them.

We lost a lot of our dear friends this year, and it hits hard, every time. We value our time with them so much, and always hope they knew how much we loved them

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."
~ Dr Seuss



KRIS AND TONY

We lost our precious Tony this spring. Tony was in his mid thirties, and spent his youth as a birthday party pony. When the man who previously owned him gave him to us, he cried. He was the sweetest, cutest, best pony around. Yesterday, he laid down, and said he was done. No drama from Tony, even at the end. He just very politely asked if we could free him from his body that no longer worked for him. So, I sat with his head in my lap until the vet got there, and told him how fabulous he was.

We were honored to be part of your life, Tony.
Kris Nixon (from Facebook)



CALLIE



BEAU ON THE RIGHT GRAZING OUR HAYFIELD



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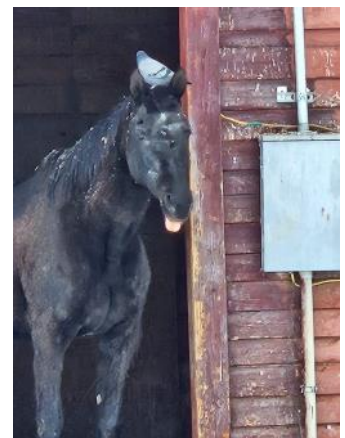
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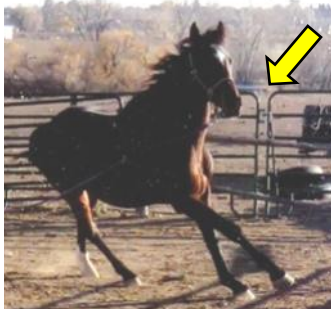


OUR FRIEND CHIPS AND HIS PET PIGEON

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HAVE STAYED WITH
US FOREVER



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JUSTIN GALLOPING AROUND HIS OLD PEN AND THE AREA WHERE TWO PANELS JOIN AND HE HOOKED HIS HOOF



DR. BAER INJECTS ANTIBIOTICS INTO JUSTIN'S WOUND



HANDSOME JUSTIN

Update on Justin

Do you remember Justin?, our cover boy for the Winter 2022 newsletter?



JUSTIN ON ARRIVAL AT RMHR

Well, this horribly starved thoroughbred was pictured at a kill pen in Oklahoma. Of course, we had to try to save his life. A friend paid his ransom and he arrived at RMHR on September 6th of 2022 and was immediately put into quarantine. We named him "Just in Time" and wrote three pages in the newsletter about his progress. We could not read his lip tattoo but were able to send hairs from his mane to The Jockey Club and have the DNA analyzed so we could find out his registered name. It turned out our recovering gelding was a well bred horse named "He's no Secret", foaled on 3/13/2008. We researched his lineage and it turns out his breeding included such famous horses as Nearctic, Northern Dancer, Bold Ruler, Native Dancer, Nashua, Nasrullah, Mr. Prospector, Storm Cat and Secretariat TWICE!

He first raced at two California tracks at the age of three and his last owner in the Jockey Club database was listed as Nungaray Thoroughbreds. Surprisingly with that breeding, he was a real failure in his four races.

When we tried to trace Nungaray Thoroughbreds we found that the owner, Cesar Nungaray, had many aliases and had worked at racetracks throughout California as well as having his own operation. We further discovered that in 2013 Nungaray Thoroughbreds had all their horses impounded by animal control due to neglect. All of those horses were mares, so we still really don't know how our boy Justin ended up in Texas at a kill pen in 2022. He was bought there by a girl who took him back to an auction in Oklahoma just a few months later.

Fast forward to September 2022 and his new home with RMHR. After we received Justin, he gained substantial weight along with loads of energy. That energy and playfulness almost killed him in January of 2023. While feeding dinner, Kris found Justin upside down with his front leg caught in the "V" created when two corral panels are joined. She immediately called Rob for help and called me to let me know to call the vet. Rob arrived and he and Kris were able to take the panels apart and extricate Justin's leg. He stood up shakily and we were sure he had broken his leg. But as he stood and limped for a while, it looked possible that he had escaped a fracture. We slowly walked him to the indoor arena where he spent the next three weeks in recovery. His right fore was slashed to the bone and the vets were challenged with treatment. With the cut that deep, they had to infuse antibiotics into the wound to ward off infection while it healed. Initially, Dr. Kate Baer was not optimistic about the length of time required for the wound to heal, but amazingly he healed very well.

Justin now gallops around his new pen happily (a pen next to the driveway with no nearby horses). Our best guess is that he injured himself rearing up to "play" with a horse in the adjoining pen next to his old pen. He appears perfectly sound, but we are still looking for the right rider to get on him and see how he performs under saddle.

The volunteers love him and he has exceptional begging skills that get him a lot of carrots.

Note: To read the Winter 2022 Newsletter, go to rockymountainhorserescue.org.

Bini Abbott



JUSTIN TROTting IN HIS NEW PEN



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Up for Adoption



LUKE, DAISY, LACEY AND SPICE ARE AMERICAN SHETLAND PONIES THAT HAVE HAD LIMITED HANDLING BUT ARE TAKING WELL TO LEARNING NEW THINGS AND WILL MAKE EXCELLENT PROJECTS FOR THE RIGHT ADOPTER. THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE ADOPTED TOGETHER.

LUKE (UPPER LEFT) IS 1 1/2 YEARS OLD AND STANDS 36"

DAISY (UPPER RIGHT) IS 2 1/2 YEARS OLD AND STANDS 39"

LACEY (LOWER LEFT) IS 2 1/2 YEARS OLD AND STANDS 39 1/2"

SPICE (LOWER RIGHT) IS 1 1/2 YEARS OLD AND STANDS 37"

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DUSTY IS AN 8 YEAR OLD THOROUGHBRED GELDING WHO WON OVER \$100,000 ON THE TRACK. HE IS SOUND BUT NEEDS TO BE RETRAINED TO "FORGET" THE TRACK. HE IS KENTUCKY BRED AND EVEN RACED AT BELMONT.





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Up for Adoption

OCTOBER SKY IS A HANDSOME 24-YEAR-OLD REGISTERED PAINT WHO WOULD BE GREAT FOR AN EXPERIENCED ENGLISH OR WESTERN RIDER.



STELLA IS AN 8 YEAR OLD PONY WHO HAS AN OLD INJURY TO A BACK LEG WHICH DOESN'T AFFECT HER QUALITY OF LIFE BUT MAKES HER SUITABLE ONLY AS A COMPANION.



AMIRI IS A 23 YEAR OLD ARABIAN MARE. SHE'S AN EASY KEEPER AND A SWEET ANIMAL HOWEVER, SHE CAN GET A BIT AFFECTIONATE WITH HUMANS WHEN SHE IS IN HEAT. SHE IS EXCELLENT ON THE TRAILS (INCLUDING WADING INTO STREAMS AND LAKES) ALONE OR IN A GROUP.



BUTCH IS AN AMERICAN SADDLEBRED GELDING THAT WAS LIGHTLY RIDDEN YEARS AGO. WE ARE STILL EVALUATING HIM.

LUCKY IS A 16 YEAR OLD THOROUGHBRED GELDING WHO HAS A BAD BACK AND CAN BE A COMPANION ONLY.



LEXI IS A GREAT 19 YEAR OLD THOROUGHBRED MARE RESCUED FROM A KILL BUYER IN 2018. SHE REQUIRES A FAIRLY EXPERIENCED RIDER.



WILLIE IS A 23 YEAR OLD RETIRED UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE MISSOURI FOXTROTTER. HE HAS BACK ISSUES AND CAN BE A COMPANION ONLY.

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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.

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**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.

**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.



BODY CLIPPING PONIES CAN BE AN ALL DAY AFFAIR. TULIP (ABOVE) WAS EASY COMPARED TO LITTLE BIT (BELOW) WHO MIGHT HAVE LOST FIVE POUNDS AFTER HER CLIPPING WAS DONE



**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.

**KELLY BIRKLAND
(BRONZE)**
SPONSORS THOROUGHbred LEXI WHO WAS RESCUED FROM A COLORADO KILLPEN IN 2018.



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



**LENORE MITCHELL
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SAVING JUST ONE HORSE WILL NOT CHANGE THE WORLD . . . BUT IT WILL SURELY CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THAT ONE HORSE

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- ◆ Sue Petty in honor of Ruth Ann Burnett

Take a Break

Occasionally, volunteers take time out from mucking stalls or grooming and get in a brief ride.



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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

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THIS SUMMER WE WERE INFORMED OF THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF HEIDI (SCHMIDT) HAMMELL. HEIDI WAS AN EQUESTRIAN AND HAD MANY FOND MEMORIES FROM HER CHILDHOOD OF RIDING WITH BINI. IN HEIDI'S OBITUARY, HER HUSBAND MICHAEL, LISTED THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE RESCUE AS ONE OF THE DONATION BENEFICIARIES. THE OUTPOURING OF LOVE AND DONATIONS IN HEIDI'S MEMORY WILL MAKE A LARGE AND LASTING IMPACT TO RMHR. THE WORLD IS A LITTLE DIMMER WITH THE LOSS OF SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SOUL.



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



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

SO HERE IS THE PLAN...



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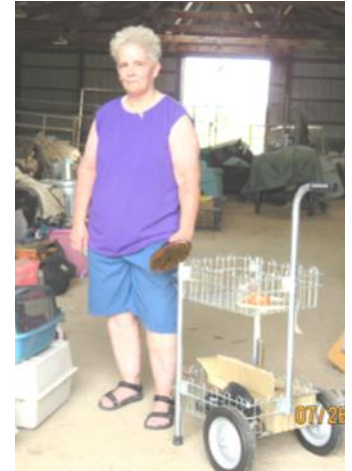
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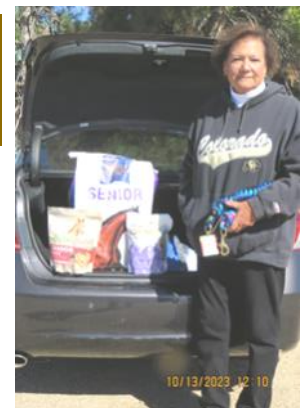
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An Open Letter to Bad Horse Owners

Dear friend,

I'm calling you friend because I think in other circumstances, maybe we could be friends. You obviously have an interest in horses, just like I do. I bet when you were a kid, you dreamed of having a horse, or maybe even grew up riding, just like I did. But something happened to you. You decided, somewhere along the line, that horses didn't matter. And I don't mean you stopped having them. You decided to keep owning them, but that they didn't MATTER. That they are only worthwhile when there's a chance they can benefit YOU. You stopped thinking you should benefit THEM. You told yourself they are a commodity. Like a bicycle, or a couch. When you leave your bicycle out in the rain for years, and the chain is rusty and the tires are flat, you take it to the dump without a thought. When the fabric rips on your couch and the leg breaks off, you throw it out and get a new couch. At some point, that's what horses became to you. You probably don't even remember when or how. You barely realize that's how you feel, except when someone calls you out, and then you make up excuses and lies for why your horse looks like it looks or ended up where it ended up.

But I know something you don't know. I know what it's like to be the person after you. I know what it feels like to watch a half dead old horse get BETTER. I know what it's like to be surprised when I see a horse trot, because he finally feels good enough to do it. I know that, even though these horses have done nothing notable for me besides exist, that they have value and purpose and

they aren't couches or bicycles.

I also know what it's like to hold the rope while the vet euthanizes your horse. The horse you couldn't bother to care for. The one you starved, because you weren't getting what you wanted out of him, so why should he get fed? The one you bred, because you thought having a baby horse would be fun, but you weren't educated or responsible enough to deal with the problems that often come with babies. The old horse that you got your last \$200 out of at the auction and told yourself "Someone will probably save him" Well, that someone was me. Because I know something you don't know. I know that no horse deserves to be starved. I know that no horse deserves to ride on a truck for hours, getting trampled and kicked and terrified, only to be killed in the most inhumane way possible. I know that no foal has ever asked to be born, and certainly not into your backyard, only to be neglected and abused and tossed away like a rusty bike.

And I also know that I won't call you out by name. Ever. Not because we're truly friends, but because if I do, you won't call me next time, or take your horse somewhere where it can be found and saved. You'll hide it, you'll send it farther away, because even though part of you was a kid who loved horses, now you're different. And while that's not ok with me, I'll pretend it is. Because I love your horse that I haven't even met yet.

Sincerely,

The Rescue that saved your horse
Kris Nixon



"To place your horse's need for you to let him leave his failing 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

Rob's Garden for All

Rob Nixon came up with the brilliant idea to grow vegetables in our old leaky horse water tanks. He filled two tanks with manure (we have plenty). He then spread zucchini, tomato, basil and yellow squash seeds onto the manure and watered them frequently.

Although the cherry tomatoes were too small to harvest before freezing temps and snow, the volunteers all enjoyed the squash, basil and zucchini.

Speaking of zucchini, we ended up with the most amazing shape in the world, very duck-like.

In order to protect the veggies during early freezes Rob built a hoop frame out of willows from our hayfield. He put a tarp over the frame as necessary

and then removed it when there was no danger of frost so the plants could get as much sunshine as possible. This gave us veggies for an additional three weeks.

Next year he is going to plant more; and earlier!





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For Real Horse People to Enjoy



Yeah, I'm into extreme sports.

I ride my horse in an indoor arena while snow falls off the roof.



Women shouldn't have horses after 50. Seriously!!!! 50 horses are plenty.

Horses are for people who love work and hate money





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Our Wonderful Volunteers



SHARI MOOSBURGER OFFERS TIMID "PARKER" A TREAT



LARA ABELE-STASSER AND GARY STASSER GIVE BONNIE AND CLYDE SOME TREATS



BILL POLZIN REPLACES DOC AND LORDY'S BARN ROOF



JEFF MARSHALL STOPS BY TO WORK ON SOME FAULTY ELECTRICAL OUTLETS



EMILY KIL AND RYAN SHIELDS HELP UNLOAD STELLA AT RMHR



EMILY BAUM GREETs STELLA WHILE ENVIOUS BUTCH SAYS WHERE'S MY NEW GIRLFRIEND



TAYLOR MCNAMARA TRAVELED MANY MILES TO TRANSPORT OUR SLING FROM LASALLE TO CO SPRINGS TO MEET CARRIE TERROUX-BARRETT OF CO HORSE RESCUE NETWORK



BELLA BALCER TAKES TIME TO HUG DUSTY



CATHI POBER PEEKS AROUND SOME RESCUE HORSES



SHELLI HOFFMAN ADDS LEXI'S "CONTRIBUTION"



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



'SATURDAY LINDA' CORTES TRIES TO CORRAL PETUNIA AND BUFFY



JEAN CLAYPOOL ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP



LISA ANDERSON WITH SHY "PARKER"



OUR TREASURER, KATE CORCORAN, WORKS ON FINANCES



SUE MILLER AND ANNIE OPDAHL HELP WITH CHEYENNE'S ITCHY SKIN CONDITION



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!



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



CLAUDIA HOGUE (ABOVE) AND PATRICIA LILLISTON GIVE TREATS TO "RAIN" AND "BUTCH"



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



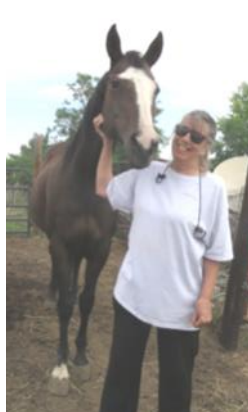
IRENE COLEMAN COMFORTS THIN "TULIP" ON ARRIVAL



KRYSTLE BEGLARI (WHO JUST HAD THE CUTEST BABY) STILL CAME OUT TO SHOVEL & GROOM



LIBERTY, KELLY & BRIAN EISENHOUR WITH RECOVERED "TULIP"



"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



LAURA MONTIAGE IMMEDIATELY STARTS RAKING AFTER "THE VOLUNTEER TOUR"



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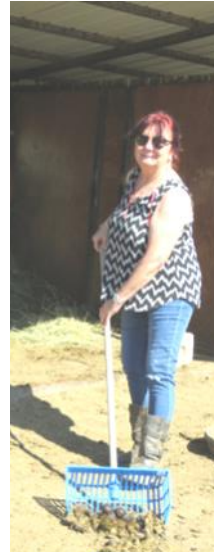
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JANET COOK FILLS A WATER TROUGH



ROSE MAHONEY (OUR WEDNESDAY REGULAR) WITH NORMA JEAN



JANICE HOLLAND WITH HER MIGHTY MANURE FORK



WENDY TAYLOR CLEANS "NORMA JEAN'S" BARN



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



NATALI SAWAGE MUCKS A PEN



EUGENIA WOOD SHOVELS WHILE "LEXI" SUPERVISES



MARK LADWIG BALES OUR HAYFIELD



NANCY HARTS AND "LEXI" WHO SAYS "RIGHT THERE!!"



LAURA QUACKENBUSH POSES WITH COWBOY



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

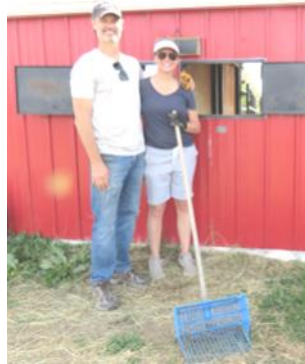


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SHANNON BERCOMPAS WITH HER FAVORITE "RAIN"



BOBBY GRIESGRABER AND CHRISTINE TWONMEY HELP CLEAN PENS



NANETTE ERICKSON VOLUNTEERS AND HAS DONATED ITEMS



MELANIE HOOD; ONE OF OUR LONGEST TIME VOLUNTEERS



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



FRANCIS KAWANO WITH "RAINDROPS A FALLING"



CANDACE NEGRON (FROM MAUI) PAUSES WHILE PUSHING HER 8TH LOAD TO THE PILE



DON CLARK PAUSES TO PET "LORDY"



CHERI O'BANNON PAUSES WHILE "LORDY" CONTEMPLATES KNOCKING THE WHEEL BARROW OVER



MIRANDA CLENDENING DIVES RIGHT IN AFTER TAKING "THE VOLUNTEER TOUR"



TONI RAUTUS WITH OUR NEW PONY? "NORMA JEAN"

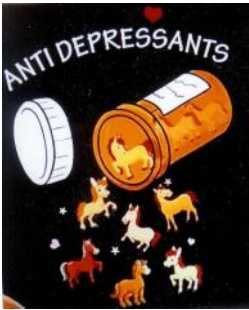


DEBBIE PICKERILL ALWAYS HELPS ON TUESDAYS



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Chance—Quarterhorse
 Stallion



on Arrival



100 Days later

December 5

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022



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Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue is now registered with Colorado Gives! This allows us to participate in Colorado Gives Day and provides a platform for all year giving via credit card

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.
 - Ronald Reagan



Free Use of Rescue Equipment



Our Anderson Sling traveled to Alaska twice and was featured on Nat Geo Wild and Animal Planet TV Shows