



# Tales from the Ranch

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### Springtime...From Brown to Beauty

By Julie Kaufman



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Just as Springtime awakens the sleeping browns of winter that turn into beautiful blossoms of new birth, HPL celebrated a new birth of its own! Sundance, pictured above, is a lively little filly that was born at the ranch to Anna, a mustang rescued in late 2016 through the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros. Sundance entered the world on January 14, 2017, and immediately became the “talk of the ranch!” She continues to grow and mature every single day as the volunteers and staff work with her and provide her with their loving care. Thank you for the many wonderful donations received for Sundance’s welfare and training.

There are many activities happening at the ranch, and as the weather warms, HPL invites you to come out and visit. Volunteers are always welcome, and HPL is excited to introduce a new orientation that is required for new volunteers. More information is contained on page 5.

Don’t forget to join in the fun at the annual Casino Night and Silent Auction on Friday, April 28th, 6 PM, at the Table Mountain Inn in Golden, CO. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Remember: attendees must be 21 years of age. There will be a cash bar and many exciting games, drawings; and wonderful items included in the silent auction. This is HPL’s largest fundraiser of the year, and we would love to see you there. It gives us an opportunity to personally thank you for your support!

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The Board meets once a month at the Ranch House. Meetings are open to the public. Feel free to attend and hear about happenings around the ranch! Contact the HPL office for the next meeting date and time.

### Identification Statement

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## Congratulations on Our Recent Adoptions!

Oreo and Melloney



Walter  
& the Whisler Family

## Navajo Ponies in Training, Ready for Adoption



Geronimo

This 2015 gelding is extremely friendly and attentive. He is halter broke and progressing very quickly with more work. He loads, leads, ties, and absolutely loves people. This HPL favorite won't stay available long!

**Adoption Fee: \$250**



Nina

Available for adoption! This 2015 filly is halter broke and willing. She's athletic and intelligent with a lovely build. Come see Nina and how she is progressing!

**Adoption Fee: \$250**

## Rescued from the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros



Anna



Elsa

These two wild mares arrived at HPL in November of 2016. We are currently working on getting them gentled. Since her arrival, Anna has given birth to a beautiful filly, Sundance, pictured on the cover. Both mother and foal are doing well. Anna will not be available for adoption until Sundance is fully weaned. **Adoption Fees: TBD**

## Rideable Horses Available for Adoption Now



**Boo** is a Pony of America gelding that is approximately 20 years old and stands 14hh. He is extremely friendly and very gentle. He is suitable for light riding or for leading small children around. Stop by and meet this charming boy!

**Adoption Fee: \$300**



Photo courtesy of Esther Lidstrom

**Striker:** Born in 2008 on the 3 Strikes Ranch, Striker was rescued and rehabilitated. Although unbranded, he is an American Mustang by blood. He was started under saddle years ago and had been ridden then. He is now in training at HPL and under saddle again!



**Glory:** This is a beautiful pinto mare that just arrived. She is in her late teens. Glory will be available for adoption in the near future. **Adoption Fee: TBD**



**Dash** arrived at HPL on September 26, 2016, through the Colorado Horse Rescue Network. 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 as well as groomed. Dash loves spending time with his best friend, Boo. Say hello to this zippy little pony!

**Adoption Fee: \$250**

**All adoptions require a contract, approval, and fee.**

**To see a horse, contact HPL at  
(303) 216-0141.**

## Our Loveable, Beautiful Horses Who Want A Forever Home—Companion Only



**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. 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.

**Adoption Fee: TBD**



*Photo courtesy of Esther Lidstrom*

**General** 1996 Grade gelding. He arrived with arthritis and ringbone, but is receiving extensive work and shoeing to help ease his discomfort. He will be available as companion only, once his conditions are under control.

**Adoption Fee – \$250**



**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. She stands to be haltered, brushed, and has very nice ground manners. Born 1993, Arabian mare. Jackie is Gracie's mother.

**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**



**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.

**Adoption Fee – \$200**



**Gracie**, an 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**

## Our HPL Mascots

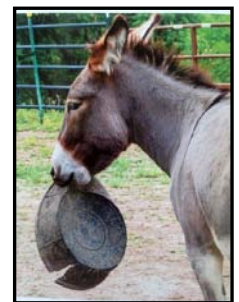


**Princess**, a 18-year-old miniature horse mare, is one of the smallest equines at HPL. She is only 9:2 hands in height, but she is very big in personality! She represents HPL at events and parades and sometimes wears a tiara, to the delight of the onlookers. She loves the attention and is used in educational programs at the ranch, for both children and adults.

**Millie** 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** 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.



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| ◆ NINA     | Judy and Larry Lami                            |
| ◆ PRINCESS | Judy and Larry Lami                            |
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| ◆ STRIKER  | Judy and Larry Lami,<br>Don MacArthur          |
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*A BIG Thank You  
from our Little  
Filly, Sundance*

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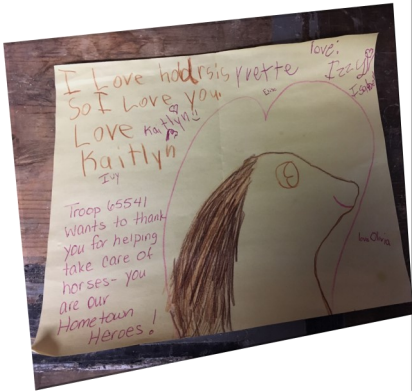
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*In honor and in memory...*

- \* Diane Holschbach made a donation in honor of her sisters, Barb and Linda Sullivan.
- \* Annie Oden made a donation in memory of two much loved horses, Gator and Miss Lucille (Lucy).
- \* Trudy Younger and Jill Whidden made donations in memory of Lucy, a former HPL rescue, owned and loved by Annie Oden; and a beloved dog named Pie, faithful companion to Kim Gilbert.
- \* Carol Molnia made a memorial donation in honor of Annie Oden’s HPL rescue mare, Spirit.
- \* Joyce Bagwell made a donation in honor of her late husband, James Bagwell.
- \* Richard Rudy and Annie Oden made a donation in loving memory of Spirit, Josh, and a dog named Scratch.
- \* A donation was received from John and Bev Rives in memory of a horse named Scholar.
- \* Spirit’s memory was honored with a donation from Trudy Younger and Doug and Jory Weber.
- \* Richard Rudy and Annie Oden made a donation in loving memory of Chance (an HPL rescue) and Serena.

*You are the strength of our organization and the reason that HPL has continued to thrive for almost 23 years now.*

*Thank You!*



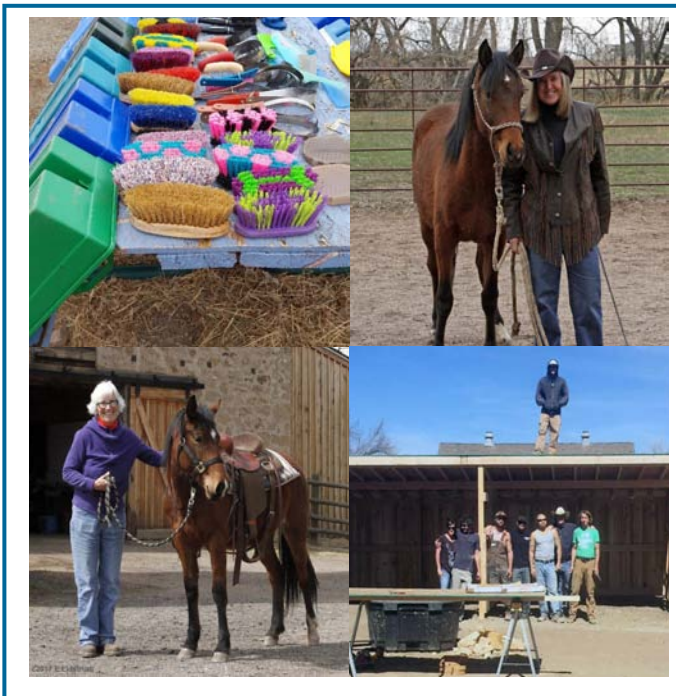
Girl Scout Troop #65541 brought our volunteers some refreshments...yummy! Thanks, young ladies!



### Attention Current and Future Volunteers!

Beginning on May 1, 2017, HPL will be requiring **all new volunteers to attend orientation** prior to working at HPL. Orientation will be held two times a month: the first Wednesday and the third Saturday. **May orientation dates are Wednesday, May 3, and Saturday, May 20, both at 10 AM.** At orientation, new volunteers will be shown how to muck as well as perform other duties on the ranch. If new volunteers come to the ranch on a regular volunteer day (Wednesday or Saturday), they cannot perform work unless they have attended a required orientation class at HPL. A tour will be offered to those who come but have not yet attended orientation. Tours will be offered at 10 AM and 12 noon each Wednesday and Saturday. To ensure the safety of visitors and volunteers while on the ranch property, they must sign HPL liability and safety forms. Please address any questions/concerns to the Volunteer Coordinator, Melloney Millward, at [melloneym@gmail.com](mailto:melloneym@gmail.com). Looking forward to your visit!

## Our Volunteers and Corporate Donors Rock!



From our Saturday volunteers cleaning the grooming kits, to Terri Melander working with Nina (bottom left); Esther Lidstrom working with Geronimo in the round pen (upper right); Fred and Vera working with Striker; Richard Rudy, Bud Vadas and his **Vadas Woodworking** crew who donated the labor to build two new sheds (bottom right) —volunteers and corporate donors are always making wonderful things happen at our ranch!

We also want to thank Chris who buried electrical wiring to the sheds and Fred who hauled away the old battered fences for recycling reimbursement.

Because of the hard work of Mike Reeder, the generous donation of 75 tons of sand from **Martin Marietta**, and **Kelley Trucking's** commitment to deliver the sand and use their equipment to spread it in the arena — now volunteers and staff have safe footing to exercise and train horses!

**JUST DAYS AWAY!**  
**CASINO NIGHT &  
 SILENT AUCTION**  
**FRIDAY,**  
**APRIL 28TH**



**Come join in the fun!**

**Where:** Table Mountain Inn  
 1310 Washington Ave.  
 Golden, CO

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$20 per person (donation).  
 Tickets available at the door.

**Must be 21 years of age to  
 attend this event!**

**Still accepting Silent Auction donations  
 through Friday, April 21st.**

If you have questions about donating an item, please email  
[FundraiserHPL@gmail.com](mailto:FundraiserHPL@gmail.com) for assistance.

COME AND SAY HELLO!

**Volunteer Hours:**

Wednesdays & Saturdays  
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## Thoughts from HPL's President

By Tammy Donaldson, PhD, CAAB

I would like to devote my message this spring to our members. Though I've been president for over a year, the affection, devotion and support from our beloved volunteers at the ranch - as well as donors near and far, and members who share our mission - have continually astounded me. Recently, I was required to prepare a presentation to the Board of Directors on The Horse Protection League's accomplishments in 2016-2017. Reflecting on what you have accomplished as an organization of volunteers has brought me abundant joy. I am proud to serve this dedicated membership and it is my wish that I, with the help of a talented board of directors, managers, and volunteers, can continue to make HPL a place where horses find respite, quality care, and a loving new home.

My sincerest "thank you" all for your time, resources, and good will; The Horse Protection League would not exist without your generosity. Here is a sampling of what you have been able to achieve in 2016-2017:

- ✦ New sheds —\$5,000 donation, professional & volunteer labor donated
- ✦ New electrical for the ranch —\$3,000 donation, professional & volunteer labor donated
- ✦ New footing for our arena —sand and delivery, and professional & volunteer labor donated
- ✦ New roof for the mobile home —professional labor and materials donated
- ✦ Support for Sundance the foal —over \$8,000 donated
- ✦ Help a Horse Day and Casino Night —over \$28,000 raised
- ✦ Baskets for Children fundraiser —over \$3,000 raised
- ✦ Colorado Gives —over \$7,000 donated
- ✦ Tack Sale 2016 —over \$9,000 raised
- ✦ Barn Dance —over \$6,000 raised
- ✦ Countless tack, equipment, and resources donated
- ✦ Faithful monthly horse sponsors, individual donors, corporate donors, and caring individual's sweat equity
- ✦ Innovative ideas on how to improve our operations and create stronger relationships with other helpful organizations

You may think that I am primarily focusing on financial gains, but this is not so. It is simply that it takes so much income for us to exist - about \$150,000 annually - to keep our ranch functioning and our horses fed and cared for. Rather I am moved by the genuine human devotion from our members that goes into every endeavor that HPL undertakes - be it a weekly Volunteer Day or a special event.

I hope that in reading this you will feel as fortunate as I do to be considered a member of such an amazing group.

Happy Spring!

Tammy



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## GRANTS UPDATE

### HPL to receive Thrivent Financial charitable funds!

We are excited to inform you that The Horse Protection League is now enrolled as a participating organization in Thrivent Choice. The Thrivent Choice Program is an easy way for Thrivent Financial members to recommend how Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable outreach funds, through a vehicle called **Choice Dollars®**.

By directing Choice Dollars®, Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel passionate about and feel should receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent.

**Some Thrivent members have already begun to direct Choice Dollars® to HPL!** Those funds will be used to meet various needs at our ranch.

If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars® available to direct, please consider directing them to The Horse Protection League.

To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836.



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