



# Tales from the Ranch

## The Horse Protection League

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### Hearts in Summer Heat

By Julie Kaufman

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "The purpose of life is not to be happy, it is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." This is a saying that epitomizes life at The Horse Protection League. We are so thankful to the many hours that are freely given by the volunteers so that HPL continues to make a difference in the lives of these horses!



Britney and Carol going through the obstacle course together!

It is an especially busy time during the summer months with protecting our horses from those pesky flies, and keeping fresh, cool water for our equines to drink. It is also a time to prepare for those long winter months ahead as volunteers work to fill the barn with the first cutting of hay.

With the new orientation and focus on education at the ranch, volunteers are learning how to work with our horses on basic good ground manners more than ever before. Both horses and volunteers are challenged and motivated as the horses are led through our obstacle course.

It is exciting to see the bonding that forms between humans and animals as they learn and grow together to achieve a common goal!

HPL could not exist without the core group of volunteers, feeders, and donors who give so generously from the heart. So we are dedicating these hot summer days to **YOU**

in recognition and appreciation of the joy, laughter, hard work, fun, and friendships that make life at the ranch so rewarding!  
**THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO!**



Some of our "hay-hauling" crew!



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### 2017 Board of Directors

- Interim Co-Managers—Cindy Melvin, Carol Molnia, Bill Polzin
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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.

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## *Promising, Training Needed*



**Anna** – Rescued from the ISPMB situation in South Dakota as a previously untouched horse, Anna was picked up November of 2016. She is approximately 10 years old (possibly foaled around 2007), sorrel in color, and stands approximately 14.2 hands high. She currently wears a halter and has had some handling, but training was put on hold when she surprised us with a beautiful filly in mid-January of 2017! We will consider interested adopters who are either professional trainers with extensive experience with wild horses, or adopters who plan to place her immediately in training with an equally qualified trainer. Her handling here will continue as well. Trainer Special!! **Adoption fee \$125**

**Elsa** - Rescued from the ISPMB situation in South Dakota as a previously untouched horse, Elsa was picked up November of 2016. She is approximately 8 years old (possibly foaled around 2009), sorrel in color, and stands approximately 15 hands high. She is a stout, stocky mare who is becoming increasingly friendlier. She has worn a halter and had some handling. We will consider interested adopters who are either professional trainers with extensive experience with wild horses, or adopters who plan to place her immediately in training with an equally qualified trainer. Her handling here will continue as well. Trainer Special!!



**Adoption fee \$125**



**Geronimo** – In March of 2016, Colorado Horse Rescue Network offered Geronimo to us as a yearling (believed to have been foaled in June of 2015). He and 2 other foals came to us untouched from a reservation in the Four Corners area. He is a handsome bay gelding who is now halter-broke, easy to handle and trim, and has been saddled numerous times. He stands approximately 12 hands high but continues to grow. This friendly young gentleman would love a forever home with opportunities to continue to learn and grow as he is very intelligent and enjoys training tremendously.

**Adoption fee \$250**



## Rideable Horses Available for Adoption Now

**Glory** – This gorgeous tri-colored (bay pinto) mare came back to us in a return that was no fault of her own in May of 2017. Born in 2000, and standing 13.2 hands high, Glory is broke to ride for intermediate riders, and safe for beginners to handle. She is suitable for leisurely riding with light, experienced, riders around home and on the trails. She is ready for her loving forever home!

**Adoption fee \$500**



**Sport** – Brought to us July of 2017, Sport is a HANDSOME Oldenburg warmblood. Foaled in 2000, Sport has been used previously as a jumping horse. Slight arthritis means he is currently suitable for light riding, but can potentially do more. This 17-hand high gentleman is a wonderful, charming, in-your-pocket, lover of a horse - ready for his forever home!

**Adoption fee \$2000**

**Boo** – Colorado Horse Rescue Network placed this wonderful POA gelding with us September of 2016. Standing 14.1 hands high, and almost completely white in color, this charming 20-something-gelding (possibly foaled around 1995) is guaranteed to steal anyone's heart. He was said to have been shown by children and has proven himself to be a friendly and gentle horse. He is suitable for small/light riders and is beginner friendly. He is perfect for adopters interested in a horse that can do leisurely riding around home and on the trails.

**Adoption fee \$300.00**



**Britney** – Was returned to us June of 2017 after her adopters had unforeseen family obligations arise – not through any fault of her own. She is a beautiful black and white pinto mare, foaled in 2006, measuring 13.2 hands high, who is broke to ride and at one point had a career in a petting zoo! Although she is very friendly, she will need an adopter with at least intermediate experience as she can be pushy at times. She is sound, sane, friendly, and beautiful; ready for her forever home!

**Adoption fee \$1,000**

## ***Congratulations on Our Recent Adoption!***



Terri Melander, our new Assistant Barn Manager, poses here with her beautiful Navajo pony, Nina. Terri adopted Nina in June. Terri also is the adoptive parent of Amigo, another HPL rescue horse.

## ***Our Youngest is Ready!***

**Sundance** – Foaled here January of 2017, Sundance has flourished into a beautiful and cherished mare here on the ranch. Halter-broke, and learning about grooming, Sundance can be lead and brushed and is getting better by the day with picking up her hooves. Friendly as they come, this sorrel little mare shows a lot of potential!

**Adoption fee \$500**



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

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## ***Companions Now, But Can Be So Much More***

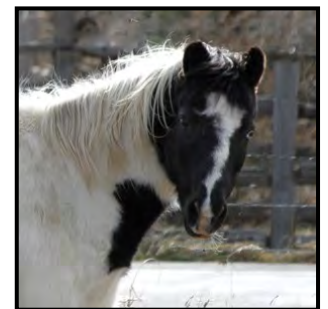


**Dash** – This handsome pony is approximately 13 years old (possibly foaled around 2004), stands 10.3 hands, and has a unique chocolate coloring with a flaxen mane and tail. He was brought to us September of 2016 by Colorado Horse Rescue Network. He is halter broke and continues to get friendlier while here! Dash is very sociable with other animals and would make a great companion as-is. He is also intelligent and sound and could be trained to do more with his forever home!

**Adoption fee \$250**

**Hobbs** – Brought to us on return through no fault of his own May of 2017, Hobbs is a very dashing black and white pinto pony who stands 11 hands high. Foaled in 2004, Hobbs is halter broke and does best with an experienced handler. Hobbs does have COPD, meaning any potential adopter needs to ensure he does not have a dusty environment or feed. He would make a wonderful companion horse as-is, or has incredible potential with more training. His adopter must be experienced with horses that can nip.

**Adoption fee \$250**



**Two-Step** – Brought to us June of 2017, this adorable mini-horse is sure to steal your heart at first glance! Chocolate in color with a flaxen mane and tail, and foaled in 1999, he is friendly and gentle. Two-Step is halter broke, is easy to trailer, and quiet to groom and trim. Standing only 9.3 hands high, he would make a wonderful companion, could be broke to drive, and cute to enjoy just as a pet.

**Adoption fee \$200**



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



**Jackie** – This beautiful bay Arabian mare stands 14.3 hands high and was foaled in 1992. Brought to us in February of 2010, Jackie is extremely friendly, affectionate, halter-broke, and sane. She loads, ties, and grooms with no issues. She is available as companion only and is safe for beginners to handle.

**Adoption fee \$200**

**Gracie** – Brought to us in February of 2010, Gracie is a gorgeous chestnut Arabian mare, foaled in 2004, and stands 14.3 hands high. She is halter-broke and beginner friendly, however, she has suspensory ligament issues that mean she is available strictly as a companion and must have regular medication to keep her comfortable, and must be sedated when trimmed. She is friendly and respectful when being handled and is very loving!

**Adoption fee \$200**



**Romeo** – This registered grey Arabian gelding is 15 hands high, and was returned to us through no fault of his own April of 2007. Although he is broke to ride, an old neck injury leaves him suitable for companion only. Romeo is friendly, intelligent, and personable but he will need a home that does not permit pushy behavior.

**Adoption fee \$200**

## Our HPL Mascots

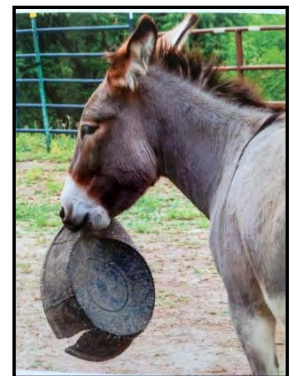


**Princess (left)** - Official HPL mascot! Brought to us in December of 2002, Princess is an adorable chestnut miniature mare. Foaled in 1998 and measuring 9.2 hands high, she is loved by many and has spent her years here traveling and helping promote our mission.

**Millie (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 (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!



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



**Raja** – Brought to us September of 2012, this handsome, solid black Arabian gelding has been ridden, driven, and even knows a handful of tricks! Foaled in 1993 and standing 14.3 hands high, he is friendly and personable with everyone. Raja can be pushy at times, so he does best with an experienced handler. He is available as a companion only due to his sway-back, but does well haltering, tying, grooming, and trailering. **Adoption fee \$200**

**General** – Received from Camp Cheley in Estes Park, CO. in September of 2016. This charming gelding is sorrel in color, stands 15.1 hands high, and was born in 1995. General was ridden by beginner children during his career with Camp Cheley, however Ringbone and Navicular mean that he is available as Companion Only for adopters. He is extremely friendly, gentle, and handsome – ready for his loving forever home! **Adoption fee \$200**



**Lyla** – Colorado Horse Rescue Network brought us this beautiful chestnut mare September of 2016. Lyla, foaled in 2000, stands 16 hands high, and is a papered Appendix Quarter Horse. Although she is broke to ride, an old knee injury means she is suitable only as a companion. Sane, healthy, and friendly, Lyla would do best for an adopter that is familiar with sensitive horses. **Adoption fee \$200**

### SaraJane Returns from Safehoming

By Jory Weber

I wrote a paragraph for an earlier newsletter on “safe homing,” a wonderful fostering program offered by HPL. Now the time has come to point out the downside of safe homing. This happens when the horse you have cared for and loved returns to HPL. We were very fortunate to have SaraJane in our lives for the 9 months she was a companion to our aged mare. SaraJane is smart, funny, a bit pushy at times, but truly a great horse—not to mention *beautiful*. Anyone wanting to adopt a companion horse, a horse to groom, play with on the ground and totally fall in love with could not do better than with SaraJane. We are grateful to HPL for allowing us to have SaraJane for a short time—and are grateful that the ranch is close enough to visit and spoil her with her favorite peppermints on a regular basis! Although she is broke to ride, she has “slipper foot” which makes her companion.



**Adoption Fee: \$300**



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- ◆ SUNDANCE Lori Bryan

### *In honor and in memory...*

- ♥ HPL received a donation from Sally Minelli in memory of her beloved Corgi, Tugger Dog.
- ♥ Carol Molnia made a memorial donation in honor of Duke, Annie Oden and Richard Rudy's beloved dog.
- ♥ A donation was received from Gunner & Shay Tanner in memory of Katie Staley, a little girl who loved horses.
- ♥ Memorial donations were made in honor of Lacey, Jory Weber's beautiful mare:
  - ♥ Carol Molnia
  - ♥ Annie Oden & Richard Rudy
  - ♥ Trudy Younger
  - ♥ Jill Whidden
  - ♥ Doug & Jory Weber
- ♥ A donation was received from Cannonball Creek Society of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, in honor of Theresa Bakken.
- ♥ A donation was received from Sally Kveskin in honor of Mattie Vadas, a much loved goddaughter and HPL's Assistant Barn Manager.

### *Grants*



HPL was awarded a grant from ASPCA for travel funds to help two people attend the *Homes for Horses Coalition Conference* in Los Angeles in September 2017. This is a national meeting of horse rescues and is sponsored by ASPCA and many other prominent animal organizations.

### *Thanks a "Ton"*

#### **Over a ton of help from S&P Global Platts!**

For the fourth year in a row, this very hard-working corporate group spent another hot June day at the Ranch removing old wooden fencing and replacing it with metal panels, mowing the

entire property and pulling weeds. They also cleaned every horse pen and groomed. And, on top of all of that, they gave a generous financial donation to HPL. On behalf of all the horses and volunteers,  
**THANK YOU** once again!

#### **Thank You**

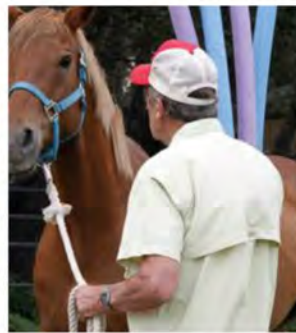
Susan M. Duncan  
YMCA  
Group of 15  
volunteers who  
mucked stalls and

groomed the horses on a sultry summer day!



**S&P Global Platts weighed in at 2,310 pounds!**





**LOVE LIFE**

Thank You to our  
Volunteers!



Chari and Caroline are showing Princess another \$100 they earned (with brother Cooper, not in picture) by setting up a lemonade stand for HPL! The horses and HPL thank them for their generosity!

***Interested in Volunteering?***

Contact HPL's Volunteer Coordinator,  
Melloney Millward, at  
melloneym@gmail.com to  
find out all of the  
opportunities to volunteer  
at HPL!



Our volunteers are part of HPL's feeder program!



Oscar (HPL rescue horse) and Rylie are Country Fair Reserve Grand Champions! Congratulations!

### Devereux Teens Bond with HPL Horses

By Joni Dyer

HPL was pleased to offer the Devereux Program for three weeks each in June and July this year. Devereux is a residential treatment center for at-risk teens, and their staff has been bringing their clients out to HPL for many years. Devereux staff and four teens came out on Tuesday evenings when it had cooled off a bit so everyone could enjoy the experience at the ranch. Annie Oden and Carolyn Gable volunteered as HPL “buddies” for the June group; Barb Malone volunteered for the July group; and Carol Molnia, Carol “C.C.” Holmes and Joni Dyer volunteered for both the June and July groups. The HPL “buddies” were paired with a Devereux teen and a horse. This year Jackie, Boo, Two-Step, Princess, Britney and Romeo were offered to the teens; all were chosen for one or both groups. Activities included teaching how to approach, halter, lead, measure height and weight, and groom their horses. Teens also had the choice to take their horses over the obstacle course. The final session for each group was spent decorating their horses with braids, ribbons and feathers. We even had a parade of decorated horses! These dedicated HPL volunteers did a fantastic job and gave Devereux teens the experience of a lifetime!

## COME AND SAY “HI!”

### 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.



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# OLD FRIENDS, NEW PATHS



It is with great sadness, gratitude and well wishes that we say *thank you* and *happy trails* to Tammy Donaldson (pictured left) and Mattie Vadas (pictured right).

Tammy has served as HPL's President of the Board of Directors since December 2015. During this time, Tammy has brought freshness and expertise to managing the ranch and care of the horses. She has opened up new relationships with other rescues and led countless new initiatives for HPL. HPL is truly grateful for Tammy's service.

As a longtime volunteer, Mattie Vadas was hired into the role of Assistant Barn Manager in July 2016. During her time as Assistant Barn Manager she quickly became a great asset for the care of our equines. HPL wishes Mattie the best of luck as she pursues her dream job and career at Golden Animal Hospital.



## ACT NOW

**to dedicate a specific month or date in the 2018 HPL Calendar for a family, friend or business!**

There's no better way to recognize a friend or loved one while making a donation to HPL than to designate a birthday, anniversary, or special day to that someone. Or — advertise your business by sponsoring a specific month or event during the year. The Dedication Form is included on Page 7 of this newsletter. Please return the form and payment in the included return envelope **by September 15, 2017. Payment must accompany form.**

Questions? Email [horseprotectionleague@gmail.com](mailto:horseprotectionleague@gmail.com) or call (303) 216-0141.

**Each calendar date dedication: \$15 each date**

**Full month calendar dedication or sponsorship: \$100 each month**

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