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## Tales from the Ranch

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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 Tuesday

Nov—December: 3rd Tuesday

## 2015 It's All About Adoptions and We're Off to a Running Start!

By Julie Kaufman

HPL is excited to tell you that this year is all about adoptions! We have been blessed to reach our capacity to house and care for the young, as well as mature, adorable horses that we have taken in. And, while we love our beautiful

Thanks to our horse-loving friends who have committed to providing these horses with their second chance for a healthy and happy life!



Danawa (Little Warrior)



Maggie

Adoptions help HPL and the adoptees in a number of ways... first and foremost, the adopted horses are able to give and receive love with their new families.

Help us continue to make 2015 all about finding horse-loving homes for the lives of one of our many horses!

Look inside to find the right horse for you!

creatures, the best gift that we can give to them is to find forever, loving homes!

This year has started off in a full canter! Two of our rideable horses, Teddy and Maggie, have been adopted, as well as one of our yearlings, Danawa. All three are starting new chapters in their lives...one a therapy horse, one to grow with a loving family, and one to learn how to become an adult!

Secondly, HPL is able to open up space that allows us to bring in other neglected, abused or unwanted horses who need our tender care and attention.



Teddy

### Identification Statement

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### The Pres, Says...

By Annie Oden, President

"Rescuing one horse may not change the world, but for that horse, their world is changed forever."  
author unknown

For nearly 21 years, The Horse Protection League has given many unwanted equines a second chance to flourish while helping humans to do the same. Some horses come to us because they had been removed from their owners by authorities; some are owner surrenders, while others, a part of large scale rescues made possible through the ASPCA and the Humane Society of the United States. My sincere thanks to all who have made this possible and may we continue with our mission for another 21 years or until every unwanted equine finds a loving home.

## Updates on our Adoptable and Rideable Horses...



**Gypsy** is a Kentucky Mountain **gaited** pony. She is being ridden every week by one of our young and gifted riders who volunteers at the ranch. Gypsy is an 8-year old mare and is ready for a home with an experienced rider. Come take a look!

**Adoption Fee—\$600**



**Oscar** is a 5-year old Pinto Paint gelding. He has received 60 days of professional training during his stay at HPL, but has never been ridden. Oscar needs someone who is willing to grow and learn with him!

**Adoption Fee - \$400**

**Mattie** stands 15 hands and is a 10-year-old registered Quarter Horse mare. Tucker Black (pictured above) gives Mattie a workout once a month. Great horse for an experienced rider!

**Adoption Fee - \$500**

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.org](http://www.thehorseprotectionleague.org)

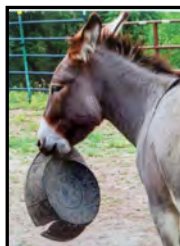
## Come meet our HPL Mascots...



**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.



**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.



**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.

**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.



# Our Newer Members Keep On Improving...



**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 horrible conditions, confined in a small pen and neglected. She is very sweet and continues to make progress every day.



**Blaze**—On the verge of starvation, Blaze arrived at HPL on May 1, 2014 underweight by 400 pounds. Blaze is at a healthy weight continues his road to recovery and is now receiving additional treatment for a stiff neck. Read the article on page 5 by Leticia German, DVM, MS, Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist for more details on Blaze's current condition!



**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 soon. For more details about Ranger's current adoption status, contact the HPL office.

*"The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit and freedom."*

*Sharon Ralls Lemon*

## Loveable, beautiful and want a forever home...

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**



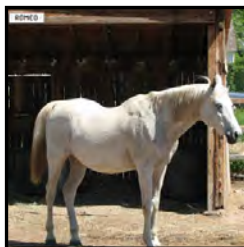
**Bobby** was surrendered by his owner. He was a previous competition jumper. Bobby is very sweet, loving and enjoys being at HPL. He is easy to work around and has good ground manners. Due to back injuries from jumping, Bobby is not rideable but loves to get out and run or do ground-work.  
21 years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



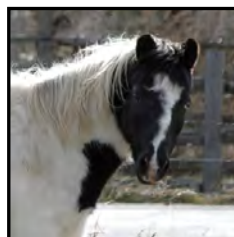
**Jackie** came from Jefferson County Animal Control very underweight and in overall poor health. She has trust issues and needs a calm but confident handler that provides reassurance and love. Companion only due to weak chest muscles which causes her to cross her front legs when riding which could be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



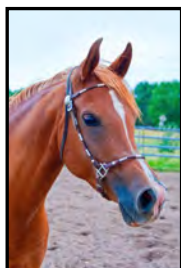
**Raja** has good ground manners, playful, requires consistent farrier work. Easy keeper. Beautiful and sweet.  
Born 1994, Registered Black Arab gelding  
**Adoption Fee - \$200**



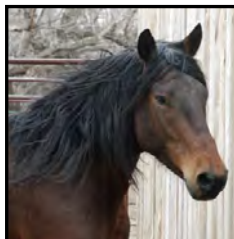
**Romeo** came to HPL in 2003 as an owner surrender who, unfortunately could no longer care for him. He is a handsome and proud Arabian. Romeo was shown in Level 2 Dressage. Even though he is no longer rideable, he loves groundwork and has good ground manners. An ideal home for Romeo would be one with 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**



**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**



**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**

## Community Outreach

Girl Scout Troop 408 and a group of youngsters from Fairmont Elementary in Golden, CO, came to the ranch to take a tour and to help groom some of our horses. They returned later on a very cold night bearing new grooming kits filled with needed items such as bandages, brushes, spray bottles and two beautiful halter/rope lead kits. The kids had a great time and made some horses very happy! Have a group interested in touring the ranch and learning about horse care? Times can be scheduled by contacting the HPL office by phone at (303) 216-0141, or e-mail at [info@thehorseprotectionleague.org](mailto:info@thehorseprotectionleague.org).



## 2015 National Western Stock Show & Rocky Mountain Horse Expo

The Horse Protection League once again participated in the National Western Stock Show by sponsoring an information and merchandise booth. The presence at the Stock Show provides an opportunity for HPL to share its mission, and to network with others in the equine community. The attendance at this year's event, 682,539, was the second-highest total since the show expanded to a 16-day run in 1996.

HPL also sponsored a booth for the first time at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo. Thanks to Dawn Borg and family and to those who represented HPL at this event!



## Ranch Projects

We mentioned in the last newsletter that we had received a generous donation to build some much needed new sheds. Thanks to the talented volunteer construction team, the sheds were completed in November before some really cold weather set in. Billy and the donkeys were particularly interested in seeing the completion of the sheds since they have become close friends and companions.



## Happy Meals for Horses

By Sabrina Juliano

Are you worried about taking off those extra pounds that silently crept upon you before the summer swimsuit season? Well, eating healthy, staying fit and looking good are also important to our horses, even if they find immense pleasure in rolling around in the mud!

That's why our feeder program at HPL is so important! Some of the horses we bring to the ranch are dreadfully malnourished, and require special diets and medication to help get them back on their feet and strong enough to fully recover.

Thanks to our volunteers who understand the importance of adhering to the daily dietary requirements of our horses. 13,140 meals are prepared and provide for our horses each year. That is 730 (not including

lunch rations) meals per horse, per year. That means the feeder team members should be called Executive Chefs! The feeders that face snow, ice, subzero temps and wind (that is just on the drive to the ranch) during our Colorado winters are a critical part of the Horse Care Team at HPL. Feeders take time out of their busy lives, often more than once a week to come to the ranch and not only to feed our horses, but to spend time with them and ensure they are happy and healthy.



Feeders are often the first people to see our horses in the morning and the last people to see them at night. Their keen sense of each horse and their mannerisms enable feeders to know when one is not feeling well or seems abnormal. Our feeders are everyday people that have been trained to notice when

something doesn't seem right. We train our feeders and make sure they are comfortable with the horses, going in and out of the paddocks, and making the grain. We are always looking to add to our team and if you are interested, please email [hplfeeder@yahoo.com](mailto:hplfeeder@yahoo.com).

### The Horse Protection League

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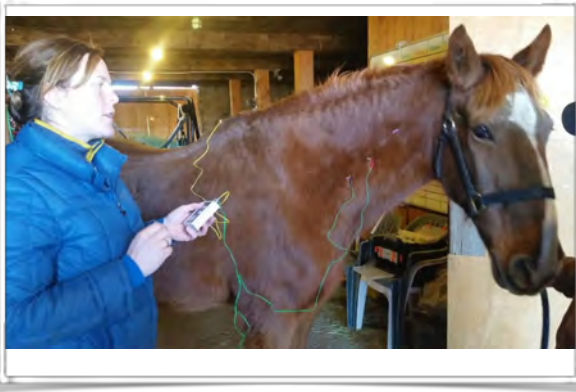
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# Acupuncture

*Treating the whole patient using multimodal integrated medicine.*

As many of you may be aware,

about a month ago our dear Blaze was not eating his meals with his normal vigor and enthusiasm. He initially seemed like he wanted to eat and was excited about meals, yet he would leave his food virtually untouched. This was quite unusual for our now plump Blaze and raised flags with Emie and the feeders. When further investigation and examinations were done it was found that Blaze had a very stiff neck and it was too painful for him to place his head down in order to eat off of the ground. Emie and crew immediately started to feed Blaze in elevated feeders and even raised his water tank. When I examined Blaze he was very stiff in his neck vertebrae in his mid to lower neck as well as very painful in the muscles. The bones were even a bit "locked up" in these locations. No wonder poor Blaze could not, would not place his head down to eat. A combined medical management plan was immediately initiated utilizing pain relievers, acupuncture and chiropractics. Radiographs were taken and arthritis was found in Blaze's neck.

Why, some may ask, all of these treatments for a stiff neck? The truth is the more we can treat a problem like this from multiple directions the faster the patient improves. Okay the pain reliever makes sense. But why both acupuncture and chiropractics? Well they work very differently and very complimentary to each other. Very briefly chiropractics takes a "locked up" bone or a bone with a subluxation (mildly shifted out of normal location) and manually forces it back into alignment. This can be great but what about the rest of the body structures that tightened around the incorrectly positioned bone? Well often they pull the bone back into that unaligned state, and more adjustments are needed. This is where acupuncture comes to the rescue. No I cannot put the bone back into alignment with an acupuncture needle,

but I can help keep it there longer by treating the soft tissues around the bone.

Here are a few features about the magic of an acupuncture needle in Blaze's particular case. First acupuncture needles help stimulate the nerve endings and release trigger points (knots) in tight muscles. This helps relax the tight and sore muscles that are pulling the bones out of alignment. If we can get those muscles relaxed then they will displace the bones less and help a chiropractic adjustment last longer.

*The truth is the more we can treat a problem like this from multiple directions the faster the patient improves.*

Blaze getting acupuncture needles inserted.



Leticia German, DVM, MS, Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist

Next acupuncture needles help reduce pain by disrupting wind up and triggering release of natural pain relieving agents within the body. This helps both the muscles and the arthritic changes. Third the needles also help decrease inflammation within the affected treatment area and help restore balance within the body. This is a pretty amazing list of accomplishments for a tiny little needle, but we are not quite done with our needs to treat ALL of Blaze. To help our treatments last longer, electro acupuncture is utilized to amplify the effects of the little acupuncture needle. Additionally, I have recommended a series of stretches to help Blaze keep and improve his neck flexibility and range of motion. These stretches and massage have been carried out by the wonderful caretakers and volunteers that work with Blaze on a routine bases.

So the end of our story is not done, but only beginning as Blaze will continue to benefit from all of these treatments. He will just need us less often as he is doing better on his own. Utilizing this broad, multimodal approach will keep Blaze the happy boy he deserves to be.

**BILLY**

Ellen Zachary, Suzanne Westgaard

**BLAZE**

Ann Wilson, Marie Courtright, Bozena Nowicka, Suzanne Westgaard

**BOBBY**

Pam Smith, Judy Davis

**CHANCE**

Sarah Lewis, Leslie Schomer

**DANAWA (DANNY)**

Christine Bone, Jean & Lauren McDaniel, Bob Williams

**DAISY**

Ann Wilson

**GRACIE**

Charlotte Harris, Suzanne Westgaard

**GYPSY**

Margeaux Sandt

**HOBBS**

Margaret Clark, Vickie Clark

**JACKIE**

Sandy Buxton, Sonya Trevizo, Robert Kinne

**MAGGIE**

Dawn Borg, Bill Taylor, Sue Bronk

**ROMEO**

Sandy Righter

**MATTIE**

Heidi Culbertson, Jean & Lauren McDaniel, Ellen Fitzgerald, Beth Ann Glezen, Sherry Christensen, Ann Fel Teau

**OSCAR**

Joyce Timperley

**PRINCESS**

Sonya Trevizo

**RAJA**

Sophia Friskey

**MAYA**

Eileen & David Pettijohn for Trude Bradford, Rosalie Silver

**RANGER**

Barbara Wahrman, Elaine Biery, Nancy Buckles, Sally Douglass, Christine Bone, Jean & Lauren McDaniel, Bob Williams, Sarah Phillips, Suzanne Westgaard, Sharon Crosby, Betty McDonald

**WILLY**

Larry & Judy Lami, Jim Healy, Laura Cruz, Suzanne Westgaard

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**To those we have loved and lost...**


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HPL has lost a special, beloved volunteer, Judy Coop. A memorial has been given in her name from Dean and Dinah Coop, Peggy Francis, Annie Oden, Terry Melander, Tammy Duvall, and Stephanie Noble. Blaze, whom Judy loved, received an anonymous sponsorship in her name.

- ♥ In memory of Craig Paddock from Susan Paddock.
- ♥ In memory of Double Scotch and Shiva, "best and loyal friends," from Susan Becker.
- ♥ In memory of Tom Falter from Ruth Hynes and Angie Welch.
- ♥ In memory of Mike Quintana from Esther Lidstrom.
- ♥ In memory of Stormy, HPL's wonderful Fiord Pony, from Linda Mangold.




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**Honoring our family and friends...**


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- ≈ Lyn Traver from Dana Rinderknecht.
- ≈ Ron & Andrea Vogt from Nancy Pierce.
- ≈ Daisy Horse from Brandon Fryslie.
- ≈ Robin Latta-Tweedy from Patricia Latta.
- ≈ Megan Benjamin from the Benjamin Family.
- ≈ Jody Baldwin from Florine Clark.
- ≈ Larry & Judy Lami from Daniel Singer.

*FROM OUR HORSES AND OUR HEARTS...*

*Thank You for your generous support!*

## Thanks for the Donations from our Community & Foundations

### Jefferson Unitarian Church

Once a month, the Jefferson Unitarian Church donates their offertory to a non profit organization that they feel enhances human lives. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the church gave their offertory, over \$1,900, to the equines at The Horse Protection League. The Committee that selected the HPL to receive this monetary gift believes the humans and equines in this environment are a prime example of reciprocal love and caring.

The principles of Jefferson Unitarian Church state that all life is to be respected, that all living things are connected and interdependent. Our horses and donkeys are an integral part of the learning, growing and healing for many that visit HPL. Many individuals find solace among the animals, and the animals depend wholly on the volunteers and the donors that support HPL.

Thank you, Jefferson Unitarian Church for your generous gift, and thank you for recognizing the deep connection that is shared among equines and humans at HPL.



A 'thank you' also to the HPL volunteers that participated: Annie Oden, Emie O'Neill, Dawn Borg, Betsy Brown, Jill Whidden and Trudy Younger...and a super, special 'thank you' should go to Sweet Princess.

### Three Generous Grants Received

- ⇒ **Lauretta Boyd Charitable Trust**, Arvada, Colorado: for hay and training
- ⇒ **Freda Hambrick Fund of El Pomar Foundation**, Colorado Springs: for general operating expenses

⇒ **Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance:** CUHA responded to us quickly and compassionately to help us cover medical expenses for Maya, Maggie, and Ranger -- three horses that came to us in August 2014 with great potential but serious needs. This CUHA grant for veterinary expenses has enabled HPL to further stretch our tight budget.

The mission of the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance is to reduce the number of unwanted horses in Colorado, and to promote public and private collaboration and education concerning their welfare, ownership and disposition. You will see a charitable check-off for donating to CUHA on the Colorado state income tax form.



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**\$20 per person Donation** includes:  
 casino play money chips and salsa  
 and cheese queso bar, and silent auction bid number  
 (cash bar and dining at the Table Mountain Inn restaurant will be available at regular prices)

*Craps, Blackjack, and Poker, oh yeah!*

All proceeds benefit The Horse Protection League! Thank you so much!

Music • Door Prizes • Gift basket sale.  
 Art and the Equine project paintings and cards by the HPL horses and donkeys will be available.

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# Financial Facts and Figures

By Dawn Borg, Treasurer

As promised in the last newsletter, we want you, our members, sponsors, donors and volunteers, to have a look into what it takes to operate The Horse Protection League on an annual basis. Below is a glimpse of some of the costs incurred during 2014.

Based on current and ever-changing costs, the 2014 annual average cost to care for one healthy horse started around \$2,350.

## What did it cost us?

The Horse Protection League spent \$199,040 in 2014 housing, caring for, and rehabilitating 29 horses, ponies and donkeys. Looking at this a number of ways, to operate the ranch for that year and care for the horses, it cost an average of \$6,596 per horse, or \$15,940 per month, or \$524 per day.

2014 Expense Item	Cost
Horse care: food and water, hoof care, basic supplies, manure removal	\$61,298
Medical care, dental care and medication	\$10,290
<b>2014 Care Cost:</b>	<b>\$71,588</b>
Housing expenses: Utilities & rent for Churches Ranch	\$20,670
2013 flood recovery	\$12,674
Ranch maintenance and new tractor	\$41,398
<b>2014 Housing Cost:</b>	<b>\$75,282</b>
Outreach, advertising & events	\$28,695
General operating expenses	\$23,475
<b>2014 Business Cost:</b>	<b>\$52,170</b>
<b>2014 Total:</b>	<b>\$199,040</b>

Every penny, every dollar counts...



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# TACK SALE!

**Over \$2,150 raised in our annual tack sale!**



Spring is here...visit our friends at Country Fair Garden Center at the corner of 64th & Easley to see the palette of new garden items.

For more information about advertising your business, contact the Newsletter Coordinator at HPLnewsletter@gmail.com or call the HPL Ranch Office at 303-216-0141.

*Add our new website to your Favorites: [www.thehorseprotectionleague.org](http://www.thehorseprotectionleague.org)*



# SPROUTS

## FARMERS MARKET

### Pondering Past Events

The Horse Protection League, in partnership with the Lakewood Elks Club, sponsored the Horse Lover's Ball fundraising event on February 7th. The evening was filled with great dining and dancing! Thank you to Joni Dyer, Vicki Christensen and to all of those whose planning and preparation made this an enjoyable evening for all! And, thank you to our table sponsors and donations that helped raise over \$2,400 for the HPL horses!



**ARVADA**



**WESTMINSTER**

#### Event Table Sponsors

- ◆ Annie Oden - on behalf of Lucy
- ◆ Annie Oden - on behalf of Spirit
- ◆ Jill - on behalf of Ranger
- ◆ Trudy Younger - on behalf of Danawa
- ◆ Kris Mitchell - The Salon of Westwoods (2 tables)
- ◆ Emie O'Neill - on behalf of Striker
- ◆ Andrea - on behalf of Amigo
- ◆ Stan & Joni Dyer- on behalf of Millie and Daisy (one table)
- ◆ John and Bev Reeves - on behalf of Ginger and John (2 Tables)
- ◆ Vicki Christensen - on behalf of Chance
- ◆ Pam Smith - on behalf of Bobby
- ◆ Murray Martinez - on behalf of Kidd and Cowboy
- ◆ A Rising Star Equestrian Center
- ◆ Jim and Barb Albright on behalf of Buddy



We muck, we haul, we feed,  
we groom, we laugh, we love...

We are HPL!

**NOT SURE IF YOU HAVE THE SKILLS TO HELP?**

While you may not know how to do certain activities at the ranch, there's always a committee that needs whatever skills you have a willingness to offer! And, there are others *who can teach you what is needed!*

Take a look at the committee descriptions and see where you, a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, or a relative might want to invest their talents and energy!

**If interested in serving, please contact:**

- ⇒ Fundraiser Committee: Trudy Younger at HPLFundraiser@gmail.com
- ⇒ Grant Writing Committee: Carol Molnia at HPLGrants@gmail.com
- ⇒ All Other Committees: Emie O'Neill—info@thehorseprotectionleague.org

Committee	Key Responsibilities	Volunteer Qualifications
<b>URGENT NEED</b> <b>Horse Care Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Updating records for horse care as activities happen (i.e. teeth floated, colic, etc.)</li> <li>* Assist in basic care, i.e. giving vaccinations, de-worming, bandaging</li> <li>* Be available to assist in horse handling during professional visits (vet, farrier)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Horse medical background, i.e. vet tech</li> <li>* Experienced horse handling skills</li> <li>* Be on call if barn manager is on vacation, sick or out of town</li> </ul>
<b>Fundraiser Committee</b>	<p>There are six sub-committees where help is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Facility / Decoration</li> <li>* Ticket Sales</li> <li>* Marketing / Publicity</li> <li>* Refreshment</li> <li>* Sponsors</li> <li>* Entertainment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Enjoys organizing activities and people</li> <li>* Enjoys being creative</li> <li>* Enjoys talking with people and isn't afraid to ask for donations</li> <li>* Experience organizing fund-raising events a plus</li> <li>* Food and beverage management is a plus</li> <li>* Experience handling money a plus</li> </ul>
<b>Adoption, Follow-Ups Committee</b>	<p><b>Adoption</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Assess adoption application, verify information, contact references, property inspection, with horse such as</li> <li>* Meet with potential adopter and horse to observe interaction—rideable or companion</li> <li>* Recommend approval/denial</li> <li>* Ensure contract is signed and fee</li> </ul> <p><b>Follow-Ups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Contact adopter of a horse adopted from HPL (5,10 years)</li> <li>* Arrange for visit to property to do inspection</li> <li>* Assess and update status of horse(s)</li> <li>* Write brief update to present to BOD</li> </ul>	<p><b>Adoption</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Know horse being adopted</li> <li>* Basic horse care knowledge and experience, depending</li> <li>* Training course to be provided by Emie</li> </ul>
<b>Community Outreach Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Looking for a committee lead coordinator</li> <li>* Work closely with ranch manager to coordinate dates for activities</li> <li>* Conducting "hands-on" activities at ranch for various groups as scheduled. Could include tours, "light" teaching on horse care, demonstration</li> <li>* Coordinate and deliver 1-day or series of sessions could be 2 hours, all day, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Need to have basic horse handling experience</li> <li>* Be available on weekends, weekdays, evenings</li> <li>* Enjoy working with youth</li> <li>* Enjoy working with people of diverse backgrounds</li> </ul>
<b>Grant Writing Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Searching grant databases (main Denver Public Library grant room) for prospective foundations appropriate for HPL</li> <li>* Writing short essays in response to specific grant questions</li> <li>* Captioning and layout of digital photographs for inclusion in grant text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Good oral and communication skills</li> <li>* Computer skills using software writing text and/or graphics</li> <li>* Comfortable speaking about HPL on the telephone</li> <li>* Interested in speaking with foundations that support our community and HPL</li> </ul>
<b>Membership &amp; Volunteer Coordination Committee</b>	<p><b>Volunteer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Calling people to help coordinate ranch activities, be greeters, help with projects, key events</li> <li>* Closely work with fundraising committee to find volunteers for events</li> </ul> <p><b>Membership (1-2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Organize office at ranch house</li> <li>* Manage paperwork</li> <li>* Coordinate with ranch manager (Emie) to get assignments for activities</li> <li>Data entry in membership database</li> <li>Generating reports, labels</li> <li>* Organizing mailings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Enjoys organizing</li> <li>* Some computer skills</li> <li>* Enjoys writing and good writing skills</li> <li>* Good phone etiquette</li> </ul>





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