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Bucky

In May of this year, we got a call from Animal Control about an emaciated horse that the owners were being compelled to surrender. We agreed to take in this horse, and shortly thereafter, he arrived at the rescue. We decided to call him Bucky, because I was out of creative ideas, and he is a buckskin. Sometimes, you just go with what works.



BUCKY AS ADVERTISED BY THE KILL PEN

Even under a long winter coat, it was apparent that Bucky was extremely thin. His hind legs were also quite swollen, and he was suffering from diarrhea. He was interested in eating at that moment, though, so we thought maybe he would be ok. Our veterinarian, Kate Baer, from Mobile Veterinary Services, came out the next day, and we did bloodwork and a general exam on him. It



BUCKY'S WINTER COAT HID HIS HORRIBLE CONDITION

appeared he was in his mid to late twenties, had some rather pointy teeth, and possibly a low grade infection and ulcers. He was in pretty rough shape. By the next day, he had lost interest in eating anything except grass,



RESTING AND GRAZING AT THE SAME TIME

so we turned him out for periods of time during the day. He was so tired and weak, he would often just lie down in the field and graze lying down. Even with the grazing, he still wasn't getting enough calories, and actually appeared to be losing weight. Coupled with his bloodwork, which showed some amount of kidney dysfunction, we were getting pretty worried that we would have to say goodbye to our new friend.

Dr Baer recommended we try him on Cyproheptadine in addition to his ulcer medications to see if we could stimulate his appetite. For a few days, it really didn't seem to work, but then he gradually started to express an interest in food! So, three weeks after his arrival, we were finally able to start a slow refeeding program. And when I say slow, I mean, not only did we have to very gradually increase his food intake, but also that he just didn't gain any weight for what seemed like forever. Every week I'd put the weight tape on him, and every week it said the same thing. 750 pounds. It was really very frustrating. Then FINALLY, it read 780 pounds!! Thirty pounds on a horse is not very much, but at least it was something! From there on, we made small gains each

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Bucky (continued)

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A TOPLINE VIEW OF BUCKY ON DAY 1 AT THE RESCUE



DR. KATE BAER HAD TO WAIT UNTIL BUCKY WAS STRONG ENOUGH FOR A TRANQUILIZER BEFORE SHE COULD FLOAT BUCKY'S TEETH



BUCKY WAITS PATIENTLY FOR HIS DINNER



BINI PONIED BUCKY TO THE GRAZING CORRAL AND BACK TO HIS PEN USING THE GOLF CART



BUCKY SPENT HOURS A DAY GRAZING WHEN HE ARRIVED AT RMHR

week. His stocked up legs went down, and his coat finally started to shed out and finally shine.

In the interim, we had learned a bit about his back-story. He ran through an auction in New Mexico, and like so many horses, he ended up at the kill lot. The folks who bought him from the kill lot had good intentions, but it is not always easy to rehab an old horse who has started sliding backwards, and without the knowledge and resources, they ended up relinquishing him to Animal Control five months after buying him off the kill lot. Bucky is now at 985 pounds, and eats 21 pounds of pelleted feed a day. He also appears to have some sort of neurological deficit, which we haven't particularly delved into, because it's not affecting his quality of life, and he's probably not a rideable horse anyway. Never mind the fact that he eats TWENTY ONE POUNDS of pelleted feed a day, plus hay. We're not exactly anxiously awaiting an adopter for the World's most expensive eater!

Bucky's job is pretty much to look cute, eat carrots, and snuggle with his neighbor, Norma Jean. Oh,



BUCKY SPORTS HIS ZEBRA FLY SHEET; RESEARCH HAS FOUND THAT THE STRIPES CONFUSE THE FLIES

and also to pee on his hay as much as possible. Our volunteers can attest to the fact that he takes that job very seriously.

Kris Nixon



AFTER 100 DAYS AT RMHR, BUCKY SHOWED OFF HIS NEW BODY AND TROTTED FOR THE FIRST TIME



BUCKY WAS 100% SOUND AT 100 DAYS AND GALLOPED AROUND THE PEN, EVEN SWAPPING LEADS



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Harry

A little over nine years ago, a very thin mare came to the rescue. She was a Thoroughbred, and we found out she had been passed around quite a bit. It didn't take too long to figure out why. Diva, as we called her, was mean as a snake. She would come at you with her teeth, then turn around to try to kick you as you were fleeing the scene. We concentrated primarily on trying to get weight on her, and avoid bodily injury, and figured we would sort her out once she was fat.

She gained weight at a remarkable pace, and we were feeling pretty smug about our great work, until one day we noticed her udder appeared to be swollen. A vet visit later, we confirmed she was in foal. Because of her sparkling personality, we decided to send her to LEMC to foal out, in case she got even more "sparkly" after having her baby. Enter Harry. I named him Harry after Harry Houdini, since he appeared as if by magic.



DIVA ON HER ARRIVAL AT RMHR AND HARRY SHORTLY AFTER BEING FOALED AT LEMC

Harry and Diva came home, and we really never had any trouble with Diva after that. She was actually a very good mother, and didn't mind us dealing with her baby at all. In fact, as Harry grew up, she really seemed relieved when we would come do something with him, because that was time he wasn't biting her, mounting her, chasing her around the pen, kicking her and generally making her life rather challenging. When we weaned him, she didn't whinny even one time. She was quite happy to have her peace and quiet back!

Fast forward five years. Harry was broke to ride, but was still a pretty good handful. He pictured himself as a very large puppy. Lots of discussions about, "Why is my arm in your mouth, Harry?" Eventually, Harry was adopted, and off to what we thought was his forever home in Washington state. We thought wrong. Our adoption contract stipulates that we must be notified and approve any change in ownership of any of our horses. Fortunately, his adopter contacted me and let me know that in thirty days, she could no longer care for him, which is certainly better than just sending him to a sale or giving him away. However, in her email, the only information she gave me was that he was at a barn in Oregon, and she had taken some lessons from a trainer, whom she named in the email. Those were the clues I had before she completely stopped communicating with me. So, I had thirty days to figure out where he was, how to get him back, how to get vet papers on him, and where to put him if I ever actually found him. Fortunately, the trainer she named in her email had a Facebook page that had her phone number. I called her and left a rambling message about how I was looking for a horse that maybe she had trained, but I really wasn't sure. She called me back, and Eureka!! Harry was at the barn she trained out of. Thankfully, she was tremendously helpful and got all his paperwork done for me. In a real stroke of luck, our good friend Lanya Clinard had a truck going to Oregon in the time frame we needed, and had space to bring him back to Colorado. I made the decision to send Harry directly to a trainer here, as it sounded like he had been doing a fair amount of sitting around, punctuated by brief outings where his behavior was, shall we say, less than exemplary. He arrived in one piece to his destination, and Emma Van Nostrand took on the job of reintroducing him to civilized society.

He did very well at Emma's and he's now back at the rescue, hoping someone will want to be his next adopter.

I'm grateful we got him back, but it was a good reminder that a lifetime commitment to these horses sometimes means thousands of dollars and tons of stress, just when you least expect it!



EXCUSE ME, I BELIEVE IT'S BREAKFAST TIME



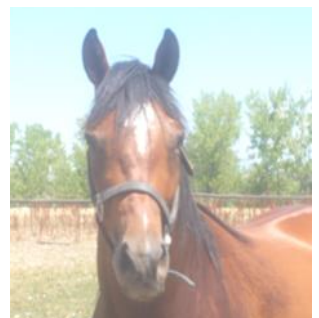
YOUNG HARRY PLAYING WITH A "STOLEN" VOLUNTEER GLOVE



KRIS NIXON RIDES HARRY BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR HIS ADOPTIVE HOME



EMMA RIDES HARRY THROUGH AN OBSTACLE TEST



HANDSOME HARRY BACK AT RMHR



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Ken, Barbie and the Mule Invasion

It came to our attention earlier this year that there was an old pack mule that needed some help. He was at the kill pen, and his prospects were poor. Along with him was a pony that he had befriended at the lot, and they were inseparable. We do not use rescue funds to purchase horses from the lot, but we do accept kill pen horses often.

The mule was really our main focus, but the dang pony kind of pulled at my heartstrings. Plus, that old boy really didn't make a move without that pony.

So, enter Ken and Barbie. When they were picked up at the lot, Ken refused to get in the trailer without Barbie. They came in and went into Quarantine together, and learned about cookies and carrots. We still don't know much about Ken, but I discovered Barbie had run through an auction in Wyoming, been bought by an outfitter, used through

hunting season and then sent right back to an auction after hunting season. She didn't even have a name. They called her "PP" for Pack Pony. She prefers Barbie.

Almost immediately after they were done with Quarantine, we got another mule in from The United States Forest Service. Her name is Rosie, and they had acquired her in an Animal Control seizure and nursed her back to health, but unfortunately, she had to have her eye removed, due to infection, so they weren't able to keep and use her. Their loss is certainly our gain, as Rosie is the



ROSIE IN HER "STRAWBERRYLICIOUS" FLY SHEET

sweetest, cutest, snuggliest gal ever. Ken and Barbie became Ken, Barbie and Rosie.

Anyone who has ever had a pony knows that keeping weight OFF of them is a bit of a trick. Unfortunately, Barbie really embraced her new life. Mostly she embraced it with her mouth. As she ballooned up rather alarmingly, we had to make the sad decision to "break up the band" and move Barbie to a place where we could put her on a diet. Ken was reluctant to say goodbye to his pony, but Rosie was positively OUTRAGED. She yelled and pouted for days! Barbie, on the other hand (or hoof), was mainly just mad she was on a diet.

A few months ago, we assisted another rescue with purchasing another elderly mule at auction. The original plan was for her to stay with them, but we offered to take her when they ended up with a huge intake of horses and were out of room.

Maizie arrived and we put her in with Ken and Rosie. She's a sweet old gal, except at mealtime, when she morphs into Medusa! Girlfriend is SERIOUS about her food. A slight feeding time learning curve for us all, and we're one big, happy mule family. And an obese pony in a different pen.

Kris Nixon



"PP" OR PACK PONY HAULING AN ELK OUT OF THE MOUNTAINS



KEN GETS A DENTAL CHECKUP FROM DR. KATE BAER



MAIZIE THE MULE LOOKS TOWARDS THE KAWASAKI "MULE" FOR HER BREAKFAST



KEN AND BARBIE AWAIT THE DAYS ALLOTMENT OF COOKIES WHILE IN QUARANTINE



ROSIE, BARBIE AND KEN CROWD INTO A SHED



MULE DINNER ANTICIPATION



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Horses are Herd Animals

If you've ever owned a horse, you've heard it. "Horses are herd animals! They're only happy if they live with other horses!" While the sentiment behind this is true, when you run a horse rescue or take care of large numbers of horses, you quickly realize that what looks like a great "herd" to you, might get strongly and violently voted down by the members of said herd. Horses can't all just live together. If you don't believe me, ask them! We get calls for companion horses all the time, and frankly, it's a real crap shoot whether horses will actually enjoy each other's company. Imagine being a horse. There you are, enjoying your "Me time" and solo dining experience, and then some big jerk moves in. Not next door, but right in your house with you, and you have nothing to say about it. It's like an arranged marriage!

We frequently experience this phenomenon at the rescue when we get a new horse in. Often, they just have to live alone because of dietary needs or medical issues, but if they're reasonably healthy, we try to have them live with another horse or two. To say it's a guessing game is an understatement. Just when you think you know who likes what, you put

a horse in a group, and it's a real wild west show. So then you think, "Well, they can get to know each other over the fence." Pro tip: just call the vet in advance. You'll need them. Ask me how I know this.

Sometimes, it goes just fine, and everybody just goes about their business. I think most horses are much happier with other horses in close proximity, but the notion that all horses are better off in groups, and that they'll all just get along because you said they should is just a fairy tale. Or horror movie



RAY, WILLIE AND WAYLON—OUR LARGEST HERD

Donate as you shop at King Soopers/City Market

If you haven't heard of Kroger's Community Rewards program please take a minute to read this and sign up. When you create a digital account at King Soopers or another Kroger owned store you can designate a Community Rewards organization for your account. As you shop, you donate to that organization, AT NO ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO YOU. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations. We'd like you to pick us, but if not, please pick another beneficial organization. In the 3rd quarter of 2023 we received \$501 from 39 shoppers supporting RMHR.

1. Create a digital account—A digital account is needed to participate in King Soopers/City Market Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose. If you have a Shopper's card but have never created a digital account; go to either:

<https://www.kingsoopers.com/account/create> -or-
<https://www.citymarket.com/account/create/>

If you have a Shopper's Card but have never created a digital account, you must do that first. After you have your account created, then login and perform the following steps.

2. Link your Card to an organization—Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Community Rewards selection on your digital account.

- Sign-in to your digital account.
- Click on "My Account"
- Click on Community Rewards
- Search for "Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue" in the Find an Organization search box. Click on [Enroll].
- DONE! RMHR displays in the Community Rewards section of your account.

3. RMHR earns—Any transactions moving forward using your grocery Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program.

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Rescue Equipment

Dollar, a Quarterhorse colt, was born on May 2, 2023 in Weatherford, TX to owners Carrie and Wade White. He was perfectly normal until December 21st of that year when he sustained a fracture to his cervical vertebrae between C2 and C3. He had gotten into a neighboring pen with a gelding and somehow got injured.



DOLLAR FOLLOWING HIS ACCIDENT

After the injury, Dollar was not able to stand, so the sad decision was made to put him down in late December. But after he had his "final" milk from his mom, he RALLIED!; so the Whites, on their veterinarian's advice, decided to try to save him.

On January 21st, Carrie called our Rescue to see if she could borrow our sling to help support

Dollar to stand up. She located some cowboys from Texas who were just finishing their competitions at Denver's National Western Stock Show and they agreed to transport the sling to Carrie.

I hurriedly grabbed the smallest sling (medium) that we had but forgot to include the white rectangular metal frame used to suspend the sling. The sling clips to various places on the frame and then the frame is suspended from an overhead object. The sling has three crucial pieces. The largest is the belly, or abdomen web piece which is 72" long. The second and third pieces are a chest and a hind-quarters piece which attach to the abdomen. The three clip to the metal frame so that the horse can be fully supported.

Luckily Carrie and Wade were very resourceful. They used a metal gate since they did not have the frame and attached the straps from the three pieces to it. IT WORKED!

The next obstacle was that Dollar's hind fetlocks and had buckled over, making him unable to put his hind feet flat on the ground. He would try to

stand, teetering on his back toes while in the sling. Gradually, Dollar improved as he struggled to stand up.

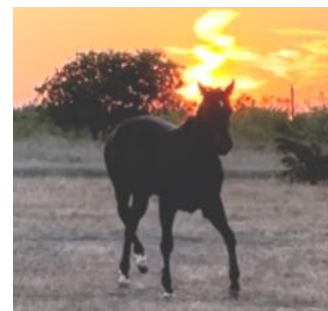
During all this time, Dollar's dam, Smashin' Molly



DOLLAR WITH HIS PLUSH TOYS AND DAM, SMASHIN' MOLLY DOZING UNDER A HEAT LAMP

remained by his side.

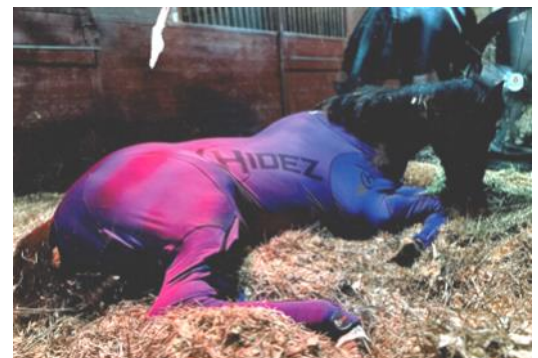
It is now November of 2024 and Carrie has reported that this little fighter can now trot, gallop and even tries to buck.



DOLLAR TROTTING

The swelling and scarred patches of skin on his chest and legs (from the pressure of the sling straps) have

receded and no longer bother him. In order to try and help Dollar throughout this process, Carrie



DOLLAR IN HIS COMPRESSION BLANKET

bought him a compression blanket and multiple plush toys and pillows. *(continued in margin)*



CARRIE AND WADE WHITE STRAP DOLLAR INTO THE SLING WITH THEIR MAKESHIFT "GATE" FRAME

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As we put the final touches on the newsletter, it is heartening to hear that he is on the road to recovery. Neither he, nor the Whites, can be accused of being quitters.



DOLLAR—STILL FIGHTING HARD!



DOLLAR STRUGGLES TO STAND UP



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Rescue Equipment

As I was leaving the rescue one day, I got a call from Chris Padilla at Animal Control, asking if we could come assist with getting a horse out of a large ditch. I threw a few things in the car and headed over. With the help of Dr Jenna Moline, Dr Deb



KRIS NIXON SURVEYS THE SITUATION WITH KAMAL

Mayo and the Arvada Fire Department, we were able to get him out. It was the first time using one of our new pieces of equipment, the Connell guide,

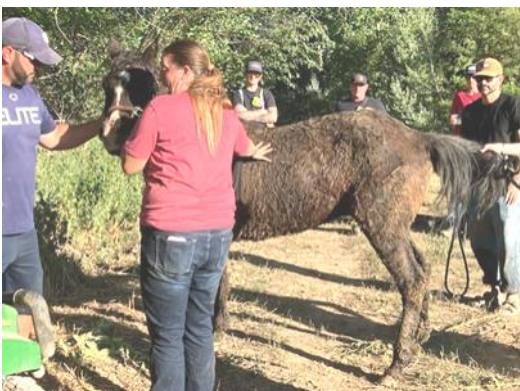


KAMAL SLOWLY INCHES UP THE STEEP ENBANKMENT

which enables you to feed the straps underneath a horse in a prone or compromised position. It worked really well!



KAMAL REACHES THE TOP OF THE BANK



KAMAL RISES TO HIS FEET ONCE THE LARGE ANIMAL LIFT IS REMOVED

DOLLAR THANK YOU!

We were so appreciative of Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue for loaning us their horse sling to aid in the recovery of Dollar. The sling helped us get him up and kept him from getting sores from laying so long. It also improved his mood greatly, He would get so excited when he would see the sling and was ready to go once it was on. We were able to work on his legs and back with massages while he was up and could see that he still had feeling in his legs despite the fracture. I don't really know if the outcome would have been the same had we not found Bini and her being willing to send it. We are very thankful for all the help we received from her and her rescue!

We are so happy for his recovery and him being able to be like he was meant to be! **RUNNING FREE!**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Tons of love from Texas
Wade, Carie and Dollar White

KAMAL THANK YOU!

Shout out to Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue. They were instrumental in helping get a horse out of a ditch on September 1st. At approximately 4:48pm, I contacted Kris with Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue and requested assistance and the use of their sling. Kris showed up within about 10 minutes and we all went to work. There was the horse owner, friends of the owner, people from the local boarding stables, The Arvada Fire Department, Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue and Jefferson County Animal Control all working together to get Kamal out of the ditch. With everyone's hard work, we made it happen!!!

Christine Padilla
Jefferson County
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And Then There Was One



BELL AND MELANIE WALKING THROUGH THE PARK



BELL AND PEACHES AND CREAM



PEACHES AND HER NEW STUFFED ANIMAL "COMPANION"

My "Bell" left this world the end of June this year (2024) and it was one of the hardest decisions I've had to make in my life to let her go. She was 31 yrs. old and the perfect horse for me. Thank you RMHR for introducing us and letting me own her. In the beginning, I rode her at the park by my house and I learned a lot about horses through her. She needed a companion so along came Peaches and Cream "the mini." The two were inseparable with a love/hate relationship. If it wasn't for my family and many friends helping me get them both out together, I would have never been able to get Bell out much. Thank you everyone for the help over the years!

Bell injured her leg a few years ago and never really recovered. I stopped riding her when this happened. I thank the many Vets who tended to her over the years and her great Farrier knowing how to relieve pain with special shoes. She left on a beautiful, sunny day, eating all the green grass she wanted, but it was still hard to say good-bye. She was a lot of work but I enjoyed every minute I had with her. She was my reason for getting up so early and staying so healthy getting out in the fresh air, sometimes bitter cold air. She was a gentle horse who always took care of her riders. Everyone loved seeing her and Peaches at the park. There's just something about a horse that brings people together!

I came across this piece of writing the other day and wanted to dedicate it to "Bell," may she RIP enjoying the other side of Rainbow Bridge until I get there!

Most horses pass from one human to another - some horse-men and women are patient and forgiving, others are rigorous and demanding, others are cruel, others are ignorant. Horses have to learn how to, at the minimum, walk, trot, canter, gallop, go on trails and maybe jump, to be treated by the vet, and lift their hooves for a farrier, all with sense and good manners.

Talented Thoroughbreds must learn how to win races, and if they can't do that, they must learn how to negotiate courses and jump over strange obstacles without touching them, or do complicated dance like movements or control cattle or accommodate severely handicapped children and adults in therapy work.

Many horses learn all of these things in the course of a single lifetime. Besides this, they learn to understand and fit into the successive social systems of other horses they meet along the way.

A horse's life is rather like twenty years in foster care, or in

and out of prison, while at the same time changing schools over and over and discovering that not only do the other students already have their own social groups, but that what you learned at the old school hasn't much application at the new one.

We do not require as much of any other species, including human, that horses frequently excel, that they exceed the expectations of their owners and trainers in such circumstances, is as much a testament to their intelligence and adaptability as to their relationship skills or their natural generosity or their inborn nature. That they sometimes manifest the same symptoms as abandoned orphans - distress, strange behaviors, anger, fear - is less surprising than that they usually don't.

No one expects a child, or even a dog to develop its intellectual capacities living in a box 23 hours a day and then doing controlled exercises the remaining one.

Mammal minds develop through social interaction and stimulation. A horse that seems "stupid", "slow", "stubborn", etc. might just have not gotten the chance to learn!

Take care of your horses and treasure them. Our horses are our FOREVER horses!

By Jane Smiley

So now there is one; Peaches. She walks at the park now every day and gets a lot of attention. The kids run to her yelling her name, anxious to hug her. Everyone knows her, she has become famous. She puts smiles on so many faces. Many people tell me, "This made my day seeing her." She loves seeing the dogs and doesn't care if they bark at her. I just started her own Instagram account: peachesandcreamthemini

She too misses Bell. Peaches has a stuffed animal horse she moves around her stall at night. Who knows, maybe one day, she'll have another companion. But for now, she's doing well and loving the people and dogs she meets every day. Maybe being a "Therapy Horse" is in her future. Thank you RMHR, for Peaches. And thank you for all the work you do saving the horses, mules, and donkeys. They are magnificent animals!

Melanie Hood

IF LOVE ALONE
COULD HAVE SAVED
YOU, YOU WOULD
HAVE STAYED WITH
US FOREVER



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Springwood

In June of this year we were pleased to participate in a visit to Springwood Retirement Campus in Arvada, CO. Organized by Jami and Bill Polzin, we recruited a handful of volunteers and loaded up Tulip and Cheyenne to go visit the folks at Spring-



wood. We were met there by Jami and Bill who brought their draft horse Max, their horse Chief and their RMHR adopted mini, Tiny Tim. Our entourage moved from complex to complex to introduce and/or reconnect folks with horses, talk about rescue and generally just socialize. We met dozens of really wonderful people. Some were unsure about the horses, especially Max, but others came right up to pet, feed cookies or brush the beasts. It's been a few years since we had the opportunity and we absolutely loved it!

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MISCELLANY

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



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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RANCH WILDLIFE



WE HAVE LOTS OF RABBITS BUT TWO OF OUR FAVORITES ARE "UNO" ABOVE AND "GP" (GUINEA PIG) BELOW



ONCE A RARITY ON THE RANCH, THE WHITETAILS RUN THROUGH REGULARLY NOW



THE STANDLEY LAKE BALD EAGLES ARE FREQUENT VISITORS BUT NOW WE'RE BLESSED WITH THEIR JUVENILE OFFSPRING

Saved by the Bell, Just in Time

After a 40+ year break from horses, at 59 years old, I recently decided to jump back into a love I experienced as an adolescent and then into my teen years. You might ask how this could have happened. What would motivate a 59-year-old to embark on a re-ignited journey with horses. Well, it starts with a visit to Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue and its wonderful founder, Bini Abbott.

I had decided last year that I wanted to see what it would be like to re-engage with horses, and I wanted to rescue one. We spend part of year in suburban Chicago, and part in suburban Denver. While had looked for rescue in Illinois, I could not find one that was close enough for me to visit often while in town. That was not the case in Colorado, as I quickly found RMHR and promptly called to set a time for a visit.

Upon my arrival, Bini greeted me and took me on a tour of the rescue and was able to give me detailed backgrounds on all the horses, donkeys, mules, and ponies. With each introduction, I became more attached to this wonderful facility charged with such honorable and noble causes. As the tour continued, Bini and I discussed rescuing a mustang potentially, but as only Bini can, she encouraged me to think about sponsoring a current rescue member, and she reminded me of the first horse I met on the tour, Justin (Just in Time). A rescue thoroughbred, Justin needed a human. I was able to spend more time with Justin at the end of the tour and I took her advice and sponsored Justin.

The sponsorship of Justin was one of the best decisions I have made in life. He immediately bonded and attached, as he found I always had carrots upon every visit, but as the visits continued, Justin allowed me to get closer and closer, he touches me and nuzzles me upon arrival. He gives a kiss on the cheek when asked, he will put his head in arm so I can softly scratch his nose, and ears. I even go into his paddock and sit and talk to him and he stays right near me.

What is clear today is that Justin became the catalyst for me to jump back in the world of horses. I came back to Chicago and promptly started researching what breed I wanted to have become my Chicago equine partner, and settled on a gaited breed, The Racking Horse. Like with Justin, I was lucky and found a beautiful mare, Saved by the Bell, or Bella Mia (Bella Mia or My Beauty in Eng-

lish). Bella's journey has only just begun, as she has moved from eastern Tennessee to suburban Chicago, and she has embarked on new connection with her new human, and she has embraced each change with willingness and openness.

Today, I am every so grateful that Justin reopened the door to horses and then promptly walked through it and kept it open so that Bella could join us. And to think it all started with a wonderful visit to Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue, and its magical founder Bini.

While they may never meet physically, their spiritual bonds with me are insurmountable, forever thankful.

Michael Fisher



BELLA MIA



JUSTIN



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JoJo's Corner

This past summer, it was very, very, very hot. So, I decided I would like to become a lifeguard. My understanding of this was that it's a great place to be when it's hot outside, and you can take a "dip in the pool" when you get too hot. What I failed to understand is that a "dip in the pool" means SWIMMING. Swimming!! Can you imagine? I HATE water. If you don't believe me, come try to give me a bath. Bring a lot of friends, because although I am small, I can wrestle 3 or more full grown adults into submission without even breaking a sweat. Anyway, I digress. Lifeguarding was clearly out, so I thought maybe I'd become a caddy at the golf course, because I keep hearing about golf, and how there's a big green pasture and a bunch of nitwits whack some balls around or something. I figured they wouldn't be in my way whilst I was grazing, and I guess you get paid to wander around the course if you're a caddy. Come to find out, you're expected to drag some bag around and hang around a bunch of these people while they swing some club at the tiniest little ball you've ever seen. And there's NO GRAZING ALLOWED!! That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard. So, that was out.

I've recently heard about something called Pickleball, and I like Pickles, so I thought maybe eating pickles all summer sounded like a good plan. I'm not even going to tell you how that turned out. You wouldn't even believe me if I described it. Suffice to say, there was not a Pickle in sight. False advertising. My butler, Kris, suggested perhaps I should try fly fishing, because I'm always covered in flies all summer, but I think she was trying to

trick me, because I'm pretty sure not only would I not be getting rid of any flies, but I think "fishing" has something to do with water again!! She's a slow learner. I thought I had made my feelings about water clear to her. And her feet. And shins. And face.

My summer schedule was full of bad ideas, BUT, suddenly it's winter! Like, overnight. So, on to my next plan, which is sled dog. You do this thing called Mushing, which obviously has to do with soaked feed, so I'm all in. Stay tuned.



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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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Bini's Favorite Stories

The Starfish Story

One day an old man was walking along the beach in the early morning and noticed the tide had washed thousands of starfish up onto the shore. Ahead, he spotted a boy gathering up the starfish, then one by one tossing them back into the ocean. He approached the boy and asked why he spent so much energy doing what seemed to be a waste of time. The boy replied, "The starfish cannot live if they are left out in the sun."



Then the old man gazed out as far as he could see and responded, "But there must be thousands of miles of beaches and countless starfish. You can't possibly rescue all of them. What difference is throwing back a few going to make anyway?" The boy bent down picked up yet another starfish and threw it as far as he could into the ocean. Then he turned, smiled, and said, "It made a difference to that one!"

The old man leaned over, picked up a starfish and joined the boy throwing starfish into the water.

The Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close

to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...



Community Service

We often get calls from companies offering to do a day of community service for us. In May, our neighbor, John Kroll, contacted us about whether we'd be interested in having his company come out for a day and do a construction project for us. Employees from the Weitz company not only came and assisted Rob Nixon and Bill Polzin in rebuilding one of our barns, but we also had a fun group that learned basic grooming and horse handling skills. The barn turned out beautifully, and so did the horses, who really enjoyed extra attention, brushing, and of course treats!



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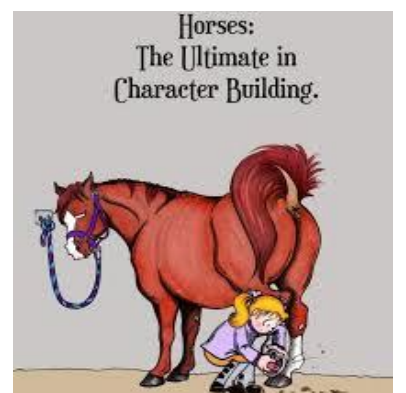
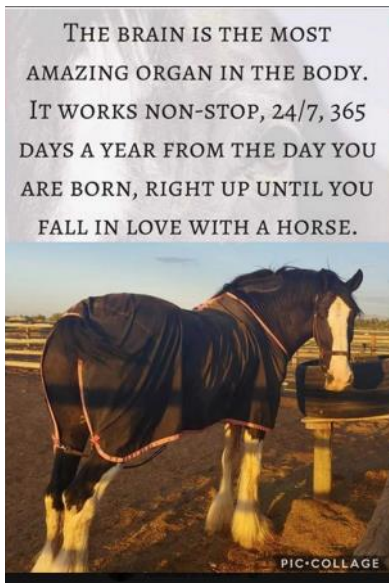
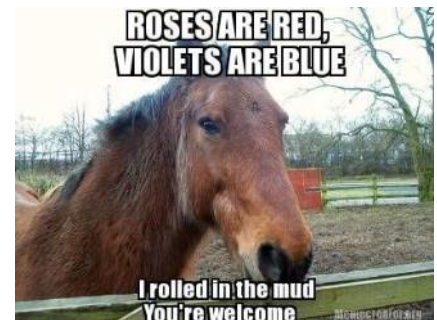
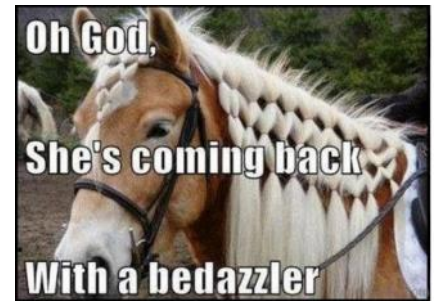
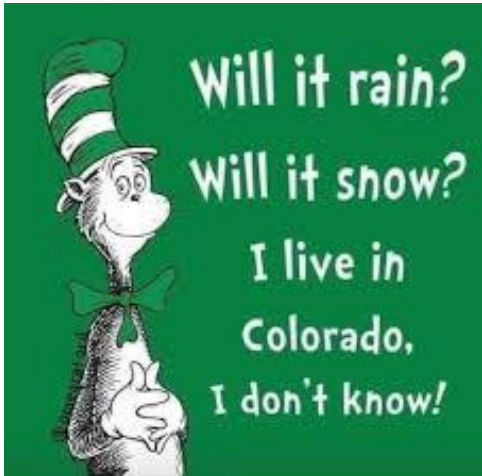


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— PLUTARCH

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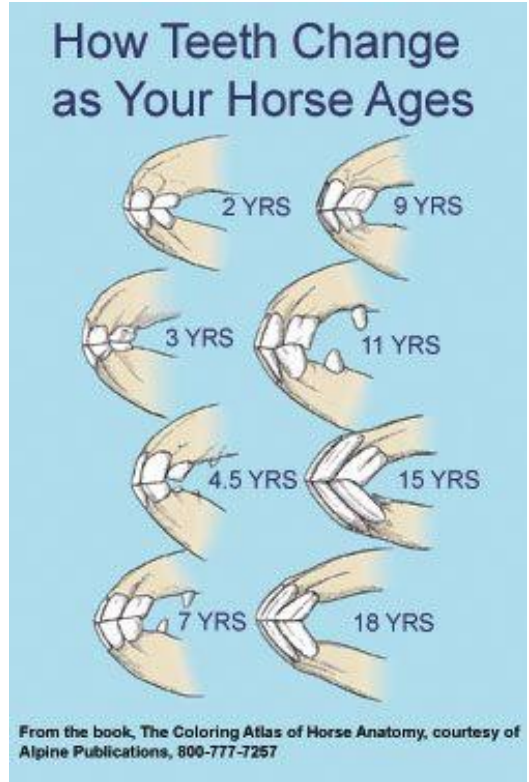
Dental care is a crucial yet often overlooked aspect of horse management. Horses' teeth are constantly growing, and without proper maintenance, they can develop issues that affect their overall health, behavior, and performance. Regular dental work ensures that horses remain comfortable, healthy, and able to perform at their best.

Horses are herbivores, and their teeth are adapted for grinding rough, fibrous plant material. Over time, their teeth wear down naturally through the chewing process. However, problems such as sharp points, uneven wear, and malocclusions (misalignment of teeth) can arise, leading to pain, difficulty eating, and even behavioral changes like head tossing or resistance to the bit.

Routine dental care, typically performed by a qualified equine dentist or veterinarian, includes floating (filing down sharp points), checking for infections, and addressing any malocclusions. These procedures help prevent issues like choke, colic, and poor weight gain that can result from difficulties with chewing or swallowing food.

Overall, maintaining a horse's dental health is essential not only for their comfort and well-being but also for their performance in work or sport. Regular dental check-ups are a key component of responsible horse care, helping to keep your horse happy, healthy, and performing at its best.

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Repairs and Upgrades

Every now and then during daily activities at the rescue someone makes the mistake of saying "Whew, it's nice not to have any repair work for a little while!". It's about that time that the rest of us throw something at that individual for jinxing us. It's expected that feeding horses, doctoring/vet work and cleaning pens is an endless cycle. Unfortunately, repairs never end as well. We had a lot of large projects this year: rebuilding four sheds/barns, building a new pen for new horses, indoor arena repairs amongst others. The small repairs and fixes were never-ending as well (thank you Norma Jean especially).

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped with these repairs and those that donated supplies. We could not do it without you!





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SHARI MOOSBURGER AND PETER "TAG TEAM" AN ESPECIALLY DIRTY PEN



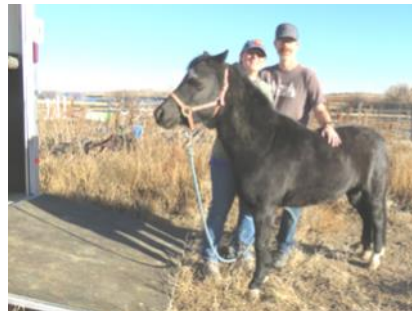
JULIA SOMMERFIELD IS ASSISTED BY ROSIE (OUR RED ROAN MULE FROM SHERIDAN, WY)



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



BECKY DAVIS AND DAUGHTER SERENITY DUMP THEIR WHEELBARROWS



KAT FASSIOLI GETS READY TO SHOVEL MORE MANURE FOR THE GIANT PILE



BELLA BALCER TAKES TIME TO HUG DUSTY



CATHI POBER PEEKS AROUND SOME RESCUE HORSES



TINY IRENE COLEMAN PETS GIGANTIC NORMA JEAN



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



JEAN CLAYPOOL ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP



LISA ANDERSON WITH SHY "PARKER"



OUR TREASURER, KATE CORCORAN, WORKS ON FINANCES



JOHN NEWMAN JUMPS RIGHT IN AFTER TAKING THE TOUR



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

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



CLAUDIA HOGUE (ABOVE) AND PATRICIA LILLISTON GIVE TREATS TO "BUTCH" AND "MRS. 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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LIBERTY, KELLY & BRIAN EISENHOUR WITH RECOVERED "TULIP"



KRISTIN COSADON COMBS OUT MAIZIE'S FORELOCK



BIRGIT BLUM SAYS HELLO TO LORDY BEFORE CLEANING HIS PEN



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



CHERI O'BANNON AND SHELLI HOFFMAN PLAY THE GAME OF "WHO'S EXERCISING WHO?" WITH COWBOY AND JOJO



ELIZABETH SCHNELL CLEANS DALE AND COOPER'S PEN



KAREN KAH HAS TO BEND DOWN TO CUDDLE WITH EMMY



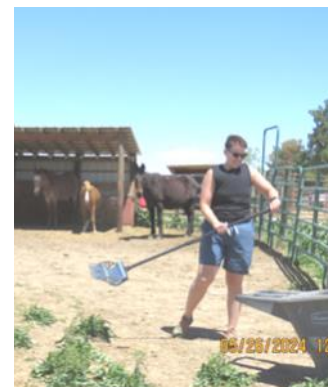
RANDY KERR, AND ASSISTANT, STOP BY TO CHECK ON A MAL-FUNCTIONING GOLF CART



NIGEL AND SANDRA SNELL TOOK HOLIDAY FROM HONG KONG IN COLORADO. THEY CONTACTED US ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR A WEEK WHILE HERE AND LIKED IT SO MUCH THEY STAYED FOR TWO!



TERRI COLLINS IS THANKED BY JELLY BEAN FOR CLEANING HER PEN



KATE BURK DOES LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING FOR BARBIE, KEN AND ROSIE



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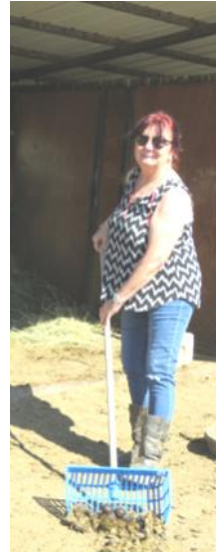
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JANET COOK FILLS A WATER TROUGH



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



FRANCES KAWANO CLEANS TINY PARKER'S PEN WHILE HUGE NORMA JEAN SUPERVISES



DIANA BAUMGARTEN FEEDS BUTCH AND "MRS. BUTCH" (LEXI) A TREAT



DENNIS CHRISTINE GROOMS STELLA



MARY ALAGNA STEPS BACK FOR HER CLEANING INSPECTION



CHRISTIE BARNETT AND DAUGHTERS, VIOLET RUMLEY AND SEAN MARIE RUMLEY, SOLDIER IT OUT ON A COLD JANUARY DAY

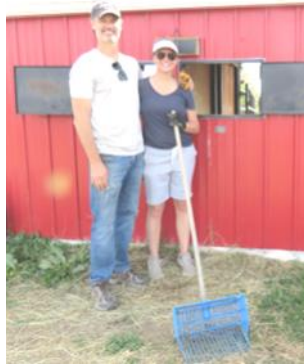


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SHANNON BERCOMPAS WITH HER FAVORITE "RAIN"



BOBBY GRIESGRABER AND CHRISTINE TWONMEY HELP CLEAN PENS



NANETTE ERICKSON VOLUNTEERS AND HAS DONATED ITEMS



MELANIE HOOD; ONE OF OUR LONGEST TIME VOLUNTEERS



LEXI CHAMIZO OFFERS A TREAT TO OUR BLIND APPALOOSA MARE—COOKIE



SATURDAY LINDA CORTES AND DIANE LASK DUMP DUAL WHEELBARROWS INTO THE MANURE PILE



DON CLARK PAUSES TO PET "LORDY"



LAUREN JOYCE GETS READY TO RAKE ROSIE'S VOLUMINOUS MANURE PRODUCTION



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



TONI RAUTUS WITH OUR NEW PONY? "NORMA JEAN"

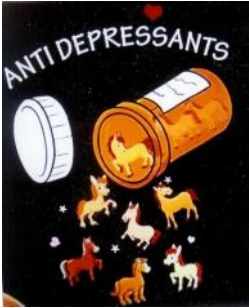


DEBBIE PICKERILL ALWAYS HELPS ON TUESDAYS



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Free Use of Rescue Equipment



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