



# THE HORSE PROTECTION LEAGUE

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## Tales from the Ranch

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### What's New with the Newsletter?

By Julie Kaufman, Editor

As another year of remarkable recoveries, adorable adoptions, and sad good-byes is drawing to a close at HPL, a new look and feel to the newsletter is being introduced.

One of the goals at HPL is to rescue, rehabilitate and place our horses in forever homes. As such, you will see dedicated pages that focus on the status and availability of each of the horses.

And, HPL has the opportunity to educate a number of groups about the value of horses in our world through a variety of community outreach programs. We will provide highlights throughout the year.



Fall is frisky business at HPL

The daily management of the ranch is not possible without the tireless effort of our volunteers. We will spotlight the work of our many volunteers throughout the

upcoming year as a way of saying "thank you".

And, finally, HPL could not survive without you, our members, donors, volunteers, grant sponsors and supporters. We will provide financial updates so that you can know how and where you have and can help.

Thank you for making HPL one of the most recognized and respected horse rescues in our state, and for giving our horses a second chance at life!

### 2014 Board Members

- President—Annie Oden
- Vice President—Sabrina Juliano
- Secretary—Jill Whidden
- Asst Secretary—Carol Molnia
- Treasurer—Dawn Borg

### Directors

Joelle Cloutier Trudy Younger  
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The Board meets monthly at 6:30 p.m. at the Ranch House. Meetings are open to the public. Please feel free to come and see the happenings around the ranch!

Jan—Oct: 4th Thursday

Nov—December: 3rd Thursday

### Last 2014 Board Meeting and Elections

HPL's annual meeting to elect Board members will be held on December 18th. If you are committed to helping HPL grow and want to participate by serving on the Board, please submit your name and biography and why you would like to serve.

To be included on the ballot, mail your submission to the Mailing

Address (right) by November 19th. Members will receive ballots to cast their vote in early December. Your participation in making HPL successful is needed!



### The HPL Prez Seyz...

While our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and find a forever home for unwanted horses, my dream is that one day, we won't have to...

Until that day comes, I would like to again thank each and every one of you for your continued support. It just doesn't matter whether that support is financial, mucking pens, ranch chores or any of the "behind-the-scenes" talents you provide, you support us because you want to give back and truly care about the welfare of our horses. Without you, there would be no HPL.

I encourage you to think about supporting us in another way, become a Board member! Each year we look to our members and ask that they consider serving on the Board of Directors. We need new ideas as to how we can better fulfill our mission. Please contact me or any other Board member if you have questions on how you can help.

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## New to the Herd...

These are the most recent additions at HPL and although they have made tremendous progress in their recovery, they are not quite ready for adoption. If you are interested in a future adoption of one of these horses, contact HPL. Watch for updates in future newsletters!



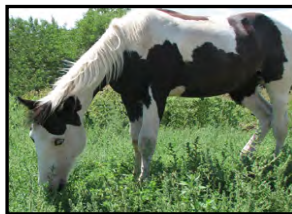
**Maya** a black Arabian, is thought to be around 31 years old. Maya was brought in with Maggie through the Arvada Animal Control as an owner surrender. She was kept in very horrible conditions, confined in a small pen and neglected. She is very sweet and making progress every day.



**Maggie** a bay Thoroughbred cross, is around 10 years old. Like Maya, she was kept in very terrible conditions and was neglected of basic care. Maggie came in better health and is getting stronger every day. Very sweet and social.



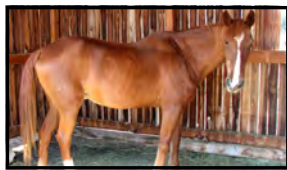
**Ranger** a yearling, Thoroughbred colt came to HPL in August 2014. He was found roaming the streets in poor health. He had wounds on his face, legs, and body. He has healed and recovered since arriving at HPL. Ranger has a sweet personality and is expected to be ready for adoption in the spring of 2015.



**Danawa (Danny)** is a Paint, yearling, colt bearing a name that means "Little Warrior". He was well taken care of, but the family that owned him wanted him to be with other horses. Sweet and smart. If you are looking for an opportunity to grow and learn with Danny, he is the horse for you!



Blaze 's arrival (May 1)



Blaze today (August 2014)

**Blaze**—On the verge of starvation, Blaze arrived at HPL on May 1, 2014. Dr. Long (HPL veterinarian) examined him right away and told us that what he most needed is simply food and water. We had to proceed carefully to make sure his body can begin to function normally again and once he started to gain some

weight and muscle back other medical care would follow.

Blaze has already stolen the hearts of many HPL volunteers. He's very sweet, loveable and friendly. He is cooperative and seems grateful for all the care and love he's receiving at HPL.

## Adopt 'em and Ride 'em...



**Gypsy** came to HPL because the owner had health needs that prevented the ability to care for her. She is ready for a home with an experienced rider.

8-year old mare, Kentucky Mountain Gaited pony.  
Adoption Fee—\$800



**Teddy** is very sweet with good ground manners and can be ridden Western or English style. Rider level is intermediate. He has had 30 days of professional evaluation by Tucker Black.

8 year old Appendix, gelding  
Adoption fee: \$500



**Mattie** has had 60 days of professional training, and restarted under saddle. Adopters must have horse experience trainer level, or willing to work with a trainer. The rider in the photo is trainer, Tucker Black.

Born 2004, Mattie is a 10-year-old registered Quarter Horse mare, 15 hands.  
Adoption Fee - \$500



**Oscar** arrived in October of 2012. Although he came to HPL very "green", he has received 60 days of professional training and has made significant progress. He is handsome and playful.

Born 2010, Pinto Paint, gelding  
Adoption Fee - \$400

All adoptions require a contract, approval, and fee. To see a horse, contact HPL at (303) 216-0141, OR complete an adoption application at our website at [www.thehorseprotectionleague.com](http://www.thehorseprotectionleague.com)

# Adopt 'em and Love 'em...

These horses can no longer be ridden, but want a forever home. They have great manners and would make great companions to other horses or humans who just want to have an animal to love!



**Billy** originally came to HPL in 1996, but was returned to HPL with Badger and Bailey in 2006 due to owner surrender. Special farrier care is needed. Billy is helpful with the Vet Tech Internship Program, school tours and education programs. Big boy with a big heart!  
27 years old, Appendix gelding Size: 16 hh,  
**Adoption Fee - \$100**



**Bobby** is a return from owner surrender. He was a previous competition jumper. Bobby is very sweet, loving and enjoys being at HPL. He is easy to work around with good ground manners. Due to back injuries from jumping, Bobby is not rideable but loves to get out and run or do ground-work.  
21 years old, gelding Size: 16 hh  
**Adoption Fee, - \$200**



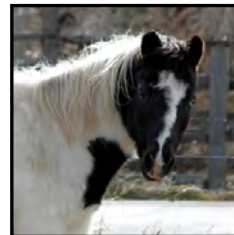
**Jackie** came from Jefferson County Animal Control very underweight and in overall poor health. She has trust issues and needs a calm but confident handler that provides reassurance and love. Companion only due to weak chest muscles which causes her to cross her front legs when riding which could be dangerous because of tripping. She stands to be haltered, brushed, and has very nice ground manners.  
Born 1993, Arabian mare,  
**Adoption Fee - \$200**



**Raja** has good ground manners, playful, requires consistent farrier work. Easy keeper. Beautiful and sweet.  
Born 1994, Registered Black Arab gelding  
**Adoption Fee - \$200**



**Romeo** came to HPL in 2003 as an owner surrender who, unfortunately could no longer care for him. He is a handsome and proud Arabian. Romeo was shown in Level 2 Dressage. Even though he is no longer rideable, he loves groundwork and has good ground manners. An ideal home for Romeo would be one with other companions and a lot of love.  
22 years old, Arab gelding, 14:1 hh,  
**Adoption Fee - \$200**



**Hobbs** is a Paint Shetland pony and came to HPL originally in the fall of 2005. He and another pony had been abandoned by their owner. In December 2007, Hobbs was adopted to become a companion to a lonely goat who had lost his horse buddy. He lived happily until both the goat and his owner passed away and he returned to HPL.  
Born 2001, Shetland Pony, Gelding  
**Adoption Fee - \$300**



**Chance** arrived at HPL in May of 2009, along with Striker, both 9-10 month old mustangs and both in critical condition. They were part of a large rescue of mustangs from the 3 Strikes Ranch near Alliance, NE, where 74 of nearly 250 mustangs had been found dead from starvation. Chance was adopted as a yearling, but circumstances forced his return to HPL.  
5 years old, Mustang, gelding  
**Adoption Fee - TBD**

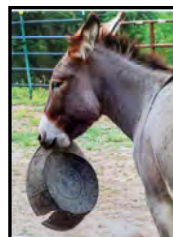


**Gracie** a 10-year old Arabian mare, came from Jefferson County Animal Control very underweight and in overall poor health. Companion only due to weak back legs as a result of poor nutrition. She stands to be haltered, brushed, and has very nice ground manners.  
Born 2004, Arabian mare  
**Adoption Fee—\$200**

## Our Mascots—We Keep 'em...



**Princess** a 14-year old mare, miniature horse is the smallest equine at HPL. She is only 9:2 hands in height, but she is very large in personality! She represents HPL at events and parades, and is sometimes driven in her cart, to the delight of the onlookers. She loves the attention and is used in many of the children and adult educational programs at the ranch.



**Daisy**, on the left, is 3 years old and was the first donkey to arrive at HPL. She was rescued at Canyon City through the Bureau of Land Management adoption program. She loves to be groomed and loves attention.



**Willy** was taken from his owner by Jefferson County Animal Control. He has Cushing's (over active adrenal gland, affects the coat and eating conditions) and COPD (chronic obstruction pulmonary disease) and requires extra medical attention. He is HPL's oldest resident in his early 30's. Willy loves to eat and is a sweet boy.

**Millie**, on the right, is 4 years old and came from Long Hopes Donkey Rescue in Colorado. She was saved by them from being slaughtered. She loves to talk, is easy to handle and loves attention.



Both are Jennet Burros (Donkeys) and are used in many of HPL's educational programs.

**Who says a donkey is just another pretty face?**

HPL was contacted by Austin Briggs, a reporter for The Denver Post YourHub in follow-up to an article that was published last spring about a horse that was adopted through HPL.

This time, the story was to cover the recent grants that HPL has received, as well as talking to a young horse lover, and how to get the word out about speaking up when people observe

abuse of horses. Annie Oden, the HPL President, who has adopted 2 HPL horses, and Emie O'Neill, Ranch Manager, were interviewed for the story.

You can find the article in the October 16th issue of The Denver Post YourHub. If you can't find a copy, you can read the full story by going to the Arvada section at [www.denverpost.com/yourhub](http://www.denverpost.com/yourhub).

## Community Outreach

By the time of this newsletter publication, HPL will have completed another successful year with the Devereux outreach program. The most recent program provided the opportunity to four at-risk youths that privately come to HPL and worked one-on-one with a horse. The participants learn how to care for and handle their horse partner. This human and horse experience



not only benefits the horses, but helps the youths build confidence and trust through the bond that is formed.

HPL supports a strong Veteran's group that comes out weekly to work and bond with the horses. The veterans have a chance to build on their teamwork, and take their horses through groundwork exercises, etc.

There are a number of groups that regularly come to HPL to learn about the horses and their care...from Scout Troops to 4-H groups and school groups. If you have a group that is interested in visiting, contact the HPL ranch office.

*Horses change lives. They give our young people confidence and self-esteem. They provide peace and tranquility to troubled souls. They give us hope.*

*Toni Robinson*



The Horse Protection League  
**VETERANS PROGRAM**

## Bound for Glory

By Claudia Wilson / Photograph by Gill Allen Photography

In July of 2009 Glory started down the long road to her forever home. Scot Ditcher Chief of the Bureau of Animal Protection contacted HPL. He was assisting the Fremont County Sheriff, Jim Beicher in finding rescue facilities to take in 17 impounded horses. Many were thin, some pregnant, one with a foal, many with infected injuries, two with severely deformed and neglected hooves, and a couple severely emaciated.

It seems that an elderly lady was going to breed colored part Arabs. Her breeding program had run amuck. She had neglected to register or, more important feed her animals. Front Range Equine Rescue and Ruby Ranch Horse Rescue evalu-

ated the herd. The two very old Arabian



stallions who were the only ones that were registered with the Arabian Horse Club had to be put down. HPL got Glory and her

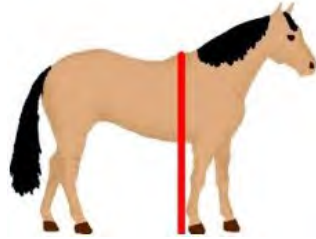
foal Tigger. Glory after weaning of her foal started her training. It was a very rough road as she had a deep distrust of humans and a memory longer than an elephant. It seems that she had not been handled or trained to ride. She was sent to HPL's trainer Tucker Black to start her under saddle training. Glory ended up in several homes but for one reason or another things just didn't work out, so she was returned to HPL. Claudia Wilson was out with a friend looking for a horse for her friend's granddaughter. When they saw Tucker working with Glory, not that Glory was suitable for a child, it perked Claudia's interest.

*See Glory continued on Page 9*

**Why horses are measured in Hands and not Feet?**

Today, we are able to measure most things with laser accuracy, however, we still measure horses by a system established in Medieval times. "Once upon a time...", a king went to measure his horse and not having a device with which to measure, he used the only thing he knew would be consistent- the palm of his hand --which measured four inches across.

Since that time, the hand has been the unit of measurement for equines. A hand is equal to 4 inches. Horses are measured from the ground to the top of their with-



ers, the point of the back located between the shoulder blades. A horse measuring 60 inches high is equal to 15 hands. A horse measuring 62 inches high is equal to 15.2 hands.

**The Largest and Smallest Breeds of Horses**

Draft horses are the largest equines. They usually weigh in close to one ton and stand taller than many of their human handlers. Referencing the Guinness World Records , a Shire horse named Samson holds the record as the largest horse ever. Born in Eng-

land in 1846, Samson weighed 3,300 pounds and stood 22 hands high at the withers, or more than 7.5 feet tall at the shoulder!

The smallest horse breed is the Falabella, a breed from Argentina that frequently measures 30 inches at the withers. Again, referencing the Guinness World Records , Thumbelina, born in 2001 in Missouri, is the smallest horse ever. She stands only 17.5 inches high at the withers.

HPL's tallest horse is Billy. The shortest horses are Princess, who is considered a miniature horse, and Hobbs. Can you guess how many hands high (hh) each of these horses are? Answers are on page 7!



**A Holiday Poem from Our Horses**

It was the night before Christmas and all 'round Churches Ranch,  
 Not a horse was stirring, ...Oops!... take another glance.  
 Yes, most equines were sleeping when Sweet Willy did shout,  
 "Heh, horse friends, I know just how to break out!"  
 He told the horses, "Give your gate a big whack  
 So the chains loosen slightly, then just slide through the crack!"  
 "Then", Willy yelled, "grab a feed bucket as you leave your stall,  
 And meet me in the round pen and we'll head to the mall!"  
 When all of the horses were freed, they all started to call,  
 "Heh, everyone, what the heck is a mall?"  
 "Good job!", said Willy, "Now form a straight line."  
 Soon they all stood proudly, equine behind equine!"  
 Every horse just felt that this was a magical night,  
 When all of their aches, pains and fears miraculously took flight!"  
 So, all of the horses took off on a very fast run,  
 And headed straight to the mall to have "horsey" fun!"  
 The herd and board horses stayed behind as they feared,  
 That they might miss that **Lil'** guy with the fluffy white beard.

The others moved quickly with Willy in the lead,  
 With a quick stop at Murdoch's to get Blaze n' Teddy sweet feed.  
 Maya and Maggie were nervous because everything was new  
 But trotted along quickly with trust in the crew.  
 The horses were excited that Chance joined this event,  
 For he's not much of a groupie, he's more independent.

The mall was fantastic! There was so much to do!  
 As the shopping got started, Willy yelled, "11:30's curfew!"  
 Oscar and Hobbs purchased paint, some black and some white,  
 To spruce up their coats as they pranced through the night  
 Princess got a new tiara, one with more flare,  
 And a bottle of conditioner for her unruly hair.  
 From Bobby and Billy came lots of chatter  
 As they stopped by Mrs. Field's Cookies to sample the batter.

Raja bowed to Miss Mattie as she strutted by,  
 While Gypsy stomped her hoof and gave a huge sigh.  
 The two fancy burros, Miss Millie n' Miss Daisy,  
 Purchased gigantic straw hats with bright bows of paisley.  
 Gracie and Jackie, daughter and mother,  
 Picked out some fine blankets to give to each other.  
 Romeo, the dear, flea bitten gray,  
 Said, "I've played so hard that I need some hay!"  
 And, Princess, not to be upstaged by just any horse, said,  
 "This mall is a most wonderful thing.  
 Heh, everyone, do you like my new bling?"  
 Then she added, "I'm Princess, the DIVA, and I'd like to be slim,  
 So, next time I'll pick up a pass to the gym!"  
 And Willy chimed up, "Danawa and Ranger need some hay, too,  
 So it's time to go home." And away they all flew.

When they got home they made such a clatter,  
 The whinnies and neighs made all the mice scatter! (Yeh!)  
 They then hung their horse shoes by the silo with care,  
 In hopes that at daybreak the volunteers would be there.  
 They looked at the stacked hay, it was as high as the ceiling!  
 Which gave all of the horses a very warm feeling.  
 They peeked in the feed room with wondering eyes,  
 The feed buckets were so full! What a great surprise!  
 The horses agreed that they were loved and cared for,  
 They then left the fine barn and closed the big door.  
 They returned to their pens and adjusted each gate,  
 And thanked "their lucky stars" that this ranch was their fate!  
 "It's nice to be loved," they said, "and to have come here by chance,  
 Because Christmas happens every day at this wonderful ranch!"  
 And they were heard snoring softly as I slipped out of sight,

**"Merry Christmas, dear horses, and to all a good night!"**



## Sponsorships Saving Lives

The following sponsor's names were omitted from our previous newsletter. Please accept our apologies—and our heart-felt thanks.

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*It's not what a person makes  
that makes him or her, but  
what a person gives.*

*Author Unknown*

Thank you generous sponsors!

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- ◆ A DONATION WAS MADE BY PATTY ADAMS IN MEMORY OF MAJOR FRANCIS GERALD HIDALGO.
- ◆ A DONATION WAS MADE BY GUNNAR AND SHAY TANDE IN MEMORY OF KATIE STALEY, A LITTLE GIRL WHO LOVED HORSES.
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- ◆ A DONATION WAS MADE BY CHRISTA GEYER IN HONOR OF GWEN CAVANAUGH'S BIRTHDAY.

## A Special Thanks Goes To

- ⇒ The Tractor Supply Company in Brighton for inviting Princess and Teddy to their Pet Appreciation Day, and allowing them to educate the community about HPL.
- ⇒ ASPCA and Animal Assistance Foundation who awarded HPL grants to complete the drainage project that will protect the back horse pens from future flooding.



- ⇒ Pioneer Sand for discounting the gravel and rock used, and to Sharp Design who was the drainage contractor. The project has been completed and job well done!



- ⇒ A generous individual donor has made it possible for HPL to award three \$1,000 scholarships to vet tech students at the Community College of Denver.
- ⇒ An anonymous donor has provided the ability to turn this newsletter print from black and white to full, living color!
- ⇒ ACE Hardware store at Westwoods for posting HPL events, and for discounted products to HPL.
- ⇒ Donna Hoffman for her tireless work in bringing the HPL newsletter to you over the past years. Her shoes will be hard to fill!



## Other Ways to Support HPL

There are many ways to support HPL by volunteering or through financial contributions. Here are some of the ways:

- Get your friends and family to save your aluminum cans and drop them by



the ranch. We're saving for a new pickup, over \$3,000 so far!

- Help decorate, serve food, etc. at fundraising events.
- Donate an unwanted vehicle. Cars for Charity ([www.carsforcharity.net](http://www.carsforcharity.net)) or Cars Helping Charities ([www.carshelpingcharities.org](http://www.carshelpingcharities.org)) will donate money to HPL in exchange for your vehicle. Visit their websites for more information.
- Include HPL as a beneficiary in your estate planning.
- Sign up for a matching gift program with your employer, if available.
- Provide supplies from our Wish List.

Look for a complete list on our website. Here are just a few:

Rubber mats for stalls	Water tanks (90 gal)
Duct tape	8 qt plastic buckets
Heavy duty water hoses (25 or 50 ft)	Rubber feeder pans (3 & 6.5 gallon sizes)
Tank heaters	Wheelbarrows
Mucking rakes	Lead ropes
4x4 gauze sponges	Reg size halters
Office supplies	Vet wrap

### Remember to mark your calendars and donate!

Donations to HPL on Tuesday, December 9th, will be 100% of the amount given and will not be assessed the normal processing fee. Plus, a fund established by FirstBank will match a percentage you give! So, take advantage of the day and make your donation to HPL go further!



Answer to size of HPL horses from page 5.  
Billy = 16 hh, Princess = 9.2 hh, Hobbs = 12.2 hh

Friends & Family asking what's on your Christmas list? Why not ask them to become a member at HPL and/or sponsor a horse as their gift to you? They don't even have to fight the crowds...they can go to our website, [thehorseprotectionleague.com](http://thehorseprotectionleague.com) to join or donate! Plus, membership helps us in qualifying for grants!

OR

Come to the ranch and purchase HPL attire (T-shirts, bandanas, hats, etc.)

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

### December 2014

#### Friday & Saturday, Dec 5th & 6th

##### Jefferson Unitarian Holiday Craft Faire

14350 W 32nd Ave, Golden, CO

Dec 5th: 9:00 am—9:00 pm

Dec 6th: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Proceeds from sale of crafts by Trudy Younger & Jill Whidden go to HPL. Items make great gifts or stocking stuffers!



#### Saturday, December 13th

##### Olde Golden Christmas Parade

Help Decorate HPL Float: 9:00 am

Contact

Trudy at

303-432-

7686 if

interested!

Meet in parking lot at  
10th & Washington St.



#### Tuesday, December 9th

Go to [ColoradoGives.org](http://ColoradoGives.org) to  
make your  
donation today!



Parade starts

11:00 am

Join in the fun with our  
HPL friends!

### January 2015

#### January 10th - 25th

##### National Western Stock Show HPL Booth #1914

4655 Humboldt St, Denver, CO

Hours: 9am - 9 pm

Give us a visit and see all of the  
fashionable HPL attire for sale,  
and meet some of the HPL team.



### February 2015

#### Saturday, February 7th

##### HPL Horse Lover's Ball

Lakewood Elks Lodge

1455 Newland St,

Lakewood, CO

Hours: 6 pm - 10 pm



Mark your calendars!

It's a dinner and dance with live music, and plenty  
of door prizes. Grab your lover and your friends  
and get your groove on to help our horses.

Tickets and more information  
will be available soon.



Claudia returned the next day to see her worked again. One of HPL's workers volunteered to ride her for Claudia. Claudia liked the horse and thought she could be taught to drive as Claudia doesn't ride much anymore and prefers carriage driving. Glory saw a sucker and made friends with Claudia. As the demo had lasted too long in the hot sun, Lin Sherman and Claudia spent a long time cooling her out. Lin worked with Glory and had adopted her earlier but had to return her. Lin filled Claudia in on some of Glory's past and encouraged her to adopt her. So off to Silverwood Farm, Claudia's barn, and Lin offered to help train her.

Rebecca Craig who has been working at Silverwood clicked with Glory and offered to work her. Rebecca called in Cassandra DiPentino to evaluate her as everyone thought dressage would be good for her. Cassandra thought Glory's movement showed great dressage potential. Glory also seemed to enjoy getting out for a ride. In August Glory and Rebecca were off for their debut in a dressage show. The first test was a little rough, as it was Glory's first time in an indoor ring, and it was both Rebecca and Glory's first dressage test. By the second test they had both relaxed and got a good score. Glory has found a forever home and a place in the dressage world.

## Who Do I Contact and How?

Information about The Horse Protection League and the horses, donkeys and ponies in their care is available on the website at:  
[thehorseprotectionleague.com](http://thehorseprotectionleague.com).

A contact list of e-mail and phone numbers is provided below should you wish to contact HPL about specific volunteer programs, donation options, membership, sponsorship, and adoption opportunities.

I am interested in...	I can contact...	At the following...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Becoming a member of HPL</li> <li>* Sponsoring or adopting a horse</li> <li>* Volunteering on a work day (Wed or Sat) or bringing a group to volunteer</li> <li>* Bringing a group to tour the ranch</li> <li>* Giving tours to ranch visitors</li> <li>* Donating as a corporate sponsor to HPL events</li> <li>* Providing feedback on the newsletter and other media received about HPL</li> </ul>	HPL Ranch Office <a href="mailto:info@thehorseprotectionleague.com">info@thehorseprotectionleague.com</a> or (303) 216-0141	
Reporting an abuse situation anonymously	Colorado Bureau of Animal Protection	<a href="http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/ag_Animals/CBON/1251619863540">www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/ag_Animals/CBON/1251619863540</a>
Volunteering to feed horses	Sabrina Juliano	<a href="mailto:hplfeeder@yahoo.com">hplfeeder@yahoo.com</a> or 813-391-9464
Helping at fundraising events	Fundraiser Chairperson	<a href="mailto:HPLFundraiser@gmail.com">HPLFundraiser@gmail.com</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Writing an article for the HPL newsletter</li> <li>* Advertising my business in the newsletter</li> </ul>	Newsletter Coordinator Julie Kaufman	<a href="mailto:HPLNewsletter@gmail.com">HPLNewsletter@gmail.com</a>
Community Outreach Programs	Outreach Coordinator	<a href="mailto:OutreachHPL@gmail.com">OutreachHPL@gmail.com</a>
Providing a grant to HPL	Grant Chairperson	<a href="mailto:info@thehorseprotectionleague.com">info@thehorseprotectionleague.com</a>
Supporting HPL, but not listed here	HPL Ranch Office	<a href="mailto:info@thehorseprotectionleague.com">info@thehorseprotectionleague.com</a> or (303) 216-0141

## Volunteer Spotlight

By Julie Kaufman

Open volunteer days are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Here's what we do:

- Muck
- Clean and fill water tanks
- Groom and care for horses
- Ranch maintenance



### Wednesday Volunteer Crew

On a recent Wednesday visit, many of the volunteers were asked "How long have you volunteered and why?"

The responses all carried a common theme regardless of the longevity of the volunteer ...friendship and the love of horses!



Children are welcome! Under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For insurance purposes, you must become a member of HPL before you can work at the ranch.

Terri, who has volunteered at HPL for the past 2 years said that she loves to come out to the ranch for her "horse fix". She has been a feeder as well as mucking stalls and doing a variety of horse care activities. She said that she learns something about horses every time she comes to the ranch!



Linda, not quite a year-long volunteer agreed that there is a friendly type of person that volunteers at the ranch....plus, you can get in a good workout without really thinking about it!

As you can see, volunteering at the ranch is not only meaningful, but a way to meet new friends. Come and join the fun!



## Projects in Progress

By Richard Rudy

Ranch projects are a never ending chore at HPL. These projects rely on the generous donations of our volunteers, friends of HPL and applied grant funding. We have had past and present projects funded by donations, Scout Group merit programs, business sponsored work groups, grant funding and just plain hard work. Here are just a few of the recently completed and 'work in progress' projects for the 2014 calendar year.

The panel replacement project in Mattie, Bobby and Buddy's areas was completed by the Platt Group. The Platt Group donated \$2000 for the gates, panels and other need items for the project. The group consisted of 20 employees that did all the tear down and pen construction. This was all done in just a day!

Thanks to the Borg family and friends for



the repairs made to the ISO Pens. A dilapidated common wall between 2 stalls was removed and rebuilt using recycled materials. The entrance way was widened and reinforced for horse use.

The weeds in the east pasture have been cut and we can see the horses once again,

they were over 6' tall. Electric fences have been mended, and weeds managed along fence line.

The Princess shed AKA 'Billy's Shed' has been completed.

A new full sized horse shed is now Billy's new digs.

Tear down and construction has started on the donkeys' and Romeo's sheds.

These 2 sheds will be replaced with a double horse shelter that has a common wall with a shared water tank.

The materials were funded by a generous donation earmarked for the construction of 3 horse sheds. A 3<sup>rd</sup> shed will be replaced next year as weather permits.

## Getting Ready for 2015?

### 2015 HPL calendars are here!

Looking for a great stocking stuffer (well, maybe they don't quite fit into stockings) or holiday gift? Stop by the ranch and pick up the 2015 HPL calendar for all of your family and friends! The wall calendars are \$15 each. You can pick them up at the ranch. Just come by on volunteer days (Wednesdays & Saturdays from 9 am—2pm), or call the HPL office at 303-216-0141 to make sure that the ranch house is open and someone is available to provide the calendars you want.



The calendars are made possible through the support of donors who select "certain dates" to recognize family, friends, pets and other meaningful occasions.

Each month has a picture of one of the HPL horses, so it's a great way to keep in mind throughout the year how many horses you are saving through your generous support.

**Remember HPL's events in 2015 and mark your calendars!**

## Pondering Past Events

*By Trudy Younger*

On August 22nd, HPL celebrated 20 years of helping horses, and recognized the many volunteers that make the ranch run on a day-to-day basis.

The event was forced to move to an inside venue at the last minute due to inclement weather. Welby Gardens, at 64th & Easley, graciously donated their facility to host the event. After altering



The Volunteer Dinner was a great success.

plans quickly, 110 volunteers and their friends gathered together to be recognized for their hard work, financial support, and absolute dedication to The Horse Protection League. Good food and fun was had by all!

A special thanks goes to Welby Gardens and their staff who donated not only the venue, but their time and energy in making the surroundings beautiful for the event.

Further thanks goes to the following individuals who made the celebration special:

- \* Joni Dyer and Trudy Younger for organizing the event.
- \* Murray Martinez for setting up and striking the party area.
- \* Sharon Crosby, Terri Melander, and Sally Douglass for helping with decorations

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