

Our Summer Rescues

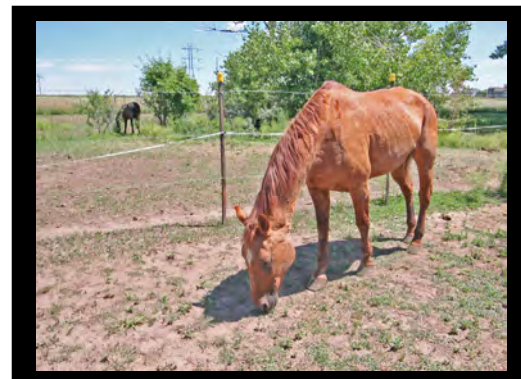
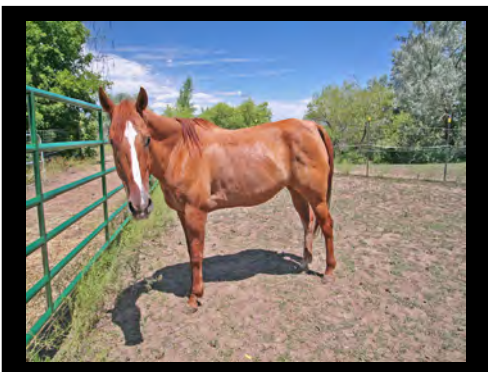


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Many horses come into HPL through owner surrender. People find themselves physically or financially unable to care for a horse, often one they've owned and loved for years, and they seek us out as a loving alternative. Many of those horses are adopted to new homes; all continue to share the pleasure of their company with new owners or HPL volunteers and visitors. Some of our horses, however, come to us in need of true rescue. In the course of about two weeks, HPL was called upon by officials to help two such horses. When a horse-loving police officer from a nearby city called her inquiring about our ability to take a horse, Emie had to do some quick thinking to figure out how we could make room for one more. When Emie and a member of our intake committee visited the horse, however, it became a question not of how, but how soon. "Eve" (shown in photo on the left) was very underweight, lice ridden and had been treated badly. We couldn't determine her age from her teeth. At the urging of the police officer, the owner agreed to surrender Eve to HPL. Emie picked her up near the end of June and brought her back to the HPL isolation pen, roped off the pen with yellow caution tape, dusted her for lice and started feeding her. The only problem with Eve at the moment is that she is so sweet and friendly that everyone wants to give her a reassuring pat and we're still concerned about lice! Her treatments continue, she's had her teeth and her feet worked on, and she's already looking much better.

"Cowboy" has a painfully similar story. Severely underweight, this 25-year-old gelding is also suffering from Cushing's disease (a pituitary disease that affects older horses). He was seized from the owner by County officials. Charges of animal cruelty have been filed and the County has asked us to board Cowboy until resolution of the trial, which could take anywhere from 60 days to "who knows." So, within a two-week period, Emie had to again find a creative way to make space for yet another horse in need. Cowboy, being dusted for lice as a precaution, is now in a pen next to Eve and the two have bonded quickly.

Because of our absolute physical limitations, HPL has on occasion had to turn away horses. However, it is a critical and fundamental part of our mission to help those horses most in need. This is, of course, part of our service to our community, but more importantly, it is our calling to bring relief and comfort to those within our equine community who have nowhere else to go. It is our privilege to be able to help.



Board Meetings:

Meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the main house at the HPL ranch. The ranch is located at 17999 W. 60th Avenue, Golden, CO 80403. All meetings are open to the public.

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HPL Wish List

Large size halters
Lead ropes
Rubber feeder pans (3 & 6.5 gallon sizes)
Vet wrap
4 x 4 gauze sponges
Cut Heal Wound Care Ointment
Duct tape
Horse fly spray
Water tanks (90 gallons)
Tank heaters
Heavy duty extension cords (50 feet)
Heavy duty water hoses (25 or 50 feet)
Panels and gates (10 & 12 feet)
Hay feeders (not to hang on walls)
Complete feed, senior feed, Triple Crown Senior, rice bran
Gift cards--We shop at West Brothers, Home Depot and Ace Hardware for horse care and repair items.

Louise found her Romeo...

Every day when Louise Smyth came to work she would regale her co-workers with stories about her horse. “Today,” she’d announce, her voice full of pride, “my horse was playing over the fence with his buddy next door.” Or, “Today, my horse was rolling like a dog in the dirt!”

Louise’s horse is our Romeo; she had fallen for him from afar as she drove by the Horse Protection League each day on her way to work. She knew his name and all about him from our website. She had not, however, actually met him. One day in early spring, her boss stopped by and wrote out a check to sponsor Romeo for a full year on behalf of Louise. Bill is the one who told us of Louise’s infatuation with Romeo and of the way she beamed when she spoke of him.

Not only did we gratefully accept his sponsorship, we arranged for Louise to finally meet her equine prince charming. Bill brought her out on a Sunday. A lovely woman riding like a queen in her wheelchair over the dirt pathway to Romeo’s pen, her face full of anticipation, some apple slices in her lap. Emie haltered Romeo and led him out so that Louise could stroke his neck and they could get to know each other. Romeo lowered his head, curious as ever, and infatuation was transformed into love. It was the kind of shining moment that proves again and again that horses call out to a part of us that is without name but is absolutely real.

Louise has worked for Bill and his wife for a long time. Their relationship is clearly more than employer/employee and the level of devotion is manifested in Bill’s willingness to go the extra step to make his employee’s dream a reality. He honored her with his sponsorship of Romeo and made it possible for the two to actually meet. It wasn’t just a one time encounter either; they’ve made the trek out to visit Romeo many times. The writing of this love story isn’t finished yet.

Basking in Glory



Glory has had a long and difficult journey. A beautiful paint mare, she was used as a broodmare and had a deep distrust of humans. She came to HPL as a rescue with a foal, Tigger, about 3 months old. Glory had been underfed during her pregnancy and, as a result, her milk dried up earlier than normal, so little Tigger (photo below) had to learn to eat hay and other feed when he should still have been nursing. Glory, was easily spooked and accepted handling with great distrust—until Lin came along. Lin fell in love with Glory at first sight. She understood all of Glory’s issues, but wanted to see if they could form a partnership. She spent hours at the ranch, walking Glory, handling her, and sometimes just sitting with her in the pasture. It has made a world of difference. Their friendship is a joy to witness, and now Glory is going to her own “forever” home where her journey will continue with someone who understands and loves her – and the feeling is mutual. Congratulations to Lin and Glory!

Horse Sponsorships

Name of Sponsor	Horse
William F Chapman for Louise Smythe	Romeo
Susan Powers	Buddy
Cathy Gilbert	Sadie
Ann Oden	Billy
Irene Coleman	Sadie
Robert Concilla	Gracie
Janis Bednar	Buddy
Peggy Principe	2 HPL Horses
Heidi Culbertson	Drifter
Mae Mays	Appache
Gil Scout Troop #	Hope & Drifter
Lin Sherman	Glory
Alexa Brown	Buddy
Jeanne Price	Drifter
Brandon Idler	Jackie & Gracie
Charlie Tingle	Jackie
Robert & Dana Harr	Sparrow
Terese & Kenneth Manley	Stormy
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Kathy & James Billings	Chip, Billy, Badger



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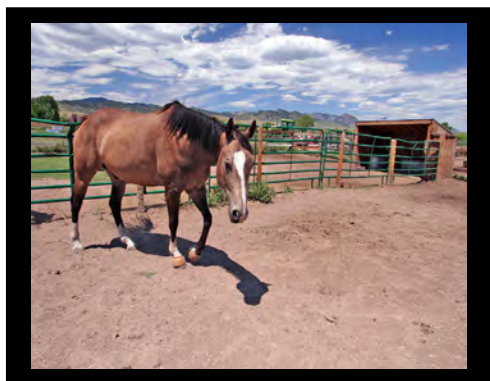
Alexa's Birthday Gift to HPL

It was HER birthday, but she decided in lieu of birthday gifts, she would prefer her friends to donate supplies and money to the horses. Alexa was thrilled her generous friends gave so many necessities for the horses and over \$110 in cash! It made her happy that she could help Buddy with his food and medical expenses.

This was not the first time she has “stepped up” to help the horses. At Christmas time last year she raised money using our Pennies for Ponies campaign sign. What an amazing young person!

Submitted by: Suzanne Brown

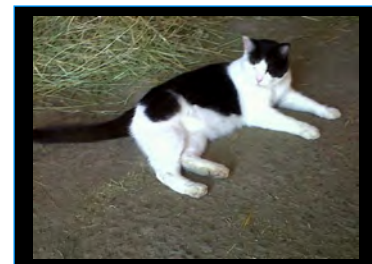
Who's new at the ranch?



Drambuie is an 8-year-old QH gelding. He is a big boy—16.3 hands—and has that marvelous smokey dun color called grulla. He was surrendered to us by a loving owner who was no longer able to keep him. Drambuie is just as sweet and friendly as he can be and very curious about the goings-on around him.

All About Asia

Life at the ranch would not be so special if it wasn't for our sweet residential kitty named Asia. We thank you for your commitment to keeping the mice out of our grain and for telling us in your loud kitty voice, when you are out of food or water.



Goodbye Storm



Every horse that arrives at HPL is special in its own way. When we lose one, it is never easy and we never get used to it.

Storm started to colic July 21 and spent the night at Golden Animal Hospital. He never got better. On July 22, Andrea and Emie were with Storm until the end.

Upcoming Fundraisers



The Pig Roast at Buffalo Rose is on! Starting in June and running through October (weather permitting), the Buffalo Rose in Golden does a whole pig roast on the patio on the first Sunday of the month. There is excellent live entertainment and a great crowd. Starting at about 3:00 pm, you may partake of the pig, complete with side dishes and an apple in his mouth, for a donation to HPL. Murray, the owner of Buffalo Rose, is a great supporter of HPL and this event is just another way he helps our cause. So come on out, support local musicians, local businesses, the Buffalo Rose and HPL.

**SILENT AUCTION
COMING IN NOVEMBER**

HPL Celebration Days

&

Annual Tack and Garage Sale

September 10,11,12

***Saturday only: BBQ, music, children's games, starts at noon
Horse demolround pen work starts at 10:00 AM***

Hours are: Friday 9—5, Saturday 9—5, Sunday 10--3

***We are now accepting donations of tack and garage sale items
On Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Or by appointment – call 303-587-2633 for more information***

Donations are tax deductible and 100% of the proceeds to the care of the horses.

JOIN US!



HPL NEEDS YOUR TALENTS AND ENTHUSIASM!

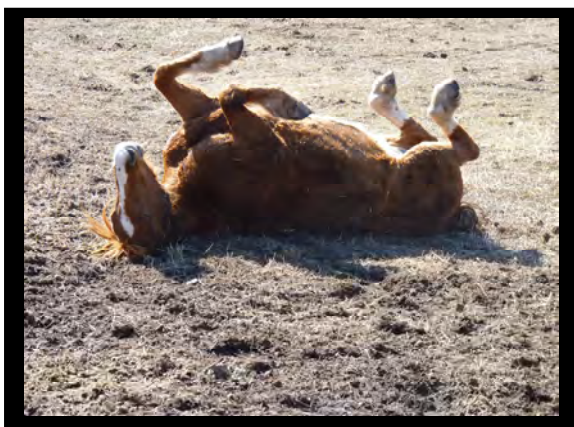
We have volunteer openings for the following positions:

NEWSLETTER: Help spread the word about HPL, our horses, our volunteers and our activities. If you are organized, like to write and could help with gathering information or creating stories for our newsletter, please contact Jan Detrich @303.692.8295.

FUNDRAISING: Our annual Silent Auction is fast approaching. We need people to:

- Contact businesses to donate auction items
- Collect and deliver donated items
- Help set minimum bids and tag items
- Create bid sheets for auction items
- Help set up and clean up at the venue
- Help track bids and check out winning bidders

Contact Mary Ann Molnar @ 303-467-3259. Do what you can; give only the time you can. You'll be a part of the effort that goes on behind the scenes to keep HPL a thriving part of our community and a haven for our horses. Every little bit helps.



Update on Gracie & Jackie

In our April Newsletter, we featured two mares we had recently rescued – Gracie (shown in the photo on the left) and Jackie, a mother and daughter duo in need of some TLC. They were underweight, frightened, and suspicious. Well, as you can see from the recent photos below, they have flourished. While no one was looking, they've turned into sleek, healthy beauties. Both are showing much more of the natural Arabian inquisitiveness and are eager to greet visitors. While Jackie has had some training, Gracie needs work. HPL had her evaluated by a prospective trainer who summed up Gracie as “a six-year-old horse with the mindset of a six month old foal.” While she's a little green, she is a sweet and smart girl and with some consistent work will become an excellent adoption prospect. In the meantime, the two are having a great time getting to know the other horses and are now as glamorous as their namesakes.



Needling our horses

On Saturday, June 26, Dr. Leticia German presented a free acupuncture clinic at HPL, using our very own Storm and Drifter as her volunteer patients. Dr. German started by explaining the basic principles behind acupuncture and the wide variety of complaints that it can treat. She started with Storm, who has COPD, and identified several areas of tenderness that he exhibits. She then placed her acupuncture needles at strategic points along Storm's spine. He did not react to the insertion of the needles and stood quietly for about 15 minutes while the needles did their work and Dr. German answered questions.

During Storm's treatment, Drifter stood by waiting, not so patiently, for his turn. Drifter has multiple issues, particularly with his feet. He has arthritis, navicular disease and evidence of previous laminitis. Again, she first identified any areas of tenderness and began to test Drifter's willingness to accept the needles. It was interesting to note that while he was waiting his turn Drifter was restless and even a bit pushy with Rob, his handler. As soon as all of the needles were in, his entire demeanor changed and he practically nodded off while we waited for the needles to do their work. Dr. German wanted to try some needles in Drifter's heels to see how he would respond. This can be a sensitive area for horses with laminitis issues. While his initial reaction was a bit unsure, he did accept the needles.

This presentation was another educational opportunity presented by Dr. German, who is always looking for ways to improve the quality of care for our horses and improve our own understanding of equine health.



Do you want to volunteer?

The HPL horses are always looking for volunteers to feed, water, brush and clean up after them.

Open volunteer days are Saturdays and Wednesdays. Be at the ranch by 9:30 AM for a tour and orientation session.

We would not exist without our volunteers. Come join us!



Thank you for the hay help

The weather at the ranch can change in an instant and sometimes there's a scramble to get the hay inside quickly. The chain of phone calls that happens next is nothing short of a miracle and people just start arriving. Thanks to Doug, Vince and his nephew Dan, Mary Ann, Kevin, Carrie and Emie for one of those instances on a Sunday morning. There are more of you out there and we love you.



Literally "in the trenches"

Thanks to Randy Hoyt from Hoyt Contracting, and Richard Rudy for digging our trenches.



Let's hear it for the Krewe



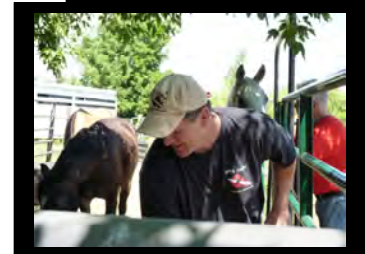
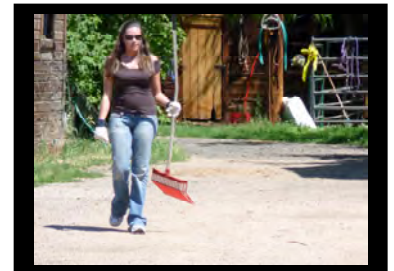
When the Krewe of Chaos puts on a fund raiser, there is nothing chaotic about it. "We don't do anything unless we think we can raise at least \$5000.00" explained the president Brian (shown in photo with HPL's president). In May, the Krewe hosted their Boots & Boxers fundraiser, which included a silent auction to benefit, among other non-profits, the Horse Protection League. Several HPL volunteers turned out to help. At the HPL June Board Meeting on June 26, some members of the board of the Krewe came out to present a check to HPL.

The Krewe of Chaos, a 501(c)(3) organization itself. It was created out of the desire of the members to raise funds for their non-profits of choice. Brian explained that he worked with several Mardi Gras Krewes in his native Louisiana. The Krewes there are traditionally named after a Greek god. When the newly formed Krewe began looking for a name, they came across Chaos, a god who created something out of nothing. The name seemed appropriate as that is exactly the mission of this group of energetic and community minded folks. Thank you!

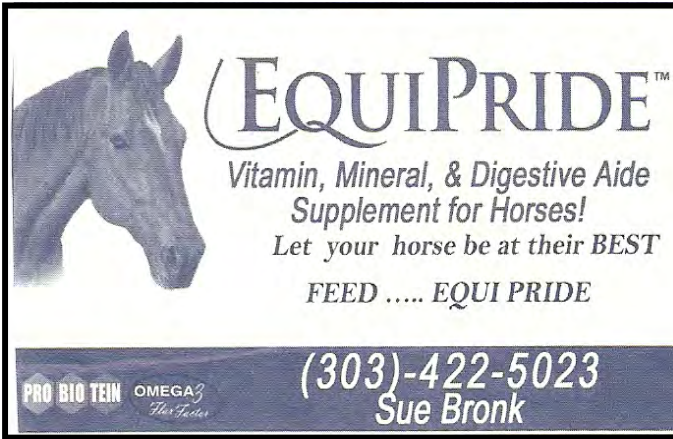
One big, happy family

The employees of the Harris Law Firm came out on July 17th for mucking, bailing, brushing and munching. What would we do without this horse-loving staff? Probably more mucking, bailing and brushing than we do now.

They have helped put up some 400 bales of hay and tended to chores throughout the ranch. We finally fed them a much needed lunch under the trees. What a great day! Thank you, thank you!



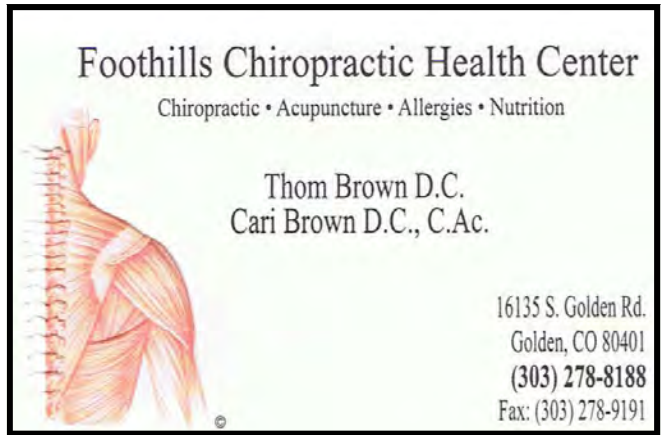
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