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Beauty in the Changing Seasons of Life

By Julie Kaufman

Fall in the Colorado Rockies is a display of remarkable light and color as the aspen leaves shimmer in the breeze, and the frost on the grass glistens in the reflection of the early morning sun. Moving from summer into fall has also brought many changes in life at the HPL ranch.

preparation for adoption.

As the leaves fall and signal the end of one seasonal cycle of life, we also had to say good-bye to one of our long-time HPL equine residents, Bobby, as well as to a newer addition to the HPL family, Jazz. On



We have experienced one of the most active three-month periods in recent history in the adoption, placement, training, and safe-homing of many of our equine residents! Three of our horses have found new homes, two more have pending adoptions, one horse is being safe-homed, and the remaining two Navajo yearlings are in a training program at a partner rescue. Take a look inside to find out more! Nothing is more beautiful and satisfying than to know that one of our beloved equine friends has found a forever home, is a companion to another horse, or is learning how to become a good citizen in

the inside pages of the newsletter, we are honoring and remembering the joy that each of those special animals brought to the volunteers and HPL team that cared for them.

The most recent season of changes at HPL brought the addition of two experienced individuals, Margaret Blaha and Mattie Vadas, to serve as new Barn Manager and Assistant Barn Manager, respectively. We will introduce you to them both in the next several pages, but I'm sure that they would both like to meet you and get to know you. Be sure to come by the HPL ranch and say "hello!"

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Please call (303) 216-0141 for scheduled times.

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Congratulations! Adoptions & Safe-homed Horses

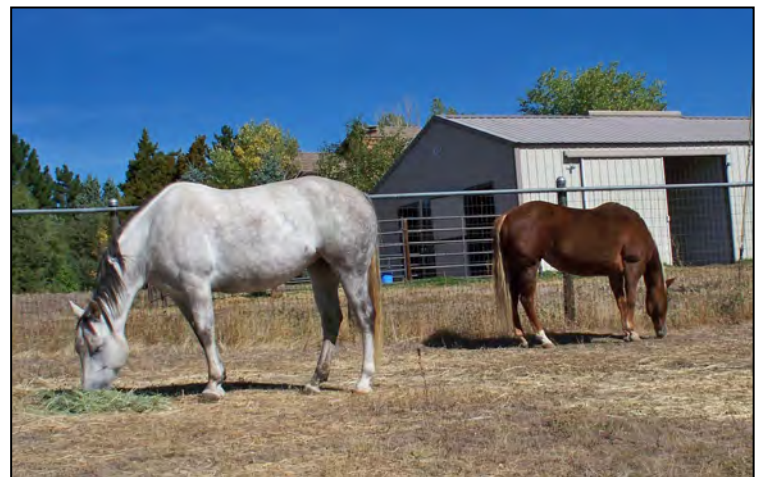
Mattie adopted by the Jazwick family



Rooster adopted by Ryan & Michelle Slade

Photo courtesy of Esther Lidstrom

Wyatt adopted by Brooke



SaraJane (left) is a companion with Lacey

By Jory Weber

Certainly the most difficult decision one has to make as a horse owner, or in truth, owner of any animal, is the time to humanely end your pet's life. For a horse owner it can be even more difficult if you own another horse that would be left alone. Fortunately, The Horse Protection League has a "safe homing" plan to assist horse owners facing this dilemma. One can foster a companion horse from HPL, taking full responsibility for the care of that horse but without actually adopting the animal. HPL's lovely mare, SaraJane, is presently being "safe homed" as a companion to an older mare who recently lost her stable mate of 15 years, Gator.

"Safe homing" is a wonderful program offered by HPL that has helped so many lonely horses and broken-hearted owners deal with the loss of a beloved friend.

Adoptions Pending

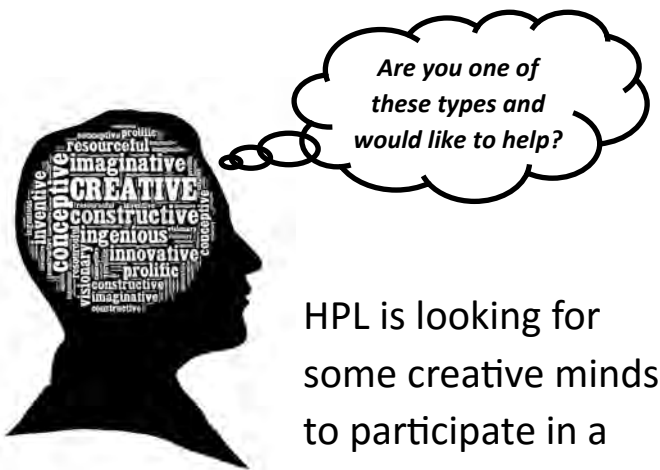


Ranger, a Thoroughbred colt, came to HPL in August 2014 as a yearling. He was found roaming the streets in poor health and was never claimed. He has recovered since arriving at HPL. Ranger has done groundwork, and is now ready to start training under saddle. He is playful and fun.



Rudy, an eight-year-old miniature mule, came to HPL as a result of an e-mail from a concerned citizen who raised \$500 for his medical care. Rudy has some trust issues, but is progressing with the help of a trainer who works specifically with donkeys and mules.

Fundraising Opportunities



HPL is looking for some creative minds to participate in a fundraising “think

tank.” HPL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and relies primarily on donations, grants and fund-raisers to maintain its operations. If interested, e-mail Trudy Younger at twobluefeathers44@gmail.com

Holiday Activity Basket



Purchase a “Holiday Activity Basket” before December 1st, and the basket with your name on the tag will go directly to a child at Children’s Hospital. Your \$25 donation will go directly to The Horse Protection League.

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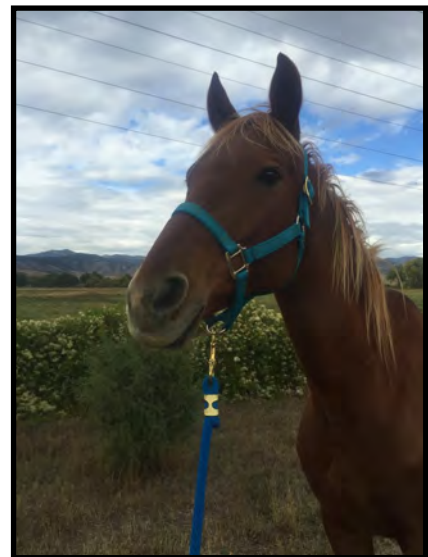


Dash

Foaled in 2004, Dash is a spunky little Shetland pony at 10.3hh. He is still very shy but is getting more friendly each day. Right now he can be caught and led around as well as groomed. Dash loves spending time with his best friend, Boo. Say hello to this zippy little pony! His adoption price is still to be determined.

Lyla

Lyla is a beautiful 16-year-old OTTB (off-the-track-thoroughbred). She stands 16hh and is very gentle. She can be caught, groomed and led around. We believe she was also started as a barrel horse but a knee injury now means she is companion only. Take the time to come meet this darling girl. Her price is still to be determined.



Boo

Boo is an approximately 20-year-old Pony of America gelding, standing 14hh. He is extremely friendly and very gentle - was said to be a kids' horse but is now companion only. He would be suitable to lead small children around on a few times a year. Stop by and meet this charming boy! His adoption price is still to be determined.

Available for Adoption Very Soon!



Nina with Mattie

BACK FROM TRAINING!

Our Navajo yearlings have been in "boarding school" through a partnership with Harmony Equine Center. A small group of volunteers there has worked to halter, lead and groom the horses! Nina and Geronimo are returning to HPL and each is available for adoption.

Geronimo with Esther



Josie (JoJo), pictured above, is a 9 year old Arabian mare that loves attention! She is currently being evaluated for riding level and will soon be available for adoption.

Our Loveable, Beautiful Horses Who Want A Forever Home



Jackie came to us through Jefferson County Animal Control very underweight and in overall poor health. She has trust issues and needs a calm but confident handler who provides reassurance and love. Companion only. She stands to be haltered, brushed, and has very nice ground manners. Born 1993, Arabian mare. Jackie is Gracie's mother.

Adoption Fee – \$200



Raja came to us from an owner who could no longer keep him. Raja has good ground manners, is playful, and requires consistent farrier work. He is beautiful and easy to love. Born 1994, registered black Arabian gelding. Companion only.

Adoption Fee – \$200



Romeo came to HPL in 2003 from an owner who 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 ground-work and has good ground manners. An ideal home for Romeo would be one with other companions and a lot of love. 22 years old, gelding, 14:1 hh.

Adoption Fee – \$200



Gracie, a 12-year-old Arabian mare, came to us through Jefferson County Animal Control very underweight and in overall poor health. She stands to be haltered, brushed, and has very nice ground manners. Companion only. Born 2004, Gracie is Jackie's daughter.

Adoption Fee – \$200

All adoptions require a contract, approval, and fee. To see a horse, contact HPL at (303) 216-0141.

Our HPL Mascots



Princess, a 14-year-old miniature horse mare, is one of the smallest equines at HPL. She is only 9:2 hands in height, but she is very big in personality! She represents HPL at events and parades and sometimes wears a tiara, to the delight of the onlookers. She loves the attention and is used in educational programs at the ranch, for both children and adults.

Millie, on the right, is 6 years old and came from Long Hopes Donkey Rescue in Colorado. She loves to bray ("talk") and is easy to handle. Both donkeys are jennets (female donkeys) and are used in many of HPL's educational programs.



Daisy, to the right, is 5 years old and was the first burro (donkey) to arrive at HPL. She was rescued at Canyon City through the Bureau of Land Management adoption program. She loves to be groomed.

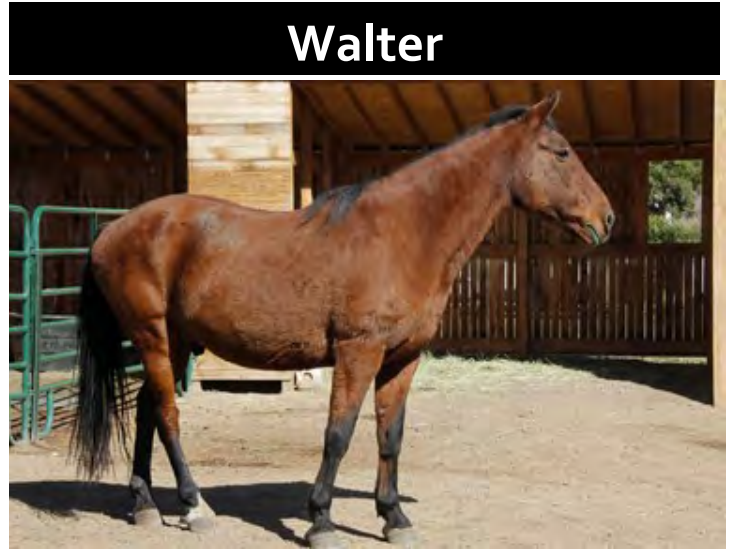


Just Arrived...More soon on these horses!

Photos courtesy of Esther Lidstrom



Oreo



Walter



General

COME AND SAY HELLO!

Volunteer Hours:

Wednesdays & Saturdays
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Anyone under 18 years of age
must be accompanied by an
adult at all times.



2017 HPL
Calendars
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office to confirm!



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Past, Current, and Upcoming Events

Thanks for
your support!

HPL Appreciation Day and 22nd birthday celebration on August 21st!



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Jefferson Unitarian
Church

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Friday, December 2nd, 9:00am to 9:00pm
Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00am to 4:00 pm

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Inspirations from HPL's President

By Tammy Donaldson

As the early morning temperatures drop at the ranch I am reminded of autumn and harvest time—a time in which we reap the fruits of our labor. The Horse Protection League is burgeoning with an abundance of cultivations to celebrate this season!

- ◆ We commemorated the support and devotion of our members and fans with our HPL Appreciation Day.
- ◆ We celebrated three adoptions: Mattie, Wyatt and Rooster.
- ◆ We reveled in new adventures: Ranger training under saddle, SaraJane in a new foster home, and yearlings Geronimo and Nina in training with our new partnership organization — Harmony Equine Center.
- ◆ We rejoiced in welcoming JoJo, a beautiful 9 year-old Arabian; and also Boo, Dash, and Lyla; and General, Walter, and Oreo.
- ◆ We greatly benefitted from the addition of our knowledgeable and skilled Assistant Barn Manager, Mattie Vadas. Mattie is a Veterinary Tech Assistant and also brings years of volunteering at HPL and familiarity with our horses and mission.
- ◆ Last and certainly not least, we delight in welcoming Margaret Blaha as our new Barn Manager. With her vast training knowledge, horse-savvy instincts and her gracious demeanor I know she will only bring about more reasons to celebrate.

Happy fall!

Tammy



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**Next Up on
Property
Improvements:**

**Upgrade two of the
horse sheds**

UNBOUND

*By Micheal Bauman
in honor of Gator*

*The wind blows free.
The grass grows high.
The air is clear.
The clouds roll by.*

*No fences bind.
No man-made pen.
Forever free
You are again.*

*Pain no more
Agile and fleet,
With flowing grace
And winged feet.*

*We're thankful for
The time we spend,
Gentle spirit,
Majestic friend.*

BOBBY



JAZZ



Photos courtesy of Esther Lidstrom



Welcome **Mattie Vadas** as our Assistant Barn Manager! Mattie was raised on a small ranch in Indian Hills, Colorado, and has had several horses, ponies and donkeys throughout her life. She is a certified Vet Tech Assistant and brings with her a number of horse care and handling skills. Mattie is a kind, caring and compassionate worker committed to The Horse Protection League. Prior to working for HPL she volunteered at HPL for nearly 10 years. We are thrilled to have Mattie join our management team!

HPL's New Barn Manager: Margaret Blaha



We are very excited to announce the hiring of our new Barn Manager, **Margaret Blaha**!

Here are a few fun facts about Margaret.

- * Owned and operated a horse training and carriage ride business
- * 10 years with Westernaires
- * 2 years working with a National Finals Rodeo Colt starting champion
- * 3-time Top-Ten finalist in the Extreme Mustang Makeover
- * 3rd place finisher in the Colt Starting USA Challenge -previously volunteered at HPL and Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue

Margaret's first official day was September 21st. Please feel free to stop by and welcome her to the ranch!

Welcome to HPL Margaret and Mattie!

HPL received \$340 from this program in October!

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Nina, Geronimo, and Wyatt Say “Thank You”

Apologies to the following generous people who donated to help our little Navajo yearlings and whose names were not included in the summer newsletter.

- ◆ Jean McDaniel
- ◆ Lou Zeman
- ◆ Jim Healy and Laura Cruz
- ◆ Suzanne Westgaard
- ◆ Nancy Anne Andrews
- ◆ Barbara Wahrman
- ◆ Ted Younger
- ◆ John and Bev Rives
- ◆ Skip Rowe
- ◆ Lark Birdsong
- ◆ Sharon Jubb

“Thank You” to Our Horse Sponsors

BOBBY	Pam Smith
DAISY	Sally Minelli
GERONIMO	Eva Vanrign
JAZZ	Sonja Hahn
MATTIE	Heidi Culbertson, Olivia Federico
MILLIE	Ruth Gregg, Sally Minelli
NINA	Eva Vanrign
RANGER	Betty McDonald, Sally Douglass
ROOSTER	Sally Minelli
SARAJANE	Don MacArthur, Margaret Clark

Memorials and Honors

- ◆ A donation in memory of our beautiful Maya was received from Jim Healy and Laura Cruz, her long-time sponsors.
- ◆ A donation was received in memory of Barbara Godat from Lois Marchionna.
- ◆ A donation in memory of Katie Staley, a little girl who loved horses, was received from Gunnar and Shay Tande.
- ◆ A donation was received in memory of Gator, loyal friend and companion, from Doug, Jory and Lacey Weber.
- ◆ A donation was received in memory of Bob and Norma Jennett from Carol Jennett.
- ◆ A donation was received in honor of Camille Deuben’s birthday from Kathy Wildman.
- ◆ A donation was received in memory of Gator from Trudy Younger and Jill Whidden.



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