



Volume 21, No. 4
Winter 2015-2016

Tales from the Ranch

Inside this issue:	
Our Horses	2 - 3
Social Media	4
In Our Community	5
Sponsorships & Donations	6
HPL Presidents' Thoughts	7
Horse Therapy Update	8
Upcoming Events	9
2015 Adoptions	10

2015: Reflecting, Rejoicing, Renewing

By Julie Kaufman

Reflecting



This year was another productive and prosperous year for The Horse Protection League!

Through special events, horse sponsorships, memorials, grants, donations, adoptions, and other fundraising activities, HPL raised over \$165,000 which covered a significant portion of the costs associated with operating the ranch for the year.

Although there still is work to be done, a number of improvements were completed at the ranch. Just to name a few: upgrades to deteriorating horse sheds, a new concrete pit to make disposing of horse waste safer and more efficient, and the addition of new gates and locks in some pens.

Rejoicing



One of HPL's primary objectives for 2015 was to place the adoptable horses in forever homes. HPL is elated to report that 6 of our horses were adopted and are now living in loving homes! Photos of the horses and their adoptive owners can be found on page 10 of this newsletter. In addition, one of HPL's horses was safe-homed as a companion horse over the summer. As horses were adopted out, HPL also gained some new residents. Take a look on the next two pages...there may be a horse just for you!

Renewing



A new era is beginning in 2016 as five new board members were elected to serve on the HPL board as terms expired for incumbents. The incoming board members share the same commitment of "empowering people and horses to help each other", and to making HPL one of the premier horse rescues in the region. Thank you to the outgoing board for setting the example!

2015 Board Members

- President—Annie Oden
 - Vice President—Sabrina Juliano
 - Secretary—Jill Whidden
 - Treasurer—Richard Rudy
- Directors**
Trudy Younger Carol Molnia

2016 Elected Board Members

- * President—Tammy Donaldson
 - * Vice President— Larry Lami
 - * Secretary—Cindy Melvin
 - * Treasurer—Richard Rudy
- Directors**
Dave DeCecco, Bev Millett, Carol Molnia
- The Board meets monthly at 6:00 p.m. at the Ranch House and meetings are open to the public. Feel free to come and see the happenings around the ranch!
Jan—Oct: 4th Thursday
Nov—December: 3rd Thursday

Identification Statement

The Horse Protection League
Tales from the Ranch
Published Quarterly
Churches Ranch
17999 W. 60th Avenue
Arvada, CO 80403

Our Adoptable, Rideable Horses...

Our Newest Member...



Bella, stands 16 hands and is an 11-year old mare, Paint draft/cross. She was previously used for trail riding and is shown above being ridden by Tucker Black at the HPL ranch. She is very calm and not easily spooked. Bella is in good health, has good feet and no lameness. She loves people and wants a new home where she can be ridden and loved.

Adoption Fee—\$2,000



Amigo is a 24-year old, Bay Quarter Horse. He has been boarded at HPL, but has become adoptable due to the passing of his owner. He is very friendly, and is in riding shape.

Adoption Fee - \$500



Oscar is a 5-year old Pinto Paint gelding. He has recently been started with saddle training. Oscar has now had 90 days of professional training during his stay at HPL. A great horse to grow with!

Adoption Fee - \$400



Ranger a Thoroughbred colt came to HPL in August 2014 as a yearling. 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 done groundwork, but has not been trained under saddle.

Adoption Fee - \$400

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

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

Adoption Fee - \$500



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!



Maya a black Arabian, is thought to be around 31 years old. Maya was brought to us 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.

Adoption Fee - \$400



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. 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 from 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



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



Blaze—On the verge of starvation, Blaze arrived at HPL on May 1, 2014 underweight by 400 pounds. Blaze continues his road to recovery and is now receiving additional treatment for a stiff neck. Blaze's current condition keeps on improving!

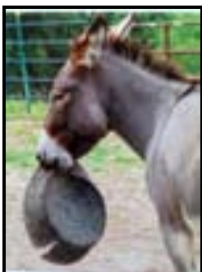
Adoption Fee - \$400



Gracie an Arabian mare born in 2004 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.

Adoption Fee - \$200

Our HPL Mascots...



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.



Sara Jane is a 7-year old mare that came to us from another Colorado rescue. She is sweet and will be a companion horse only. Come say hello and help her find a forever, loving home.

Adoption Fee - \$300



Princess a 16-year old miniature horse mare 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 child and adult educational programs at the ranch.



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!

Horse Health Matters

Agape Naturals continues to support The Horse Protection League with all-natural feed and supplements products for their rescue horses.

Agape

Blaze upon arrival at HPL.



Blaze benefited from our Mountain Sunrise Alfalfa pellets fed along with our EquiPride horse supplements. Here is what Emie, Manager of HPL had to say about the benefits of feeding these products:

"The alfalfa pellets have really helped our special needs horses that have no teeth or are hard to keep weight on. They are easy to feed and I love the way the pellets breakdown fast in their grain with a little moisture."

Using the EquiPride product has helped our horses get more out of their feed. It's a way to provide our horses with all the vitamins, minerals they need without over feeding in grain. The live enzymes, probiotics and prebiotics help them breakdown, digest and absorb their food better. All 27 horses are fed EquiPride with great results."



Blaze 4 months after being at HPL.


EQUILIX
EQUIPRIDE

SweetPro



Call Lisa Rasmussen to learn about how these products may help your horse.

303-905-3926 • Lisa@AgapeNaturals.com • www.AgapeNaturals.com

 Follow Agape Naturals on Facebook and Twitter

Like to Talk to People?

HPL is looking for greeters to volunteer on Saturday mornings at 9:30 to give tours of the ranch to new visitors and/or small groups. Tours include a brief history of HPL and its equine residents. Tours normally last no more than an hour, and training for new greeters is provided. Are you looking for a fun way to meet new people who may end up being our next volunteers? If interested, please contact HPL at 303.216.0141, or email: info@thehorseprotectionleague.org

A big thanks to our pro bono bookkeeping service!



17700 South Golden Road
Suite 205
Golden, Colorado 80401
303.273.8994

Being More "Social" on Social Media

If you haven't noticed already, HPL is taking a more social approach to communicating with its members, donors and horse lovers all over the world. "Like" us on Facebook and you will be sure to stay up-to-date on all of the activities, events and fun that is happening at the ranch. There you will also find stories, videos and pictures of the horses that have been, or currently are, a part of the HPL family. You can find links to other websites that serve the equine community and may be of interest to you as well. We welcome your "Comments" on our postings and appreciate any feedback on how we can make our page even better!



Social media is not only a great way to share information to a large community of individuals with common interests, but it also is a very cost-effective mechanism to fundraise.

HPL will be looking for new ways to use social media to help get the word out about events, community activities, and to raise the necessary funds that will continue to make it one of the premier equine rescues in the region.

If you are interested in helping HPL expand its social media presence, please volunteer to serve on the social media committee. Contact the ranch office no later than January 29th at 303.216.0141, or e-mail: info@thehorseprotectionleague.org.

Add HPL's website to your Favorites: www.thehorseprotectionleague.org



Blaze and Ranger immediately made new friends with **Girl Scout Troop # 1944**. The girls visited HPL and brought with them aluminum cans and a number of "wish list" items. The horses send XXXOOOO's to the troop for their generosity!

It's not too late to donate items needed for the winter. At right are items on HPL's wish list. Please call the ranch office at (303) 216-0141 to schedule a drop-off time to donate any of these items!

HPL's Winter Wish List

Heavy duty Duct tape	8 qt plastic buckets
Heavy duty water hoses (25' or 50')	Rubber feeder pans (3 & 6.5 gal sizes)
Tank heaters	Wheelbarrows
Mucking rakes	Vet tape
4x4 gauze sponges	Reg size halters
Office supplies	12-gauge heavy duty, outdoor extension cords

Other Thank You's

⇒ HPL was the recipient of a generous grant of \$4,900 for horse training from the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance. CUHA also provided a grant to cover special medications and the euthanasia of our dear, sweet Willy. Thank you, CUHA for your on-going support!



⇒ Over \$7,500 was raised on December 8th during the Colorado Gives Day campaign!



Thank You to all of our generous supporters!

YOU MAKE OUR HORSES FEEL SPECIAL

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors!

AMIGO:	Ron Vogt, Cheryl White	MATTIE:	Heidi Culbertson, Ellen Fitzgerald
BELLA:	Jean McDaniel, Kathleen Amonette, Bob Williams for Maddie and Hannah Watson	MAYA:	Sally Minelli, Vickie Clark, Suzanne Westgaard, Eva Vanrign
BILLY:	Kathy Meeker, Carol Hoelscher	MILLIE:	Ruth Gregg, Sally Minelli
BLAZE:	Larry and Judy Lami, Suzanne Westgaard, Marie Courtright, Bozena Nowicka, Eva Vanrign	PRINCESS:	Sonya Trevizo
BOBBY:	Pam Smith, Tina Clark	RAJA:	Wendy Lami
CHANCE:	Mary Seitz	RANGER:	Betty McDonald, Suzanne Westgaard, Sally Douglass, Kris Mitchell for Connor Auld
DAISY:	Sally Minelli	ROMEO:	Sandy Righter
GRACIE:	Martha Kriske, Betty Lynn Ferguson, Suzanne Westgaard	SARAJANE:	Don MacArthur, Rosalie Silver, Margaret Clark
JACKIE:	Sonja Trevizo	WILLY, who was loved and sponsored by:	Eva Vanrijn, Suzanne Westgaard, Jim Healy, and Laura Cruz, Vickie Clark

In Honor Of...

- * Double Scotch and Shiva, best loyal friends, from Susan Becker.
- * Barb Albright's birthday from Lisa Eller Davis.
- * Betty Fullilove from Eva Gillis.
- * Emie O'Neill for all she does for HPL and the horses, from Jon and Alice Gilbertson.
- * Eynne Fair from Kelly Costanzo.
- * Olivia Carnine, 8-year old horse-loving niece of Julie Simon.

In Memory Of...

- ≈ Willy from Trudy Younger and his friend, Amigo.
- ≈ Willy from Joan Bohbot as a gift to her sister, Suzanne Westgaard.
- ≈ Emma Jean Butler from Janice Holmes.
- ≈ Diane Fachin from Esther Lidstrom.
- ≈ Jonathon Stride from Julie Marble.
- ≈ Tom Falter from Ruth Falter.
- ≈ Bueno Adair from Tammy Donaldson.
- ≈ Andrea Vogt from Emie O'Neill.



THUNDER PUPPY UNIVERSITY

Absolutely the BEST education for a growing relationship between you and your dog!

- Behavior Modification**
- In-Home Private Sessions**
- Beginner & Advanced**
- Group Classes**
- Stay-n-Train**
- Exclusive TPU Pack Therapy**



K9 REHABILITATION REHOMING, INC.

TPK9RR is a canine rehabilitation and rehoming organization in beautiful Colorado, whose mission is to not only build a better loving relationship between human and dog when a problem arises so that they may stay together, but also to save the lives of those dogs that have been misplaced, misunderstood, given up on, and/or submitted for euthanasia. We are the only dog training institute in our state to offer Pack Therapy: a group of rescued dogs paying it forward to help troubled animals return to balance and have a second chance at life.

Ann McDonald • 303-898-4238 • ThunderPuppy.org



Words from Our Outgoing President, Annie Oden

What an incredible four years I've had serving as President of HPL! I couldn't be any prouder of what HPL has accomplished, and while I've made some mistakes, I've also learned a lot about myself, others and just what it takes to run a successful horse rescue...TEAMWORK! Please welcome your 2016 Board of Directors for each one brings with them new talents, ideas and enthusiasm. I am really excited to see what the future has in store for our horses! And, don't go thinkin' that I'm disappearing from the Ranch, for that just won't be the case. I love the community that we have at HPL, and hold dear the friendship that we share. And, our mutual love of horses will keep bringing us back for years to come! Thank you for your support!

Words from Our Incoming President, Tammy Donaldson

Happy New year to everyone at HPL! I am honored to serve as the incoming president of The Horse Protection League in 2016. Of course I could never come close to filling the enormous role Annie has played as president over the past four years and I will rely on her knowledge and experience, but I will do my utmost to further the goals of empowering people and horses to help each other, and of making HPL one of the premier horse rescues in the region. To that end, my vision is to increase our visibility through social media and networking and continue to cultivate our presence in the community. I envision an increase in the number of forever homes and seek out adoptable horses in need. The more successful adoptions we have the more our support will grow. I would also like to call upon our members' talents. There are many roles within our HPL family that require your help. We are indebted to the devoted volunteers that care for our horses at the ranch but we also need volunteers to advance HPL as an organization. If you have experience in fund raising, event planning/party planning, advertising, marketing, social media, business, office work, organization, retail or other areas, we could sure use your help! I am eager to see increased member involvement on our committees and in our events. I am open to your suggestions and appreciate communication of your ideas as how to best serve our horses and support our HPL family.



Tammy with rescue horse, Jovie

5280

Disaster Restoration Drywall & Repairs

720-633-7537

24 Hour Emergency Services

The Benefits of Equine Massage and Body Work

Shelley Ferraro, the owner of Equine Response Therapy (ERT) is a Certified Equine Massage Therapist through the Masterson Method Program and Carol Miyagishima is an HPL volunteer and student of the Masterson Method. Carol and Shelley began doing bodywork with HPL horses on November 3, 2015 and have visited HPL four times and have worked on a total of 5 different horses (Blaze, Maya, Ranger, Jackie and Billy) with Blaze receiving bodywork each visit.

ERT is unlike traditional massage therapy, it is non-invasive and uses energy through gentle humane touch to communicate with the horse's nervous system and only addresses the superficial muscles and connective tissue/fascia of the horse while in a relaxed state. The HPL horses demonstrate to the therapist where there is restriction in their bodies and they also show when restriction is released by a number of mannerisms such as, yawing, snorting, deep sighs, passing of gas, licking and chewing etc.

I (Shelley) have worked on Blaze 3 times now. Blaze has had such a hard and abusive life and has little trust in humans so when working with Blaze it is most important that we the practitioners honor what Blaze wants or is willing to accept in the bodywork being done to him at the time. While working on Blaze, essential oils were used to help him to relax emotionally and also to help with the tightness in his body. Carol and I used Dr. Bradley Nelson's "Emotional Code" technique with Blaze to see if he had any trapped emotions that he was willing to release that day and kept a record of those emotions he was willing to release.

Blaze appears to be very restricted in his poll, along his cervical vertebra in his neck and in his lumbar and sacrum area. Really this sweet fellow is obviously sore and restricted most everywhere in his poor old body. It breaks my heart just to watch him walk.

My intention was to work with Blaze's nervous system and to soften the fascia and muscles so that the skeleton can softly re-adjust itself back to where they should naturally be if that is possible for him at his age and with all the harsh treatment he has had to endure over his lifetime. As practitioners, sometimes all we can do is to make them more comfortable at this late stage of their life.

I did some cranial sacral work on Blaze which helps to relieve pressure in the sutures of his skull, sometimes horses do have headaches. Blaze is very afraid of having his

poll or head touched due to years of restriction and most probably heavy hands on his face and bit. When the muscles and fascia are tight it restricts the movement of the skeletal system. I've been working on elevating Blaze's head in order to relax and shorten the poll muscles and to help him to be able to extend his head and neck a bit more freely. This is a very effective technique for Blaze and he gladly lets his head rest on my shoulder which is shortening all his poll muscles and allowing them to relax which obviously felt very good to this sweet fellow. He closed his eyes and simply could have gone to sleep.

Light bodywork was done on Blaze and only in the areas that Blaze felt safe being touched. I had good results just softly working with the cervicals in his neck gently encouraging him to have a better range of motion. He will need continued work in this area since he has been restricted for so long. Since Blaze was so nervous about being touched on his poll area I decided to work on his hind end; to better explain, when you release the poll you also release the sacrum, when you work on releasing the sacrum you are also releasing the restriction in the poll at the same time (kind of like two for the price of one). Blaze responds beautifully to having his hind end worked on and gives many releases when doing these techniques. Blaze truly loves the hind end work and you don't even have to have a halter on him.

There are a number of things I would like to accomplish with Blaze but I will have to earn his trust before I can touch those areas. This work is like peeling away the skin of an onion and takes time to get to the issues. Right now I'm most probably just addressing secondary issues that have come about since the primary issues for this sweet fellow were never taken care of or addressed. Hopefully in time I might be able to do some work with his scapula (shoulder area) and legs that could bring some relief to his body, but for now this is one of the areas he's terribly nervous about so I'll just need to wait until Blaze gives me the go ahead.

I would like to thank HPL for allowing me to work on these wonderful creatures and consider it such a great privilege. Blaze has most certainly taken a pretty big spot in my heart. I will work on him as often as I can (weather permitting) and truly hope that I can bring some relief physically and emotional to precious Blaze.

Kind regards,

Shelley Ferraro, CEMT
Equine Response Therapy

What's Happening Next...

JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



2016 National Western Stock Show

Stop by and visit HPL's booth and take in the fun of the show! Event schedule is online at:

nationalwestern.com/schedule

APRIL 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2
5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	



SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

The Casino Night & Silent Auction event is fast approaching. The event will be held at the Table Mountain Inn on Friday, April 22nd. Please consider donating a **new item** to raise funds for the equines at HPL. Donations for the auction will be accepted until **Friday, April 15th**. Any item donated must have a base **value of \$30 or more**.

Some items offered in the past that raised the bidding were: original works of art, new coffee table books, jewelry, pottery, wearable art, gift certificates, etc. **ANY ART PIECES THAT ARE DONATED MUST BE MATTED AND/OR FRAMED.**

This year there will be opportunities to purchase a variety of **gift baskets**, and original prints and cards from the "Art and the Equines" Project! **Our horses and donkeys have painted some truly great pictures that they will be selling during the evening.**


If you donate an item, please put your name and phone number on the item and put it in the ranch house. Please give a brief description of the item (especially if it is an art piece) and indicate the **base value** of the item. If you would like to donate a gift basket, please contact Trudy Younger through email at twobluefeathers@q.com, or call 303-432-7686 for assistance. The baskets, wrap, ribbons, tags, etc., will be provided for your basket.

Let's make this a fun evening as well as a great opportunity to financially support our equines. THE HORSES AND DONKEYS THANK YOU!

Photographs provided by
Esther Lidstrom & Emie O'Neill

Life is good





The Silver Horse

Indulge your wild western side at this one of a kind chic & unique Stylin' boutique.

Historic Downtown Golden
1114 Washington Ave. Golden
303-279-6313



**Want to reach over 400 horse loving people?
Advertise your business here!**

<p>1 issue = \$100</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Full Page</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.375" wide x 10.50" high (trim size)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT: (for full bleed, please submit at 8.675" wide x 11" tall. No text within 0.625" of edges)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$75</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1/2 Page</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7.375" wide x 4.625" high</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">1/4 Page</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3.562" wide x 4.625" high</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">\$35</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1/8 Page</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3.562" wide x 2.187" high</p>

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.



[

HPL Logo
Merchandise

]

&



Tack for Sale

Come take a look at the ranch house for the latest selections!





**THE HORSE
PROTECTION
LEAGUE.ORG**

NONPROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
GOLDEN CO
PERMIT NO. 160

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Dedicated to the rescue, care, and welfare of equines and to empowering people and horses to help each other.

We're on the Web & Facebook
thehorseprotectionleague.org

Want to Join the Herd?

Please check the box(es) that indicates your support and mail to the address provided **OR** you can donate, join, or sponsor a horse through PayPal on our website at thehorseprotectionleague.org.

Please make check payable and mail to:

The Horse Protection League
P.O. Box 741089
Arvada, CO 80006-1089

Membership for one year from Date		Sponsorship options for one horse	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic	\$ 60
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$ 55	1 horse / 3 months	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime	\$ 500	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	\$ 120
		1 horse / 6 months	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Extensive	\$ 500
		1 horse / 1 year	
Please indicate membership type:		I would like to sponsor _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Date: _____	(horse's name)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount \$ _____	

I would like to receive future newsletters through:

Postal Mail E-Mail

My e-mail address is: _____

To pay by credit card, please provide the following: Type: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Name:	Name on Card:	Phone Number:
Address:	City, State:	Zip Code:
Card Number	CVV (3 digits on back of card):	Expiration Date: