



NEW ARRIVALS FROM RED LODGE, MONTANA

In October, Emie, Annie, Dawn Renee and Vince had quite an excellent adventure! They drove 10 hours straight to Red Lodge, Montana, to bring home two young horses from the Beartooth Humane Alliance. In February 2011, and again this spring, Carbon County, Montana, had two separate horse rescue operations involving 100+ horses, “starved, sickly and infested with parasites.” Carbon County has no actual equine rescue facilities, but fortunately they do have the Beartooth Humane Alliance, an organization of people who care for, rehabilitate, foster and find homes for animals. We are speaking of all species of animals from kittens to horses! The ASPCA and the HSUS stepped in to aid with personnel, equipment, funding and supplies—and with recommendations of possible known horse rescues that might be able to help. This is how Oscar and Montana came to be at HPL.

Oscar is a 3 year old black and white pinto pony—adorable, curious, pushy and basically completely ignorant of accepted behavior around humans! Needless to say, our trainer, Tucker Black, will be spending some time with Oscar! Montana is a beautiful 2 year old dun filly who has had limited handling, in other words, she unlike her rascal of a companion, at least recognizes a halter and lead rope. Of course, to turn this youngster into a respectful, rideable horse will take considerable time and work.

Oscar and Montana are our featured horses this quarter and we hope all you wonderful HPL supporters will consider sponsoring one or the other or both! It is because of our volunteers and members that HPL has earned such a good reputation in the equine rescue community, both in Colorado and beyond. Thank you all and do take the time to visit Oscar and Montana, our “new kids on the (HPL) block.”

Board Meetings

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm in the Ranch house at HPL, 17999 W. 60th Avenue, Golden, CO. All meetings are open to the public.

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Wish List

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Office supplies such as envelopes, stamps, notepaper
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Heavy duty water hoses (25 or 50 feet)
Fence panels and gates (10 & 12 feet)
Hay feeders (not to hang on walls)
Complete feed, senior feed, rice bran
Gift cards -We shop at Murdochs, West Brothers, Home Depot and Ace Hardware for horse care and repair items.



Dear Emie,

I just wanted you to know how grateful I am for everything you have done to bring a better life to Montana and Oscar. All of your efforts, two long trips, overall coordination and coordination with Zuma's are greatly appreciated. It has been so great working with you!

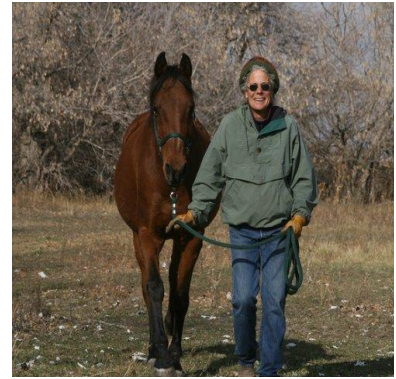
The new life you will be providing to these horses just fills me with joy--to think eight months ago these horses were on death's doorstep and today a new door has opened to a wonderful, new life...thanks to you!! I will never forget your kindness and assistance and hope you will call me if there is ever anything I can do to help you!

I enjoyed my time with you, Annie, Vince and Dawn Renee! Please give them my best.

Diane Cook, Director

Looking Back Over 2012

Looking back over 2012, I would like to thank the Board of Director's, Emie and lots of other folks too numerous to list, for your encouragement, patience and support these past months as I have muddled my way through as President. This entire experience has been something to behold and I couldn't be more pleased with our accomplishments.



Thanks to the outpouring of generosity from our members, HPL raised over \$9000 to help us offset our historically high hay costs this year. I cannot begin to express what this has meant to me as it brings tears to my eyes when I think of how everyone pitched in to help in a time when our need was so urgent. No matter how large or small the donation, look what we raised together! I sincerely thank you all.

Oh my goodness, speaking of tears and generosity, The Horse Protection League has two guardian angels, Edythe Horton and Ida Hangen. Both of these women named us in their wills and while neither had ever visited the Ranch, we learned they were animal lovers and volunteers their selves. Edythe was an artist and Ida, an avid horsewoman. I have a real strong feeling they would have blended right in with the rest of us. On behalf of our current and future horses, bless you ladies.

Here are some of our 2012 accomplishments:

We purchased a much needed, used, six horse stock trailer to replace our unsafe one. No longer do we have to borrow Vince's. "Old Blue" isn't totally retired as it still gets out every month or so when we recycle the aluminum cans.

This summer, we moved into the 21st century. Thanks to Larry Corbisler and his perseverance, we now have internet access in the Ranch house. Larry also helped HPL by donating his purchase of a used laser printer to us. I can't tell you how wonderful it is to now be able to print our own flyers and to do it in record time!

Added this year to our community outreach program is something we should all be proud of, a confidential hands-on program for veterans and their families. Working with our horses, veterans are learning to manage relationships and stress as well as gaining self-confidence and trust. Director of this program is Ann Sartori, Psy.D. She has been working hand-in-hand with our volunteers who are veterans themselves, our experienced horse handlers and Emie to make this new program a success. Thanks everyone.

If you haven't been out to the Ranch in a long time, the next time you get there, you'll be amazed at all the improvements we've made this year. With the help of our dedicated volunteers, Eagle Scout troops, schools and the City of Arvada, we have continued to make improvements all year. Most obvious might be the new pump house, an additional electrobraid turnout for the horses or the subdivision of Billy and Badger's pen but Ms. (continue on next page)

Bailey's old shelter and pen have been remodeled, new roofs have been placed on several of the horses shelters and the old, flat, leaky roof on the wheelbarrow shed has been raised and replaced. Less obvious improvements might be the new footing in the iso pens, the painted picnic tables and flower tanks, the lack of weeds in the east pasture or the removal of barbed wire and it's smooth wire replacement back where Emie's horses roam. WOW, we certainly have been busy, thanks to the help of so many.

You might be familiar with the "Colorado Gives Day", a special online giving day where non-profits, like HPL, and the public come together to raise awareness of philanthropy through giving online. Last year when I learned that on one day \$12.8 million was raised for Colorado non-profits, I felt this was something The Horse Protection League should look into! This summer, I had the opportunity to work with Jon Gilbertson, another wonderful HPL volunteer, building our profile for this site, GivingFirst.org. Thanks to all your hard work, Jon, HPL has become one of the non-profits who will benefit from this year-round online giving resource.

One last major accomplishment of 2012, in January we paid off our truck loan three years early.

This year has given HPL plenty to smile about but I can't forget the three beautiful mares horses we lost...Ivory, Sadie and our matriarch, Bailey. While it's tough to say good-bye, with each loss, we're able to help another horse. Last year, over 170,000 horses were abandoned in the U.S. and this year it seems more and more horses have met that same fate. Even our wild horses and burros are being rounded up by the BLM only to be held in holding pens or sent to slaughter. Solely because of our losses did we find ourselves in the position to bring Misty, Raja and the Montana kids "home" to HPL and give them a second chance. I'm looking forward to 2013 and what we'll accomplish then! Annie Oden, President

Hay

We need your help!

We currently feed 27 horses and use 8 bales a day. Our usual cost per bale was about \$6.00 but now has nearly doubled. Any donation to our HAY FOR A DAY fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.



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Punchlines for Equines Event

The Buffalo Rose was the location for HPL's first ever "Punchlines for Equines", and was it a lot of laughs! We had a great turn out from our HPL membership! Thanks for the support. We would like to thank Terri Barton Gregg, Jill Tasei, Vince Curran, Mike Long, George McClure, Steve Gastineau and Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald for donating their time and talents to this event. And let's not forget Bob Haxel and Friends, who provided some terrific bluegrass music. Also helping with the night were Lindsay Laursen, Mike and Emie O'Neill, Kim Cavanaugh, Ann Oden and Andrea Vogt. Despite the snowy weather, the event raised over \$1000 for our horses. Now that's no joke! Submitted by Ellen Zachary

Photos include: Mikey, Ellen, and Kevin. Annie & Mike, and finally the ladies of HPL are Emie O'Neill, Lindsay Laursen, Andrea Vogt, Annie Oden & Joelle Cloutier



Giving Horses a Second Chance

The Horse Protection League doesn't have special powers or wear capes, but they are superheroes for the horses, ponies, donkeys and mules they rescue.

The Horse Protection League is an equine rescue organization that takes in animals that were either surrendered by their owners because they can no longer care for them or that were neglected and abused.

The nonprofit league was formed in 1994 when volunteers took horses in on their own properties and received help in caring for them from other volunteers.

Since 1998, the rescue has been located at the Churches Ranch, 17999 W. 60th Ave. in Golden, historic property now part of the Long Lake Regional Park and owned by the city of Arvada.

The rescue is completely volunteer-operated, and full-time volunteer Emie O'Neil lives on the league's site as barn manager.

"They are the lifeblood of the Horse Protection League," said league president Annie Oden of the volunteers.

Both the number of volunteers and the number of horses needing care increased when the economy went downhill.

"When we saw the economy go in the wrong direction, the volunteer base jumped up," O'Neil said. "They had the time, and it made them feel good. When a volunteer says, 'I came out here to help the horses, and it's helped me,' that's the best."

The rescue currently has 26 horses under its care, seven of which have been adopted — mostly by volunteers — but still live on the property.

Of the 19 not yet adopted, nine were removed from abusive situations, and 10 were forfeited by their owners because they just couldn't care for them anymore, especially with the rising costs of hay.

The hike in hay costs also has been a challenge for the rescue this year. O'Neil said hay and money for hay is the rescue's biggest need right now, with winter quickly approaching.

The organization recently got a boost from the Buffalo Rose saloon and Silver Horse gallery, both in Golden, which donated \$1,000 toward the purchase of hay.

The organization is supported solely through contributions and fundraising events, and accepts donations of supplies, feed and equipment.

In addition to taking in horses that need a home, the league has saved animals from abusive and negligent situations and from slaughterhouses, helping them become physically and mentally healthy, and ready for adoption.

Giving Horses...

The Horse Protection League works with trainer Tucker Black to help some of the more-abused animals become more comfortable around humans.

"We see a lot of progress and it makes them more adoptable, which is the goal," O'Neil said. Animals taken in by the league have their basic needs taken care of and get to spend time with equine companions, including running in the pasture.

"It's great and so therapeutic," said volunteer Bobbie Cravens, as she took some horses to the pasture. Cravens, a retired school teacher, has volunteered with the league for six years. "You fall in love with each horse. They all have their own different personalities."

The horses at the rescue give as much to the volunteers and community as the rescue gives to them, O'Neil said.

The rescue also provides educational programs for school children and at-risk youth, and will soon provide horse therapy for veterans.

The Horse Protection League hosts volunteer days from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. No experience is needed.

Submitted by: Sara Van Cleve/Posted 9/6/12 in the Arvada Press



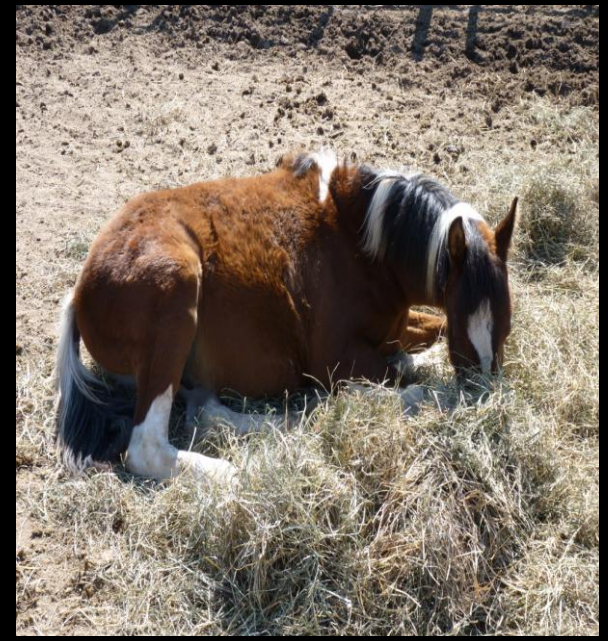
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2013 Calendars are here!

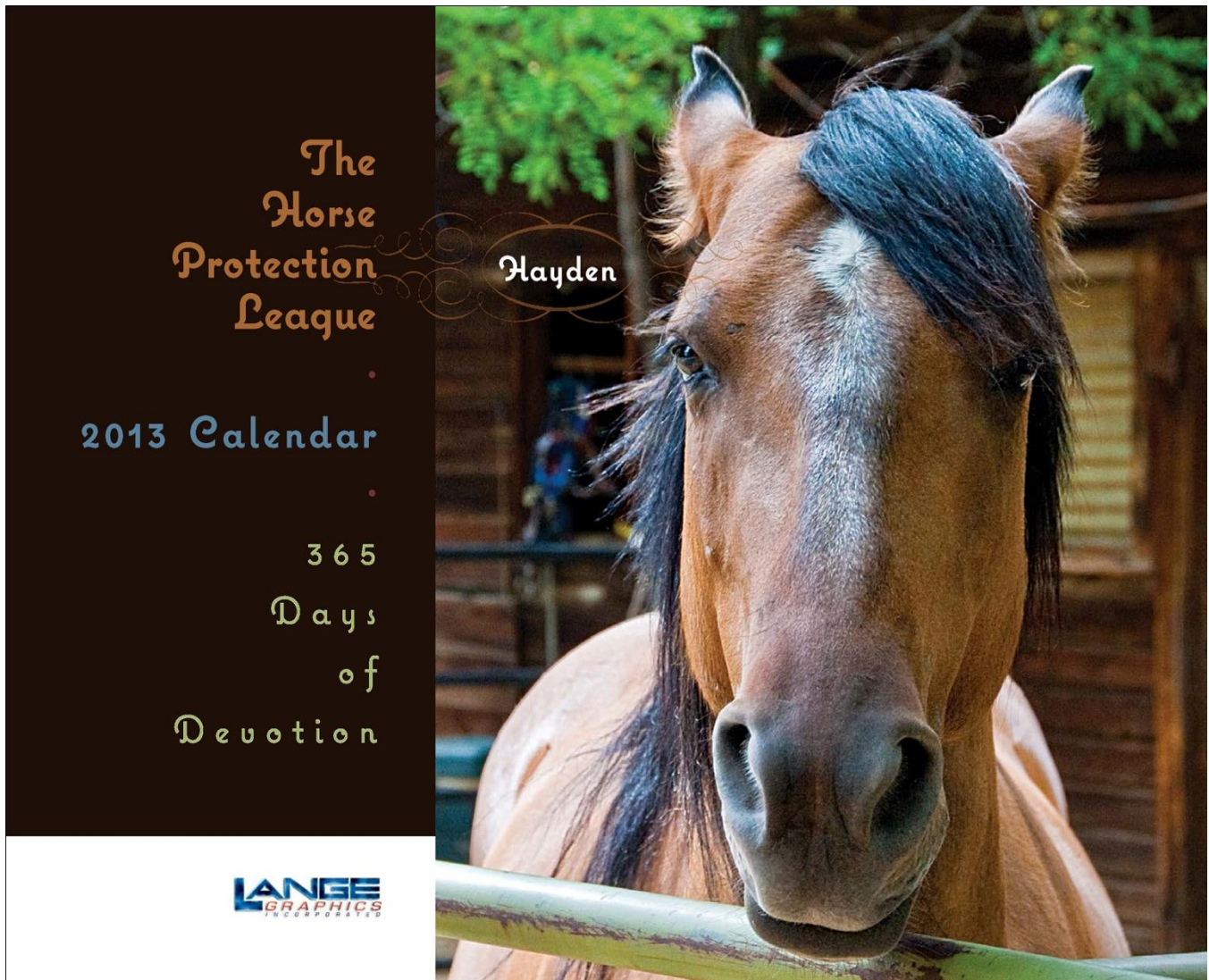
The 2013 HPL Calendar is here!

\$15.00 per Calendar

Makes a great gift!

Our thanks to Vicki Christensen for her wonderful photography and design of our 2013 calendar.

You can purchase them at the ranch on volunteer days which are Wednesday and Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm or please call 303.216.0141 for a special time to stop by.



Tucker to the Rescue



My name is Tucker Black, over the past year I have been working as the approved trainer with the horses at Horse Protection League (HPL). During the many hours I have spent training the horses at the rescue, I have seen that each horse presents with its own unique challenges. These challenges include, rearing when pressure is applied, being afraid to be around people, and disrespectful horses that know they can push people around. With consistent training, each one of these horses has shown significant improvement. Together with the great work of the HPL volunteers, I have put in countless hours of patience and training to help HPL fulfill their mission of finding these horses a permanent home.

Many of you know the story of Spirit, but for those who don't I will tell you. Spirit came to the rescue in 2011 with a colt who was just a few weeks old. Both Spirit and her young colt were scared and severely malnourished. Thanks to the tireless efforts of HPL volunteers both were nursed back to health, and Spirit finally became strong enough to begin training. She had not been handled much and most of the interaction with people had been traumatic for her. Initially I spent most of our training sessions building trust and respect and helping her to understand that I would not hurt her. After a few training sessions, Spirit decided I wasn't such a bad guy to be around and our big breakthrough came when I brought her to the barn where I train. During her time with me at the training barn, we progressed from ground work, to work under saddle, to finally being able to ride her. Over those two weeks, Spirit was transformed from a scared horse that didn't trust anyone, to one that enjoyed working with me during her daily training sessions. Spirit has a nice, smooth gait, and is a smart and very willing partner. I am confident she will be another great HPL success story.

The most recent addition to the HPL family is a gelding named Oscar. I have started to work with Oscar on halter breaking and his trust issues with people. Over the past couple of weeks he has shown great improvement and is starting to trust me. Oscar has come a long way in a short amount of time and I know HPL will work hard to help him find a permanent home.

It is my goal and my passion to work with HPL to give all of these great animals a fighting chance to find a forever home. It is amazing to witness the change in these horses as their fear and distrust is transformed into a respectful partnership with humans. Each horse that finds a new home with a loving adopter opens up a space for another horse in need. There are many great horses at HPL who need a home so please contact them for more information about adoption and/or making a donation.

Feel free to visit my website: www.tuckerblackhorsemanship.com

Thank You!

It's been a busy few months at HPL, and our wonderful volunteers have been working non-stop on behalf of our horses. In August, under the direction of Eagle Scout Dylan Ruet, his troop replaced the back fence behind Emie's trailer and the pasture where Lenny and Pearl live. They also cleaned brush and trimmed trees, really sprucing things! Thank you, Dylan, and your fellow Eagle Scouts!

Troop 337: In June, Boy Scout Troop 337's Zach Juliano completed his Eagle Scout Project at HPL. Zach chose to help beautify HPL before the annual HoeDown for Horses. Zach reached out to businesses in the community and received donations from ACE Hardware, Home Depot, Which Wich, Papa Johns and King Soopers. Zach and his troop painted the flower hay tanks, replanted fresh flowers he received from Timberline and O'Tooles' and weeded all of them. In addition, the troop painted and cleaned the picnic tables and the posts and barrels in the dry lot. The boys of Troop 337 had a wonderful time helping the horses and enjoying our ranch. They are excited to come back and help HPL in the future.

Cub Scouts

Pack 848 from Ryan Elementary in Westminster came out on Celebration Day and "manned" all the games we had for kids to participate in. We want to send a big thank you to those boys for all of their help!

Troop 337

We had a historical event happen at the Ranch on the weekend of November 16th. With special permission from the City of Arvada, the Boy Scouts camped out in the large pasture Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday morning the boys got up very early and fed the horses, after breakfast they help pull the floor out of the trailer, put new aluminum roofing on Bobby and Princess' loafing sheds, mucked in the pasture, stacked hay, and learned all about our horses. The scouts had an amazing time and were very thankful they were part of this event.

Submitted by: Sabrina Juliano

Troop 329 Eagle Service Project: In August, HPL was contacted by scout Tatem Ackman of Troop 329, needing to complete a Eagle Service Project. Tatem asked HPL if there was a project they could do here. We met with Tatem and the troop leader and we found the perfect project, our Bailey needed her pen enlarged and a new shed. The project was approved.

Tatem organized fund raisers for weeks ahead of the start date, the troop raised all the funds for the project, Tatem organized the work crew too.

Two weeks before the construction started we lost Bailey to old age, she was 43 years old. Bailey would of loved her new pen. In memory of Bailey the project continued. The project was so special for Bailey and the troop worked so hard. Next summer, Troop 329 plans to hang a plaque on the new shelter they built, honoring our Bailey.

Great Job to Tatem and Troop 329! HPL and the horses are so happy we could help with your project. Also, our thanks to the HPL volunteers that helped the troop, Richard Rudy and Doug Weber. Story submitted by Emie O'Neill

Thank You!

HPL would like to thank Tony Thompson and his Capitol Hill Whole Foods work group for their recent visit to HPL...they cleaned every pen, and also enjoyed a grooming lesson...thanks to the HPL volunteers for assisting with their visit, including Emie O'Neil, Ann Oden and Jory Weber.



Celebration Days is always a wonderful event, but also a labor intensive one that requires lots of volunteers and their time... Thanks to the amazing Mary Ann Molnar, along with her parents Vera and Del Swanson for assisting with the set-up, and sister Holly, who helped on a weekly basis organizing hundreds of items, despite being sick with bronchitis. That's dedication!! Kim Cavanaugh and Christiane Zoefelt contributed many hours folding and sorting clothes, arranging the piles of clothes so that they looked nice, plus the occasional modeling. Also, big thanks to the Crusaders for their riding exhibition and who can forget the trick roping demonstration? That was fun! Nancy Jurbala provided sensational entertainment during our Bar-B-Q...additional thanks are in order to Andrea Vogt and Sabrina Juliano for putting the food and activities together...of course, thanks to ALL the volunteers of HPL too numerous to mention, who help to make Celebration Days so successful.

Submitted by Ellen Zachary

Recent Adoptions!



Congratulations to Monica and Chloe (left) with the adoption of Hayden. Hayden is a 5-year old mustang gelding from the Pryor Mountain herd. HPL took him in with the help of the Cloud Foundation in the summer.

Cassandra & Yaki (lower left) adopted little Tucker and they now call him Spud!

Alix & Judi (below) adopted Carmel and call her Clover! Clover is boarded at HPL.



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If you are interested in volunteering for our booth, call 303.216.0141.



AC Mechanical Shed Roof Repair

Vince, Pat, Rob, Shawn, Yolanda, and Leonard designed and fabricated a new metal roof over our wheelbarrow and rake shed. They came out on a Sunday morning and got it done! The other roof was ready to fall down.

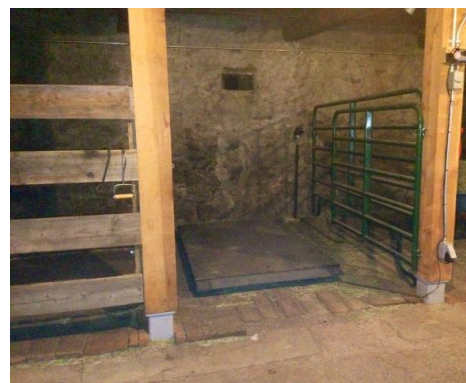
Thank you! Thank you!

Submitted by: Emie O'Neill

AC Mechanical Horse Scale Provided

AC Mechanical purchased a manufacturing scale, redesigned it for horses and donated the cost and their time to HPL. Thanks to Vince, Pat, Leonard and all the crew that participated in this project! AC Mechanical even delivered and place the scale in the barn! We are so grateful to have this scale!

Submitted by: Emie O'Neill



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Ivory: One of our Wyoming mares that we rescued in June 2011. Ivory took care of two foals, making it possible for Tucker and Carmel to be adopted. Due to her health issues, HPL made the hard decision to humanly euthanized our Ivory. Her year at HPL was full of nothing but love. Our special thanks to Dr. Steve Long for his professional care of Ivory while she was with us.



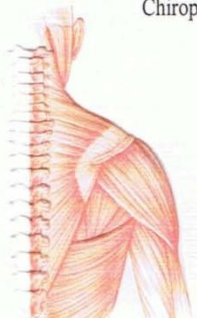
Sadie: Sadie, the red lady, was a big part of the HPL family, participating in all of our programs. She gave our volunteers her love and helped teach them about horse care and handling. Our sincere appreciation to Golden Animal Hospital who worked quickly to get to HPL that morning we had to call them. Sadie was in a lot of pain and I had to transport her to their hospital. Once there, they tried so hard to save her. It was a very sad decision but she had to be euthanized. Sadie passed on due to colic within two hours of its on-set.



Bailey: A very sad day when HPL lost our matriarch, Bailey. I found her lying peacefully in her pen. Bailey was so special to all of us. We had no hard documentation concerning her age but from the information we were given when she came in and for as long as we had her, we felt she was 43 years old. Even at her older age she was a tough girl! She gave a group of loving volunteers a special reason to be out at HPL. They gave her long walks, wonderful grooming sessions and even lunch. Bailey truly enjoyed the attention and special times with all the volunteers. Submitted by: Emie O'Neill, Barn Manager HPL

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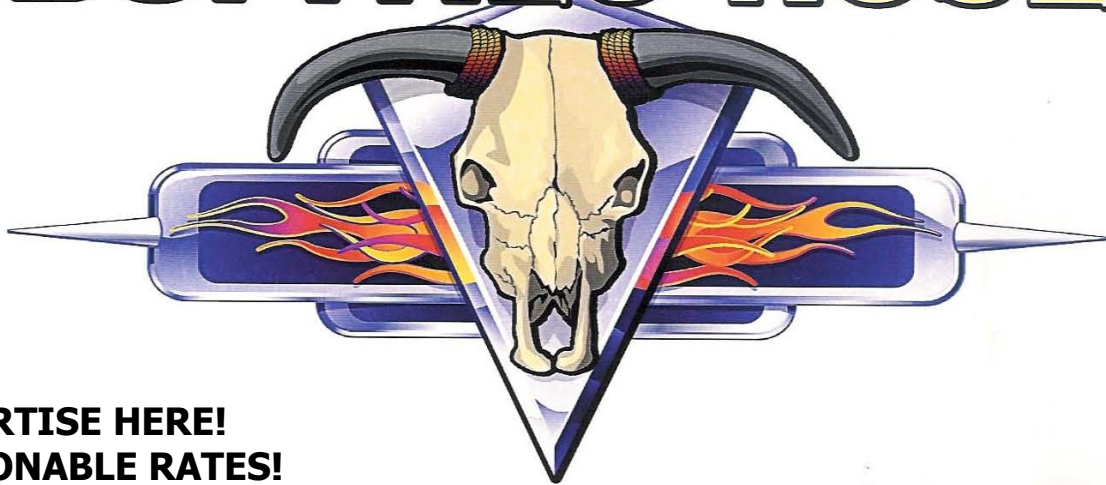
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