

The Horse Protection League

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Tales from the Ranch

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A BABY ON THE WAY!

Surprise for HPL: "**We are expecting!**"

This is what our veterinarian, Dr. German, told me after we noticed Tana was getting very big around the tummy, in early January. Tana is a horse we brought back from Red Lodge, Montana in the Fall of 2012. This is so exciting for HPL, because it's been a long time since HPL had a foal born on the property.

The first thing we needed to do was to get a pen ready for Tana. Our thanks to following volunteers: Vince, Doug, Richard, Shawn, Eric, Murray, Jonathon and many more. Tana's pen is ready now for the big day. Dr. German is having a training session for the volunteers so we are ready for her delivery.

Submitted by: Emie O'Neill



ADOPTED

A happy day for HPL is when we adopt one of our horses. Misty has been adopted! She has a new owner, Peggy. Misty was adopted on January 5, 2013 and is being boarded at HPL in our special area on the property for adopted horses. Peggy is a wonderful volunteer of HPL and she is a wonderful owner of Misty. Congratulation Misty and Peggy!

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 10

**Casino Night
@ The Buffalo
Rose**

MAY 25

**Rockabilly @ The
Buffalo Rose**

JUNE 1

**Cloud's
Birthday
Celebration**

JUNE 22

**The Barn
Dance**

Board Meetings

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm in the Ranch house at HPL, 17999 W. 60th Avenue, Arvada, CO. All meetings are open to the public.

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Printing of Newsletters

As most of you know, we offer our HPL Newsletter on our website in an effort to save trees and money that could go to buying hay!

Our thanks to **HARRIS LAW FIRM** for their continued support to help us offset printing costs.



Wish List

Bleach
Office supplies such as envelopes, stamps, notepaper
3-ring notebooks about 1 inch wide, hard cover
Regular size halters
Lead ropes
Rubber feeder pans (3 & 6.5 gallon sizes)
Vet wrap
4 x 4 gauze sponges
Triple Antibiotic Wound Care Ointment
Duct tape
Mucking rakes
Water tanks (90 gallons)
Tank heaters
Heavy duty extension cords (50 feet)
Heavy duty water hoses (25 or 50 feet)
Fence panels and gates (10 & 12 feet)
8 quart plastic buckets
Complete feed, senior feed, rice bran
Gift cards -We shop at Murdochs, West Brothers, Home Depot and Ace Hardware for horse care and repair items.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVINGFIRST.ORG DONATION

On behalf of the horses, thanks to everyone who donated to HPL through the website, GivingFirst.org. Together, with the help of the public, on one day, December 4th, 2012, we raised \$4840 for our horses!! The money went directly into our Hay For a Day fund, unless specifically noted to be used elsewhere.

Your giving hasn't stopped there, as we continue to receive donations through this website. Thank you for your continued support. Submitted by: Annie Oden

Featuring: FLAX



Flax, HPL's newest arrival, was delivered to the ranch at the end of January from Montana. She brings with her the legacy of Cloud, the well-known stallion whose herd and life in the Pryor Mountains have been documented by Ginger Kathrens. Ginger, Emmy award winning producer, cinematographer and writer has been following Cloud since his birth in May of 1995. Ginger founded The Cloud Foundation, "dedicated to the preservation of wild horses on our public lands." She has filmed and produced 3 documentaries and also published books on the adventures and misadventures of Cloud, his descendants and his herd, including 3 separate round-ups by the Bureau of Land Management.

During the last round-up in 2009, more than 50 horses were removed from Cloud's herd, including a 3 ½ year old filly who now carries the name Flax. She was adopted and one would have thought she was one of the lucky mustangs to have found a home, but it did not turn out to be the case. She spent 3 ½ years alone in a 50 foot round pen, wearing a halter, and never being handled—this includes never having her pen cleaned and never having her feet trimmed. Indeed, the only thing her owners did was feed her and too much considering she was confined. She ended up being listed for sale on Craigslist.

Fortunately for Flax, The Cloud Foundation tracks the mustangs removed and adopted from Cloud's herd. They saw the advertisement, bought her, began basic training and started the slow process of trimming terribly overgrown hoofs. Ginger contacted HPL and Flax is now enjoying life at the ranch, including running and playing with a couple other mustang rescues, Striker and Chance.

She is sweet and very willing and a fast learner, which is good as she will be heading to Tucker Black's training facility for 30 days of intensive training, made possible by a donation from The Cloud Foundation. Be careful Tucker, you just might fall in love with our Flax—Rob Ferguson, our farrier, already has! [note: Her name is now Bristol. The new name was selected by The Board and she is named after Sabrina's brother that passed away a few years ago. [Bristol, NH, was his favorite vacation place.]

And just an FYI for all HPL members: Cloud's birthday party is going to be held at HPL—and it is going to be an event! Ginger Kathrens will be here speaking about Cloud and the plight and future of America's wild horses, and of course there will be food and birthday cake! **Mark your calendars—JUNE 1st!** You don't want to miss this!

Jory Weber



Horse Sponsorships

You can sponsor any horse at HPL. Go to our website and pick your favorite horse. It only costs \$20 per month and the commitment is just for three months in a row. It also makes a great gift!

Pamela Smith	BOBBY
Ellen Zachary	BILLY
Andrea Vogt	SPIRIT
John Paul and Gail Piasecki	SPIRIT
Heidi Culbertson	GRACIE
Pamela Vlatas	MATTIE & WILLIE
Ellen Fitzgerald	HPL
Jim Healy & Laura Cruz	WILLIE
Christopher & Christine Corzine (for Stella)	STORMY
Laurel Mitchell	GRACIE
Clarice Riechley	HOPE
Robert & Karen O'Connor	BOBBY
Bob Williams (for Maddie & Hannah Watson)	MATTIE & GRACIE
Catherine Smith	SPARROW
Sonya Trevizo	JACKIE
Peggy Principe	MATTIE
Sandy Righter	SPARROW
Carol Jennett (for Jessica Rekos and victims of Sandy Hook)	SPIRIT
Trudy Younger	MONTANA
Amanda McKnight	RAJA
Linda Pierrel	ISIS
Nicole Matthews	OSCAR
Regina Stephenson	MATTIE
Nancy Franz	SPARROW
Nicole Kunde	STORMY

FEEDER TEAM!

We need your help! Join the HPL FEEDER TEAM! We are looking for feeders that can feed once a week, once a month or just fill in from time to time due to illness, vacations, etc.

We will teach you everything you will need to know about feeding.

To inquire, you can contact Sabrina:
hplfeeder@yahoo.com or @
813-391-9464

VOLUNTEER COORINATOR!

People always say, "I love horses! How can I help?"

Well, we are looking for a VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR.

So if you like emailing and talking to people to coordinate events, we need you!

Call Emie at 303-216-0141

The Last Year with the Veterans

The Veteran's Program at HPL started a year ago in March, with the support of the Horse Protection League and the City of Arvada. We began with a team of long term HPL Veteran volunteers - Mack McWilliams and Tony Craven; and Esther Lidstrom, a former police officer, and Emie O'Neill, Joelle, Gary Franz and myself. In the months preparing for the program we learned about working with Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other possible reactions from being in the military, and about the potential for healing as we work with the horses. The volunteers in this program are as dedicated as all of the other volunteers at the Horse Protection League and never miss a group meeting with the Veterans.

Our first program Veteran, was an Army Veteran who had a physical injury and PTSD. She was eager to be around horses again, and was hopeful that she would receive some extra help with her PTSD. For about 6 weeks, the dedicated staff and our first Veteran learned about our rescue horses, safety with our horses, and how the relationship with a horse can be so healing. Our Veteran fell in love with the horse she had chosen, Romeo, and over weeks of meeting, began to notice that she was feeling more confident and settled in her life. She has continued the program each week throughout this year.

After a time, other Veterans have continued to join our group which meets every Wednesday afternoon. We have a dedicated group of Veterans and staff who meet for work with the rescued horses for an hour and then an hour for group therapy. The woman and men in this group had dedicated themselves to our country, and returned with various burdens they have carried.



Through working with the horses at HPL and in their therapy groups, they have formed bonds with each other, have developed trust, and found a home at the HPL where they feel safe and know that they will be listened to.

There is no charge for any Veteran or family member for individual, group therapy, or equine activities.

As we grow, we have added staff including an Army Veteran, Amanda Perez, who is a student from Naropa University in Boulder. She is working on her Master's in psychology, joined our group and as another Veteran is a real asset to our program and Tom Powell a Master's level equine therapist. Another graduate student from Greeley will be joining our staff later in March.

We have given talks at the Denver VA and the Denver Vet Center who refer us men and women. The Veterans can be part of the therapeutic program and/or become volunteers at the HPL to help with the many tasks at the Church's Ranch.

Please contact me for further information or to make a donation to HPL.

Dr. Ann Sartori
Licensed Psychologist

The "Other" All-Volunteer Army

Don't get me wrong. I absolutely appreciate everything the "All Volunteer" armed forces do to keep this nation safe and secure. They volunteer their commitment, and often risk their lives as a result, but, in the end, they are compensated for their efforts with a certain amount of money, benefit, and recognition. There does, however, exist in this county another "All Volunteer" army that I am just as proud of for having the same dedication and commitment, but expecting no more in return than the simple, good feeling that comes from doing good in their community, and having the heart to lend a helping hand where needed. This other army is the Army of Volunteers, and, in particular, the one special unit of that army that mans the post at the Horse Protection League.

Anyone who spends any amount of time in research will discover that the Horse Protection League is managed, run, and kept going entirely by the efforts of volunteers. Even knowing that information, it is still difficult to look around at what they do, and image that this could be true, but it is.

For an HPL horse, the initial rescue is more than just the beginning, and certainly not the end. Before a rescue can occur, there has to be someone making the inquiries, looking for the animals or manning the phones in case a call comes in. That someone is a volunteer.

Then, other volunteers will help assess the situation, and determine what can be done in the best interests of the animal. If it is decided that the horse will come to the facility, other volunteers will be secured to transport the animal safely to its new, temporary home.

Upon arrival at the HPL, the horse must then be accommodated, fed, watered, cleaned up after, cared for, groomed, comforted, and adequately trained on its way to adoption. It's a big job, especially since most of this must be done on a daily basis, and all

of this requires time, money, equipment, donations, and, most of all, the devoted attention of an entire army volunteer staff.

And, like an army, all the players know and play their roles to perfection.

There is a volunteer night sentry who watches over the animals by night, provides for their short-term needs, and deals with any eventuality that may arise. Then, when the Sun comes up, one of 14 voluntary feeding teams arrives to make sure each animal is fed according to specific, veterinary instruction. The animals are fed both morning and evening. There are other volunteers in the army who make certain the animals have fresh water, that their water tanks are clean, and that there are no obstructions to the water like any layer of ice that may build up on the surface of the tanks. At any time, all of these volunteers are on the lookout for problems with the horses, unknown injuries, or other concerns that need to be shared and corrected.

Pens also have to be kept clean, and yet another division of the army is assigned that task. They come in at specified times to clean out any waste that may accumulate. Some of these people also pick and clean the hooves of the horses before taking them out to the big pasture where they can run free, and get the exercise they need. Then, when the animals come back in, they are brushed, groomed, and returned to freshly cleaned pens.

The duties of the volunteers do not stop with the normal day to day. There are some things that only money can provide, and for that, the volunteers involve themselves in fundraisers that include collecting and recycling aluminum for cash, garage sales, tack sales, benefits, and securing donations.

The "Other" All-Volunteer Army - Continued

Some volunteers don't have as much time as others, so they offer what they can during these endeavors, or with donations from their checking accounts. It's all needed, all appreciated, and all put to good use. For the horses, the HPL is not entirely a "Summer Camp," or a "Vacation in the Bahamas," either. They also undergo the training and assimilation needed for success after adoption. While they are undergoing this training, they may from time to time be called upon to give back just a little by lending themselves as subjects to show young horsemen and horsewomen the fine art of grooming and caring for an equine friend – young people who might not otherwise have the opportunity. Some horses may be called upon to assist veterinary students in their education, too. The Horses even offer their talents as "therapy horses," helping different groups of people, including veterans, to connect or reconnect with life.

The ultimate goal, the happiest day, and the one thing this army of volunteers works for is that one day when a horse is connected with, and given to an adopted family in a new, life-long home. When a horse that may have been near death's door just a few months ago is relocated to a caring home, it makes all the effort, and all the expense well worthwhile. Whether they become companion animals for other horses, or just companions for special people or families who can give them the care and attention they need, it is a mission accomplished, and another job well done for this "other" All Volunteer Army.

Stan Dyer



Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance & HPL

The Horse Protection League would like to extend their gratitude to the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance. In December, CUHA awarded a grant to HPL specifically for training. What good news for Oscar, Tana, Spirit and now Chance!

The Horse Protection League, like CUHA, recognizes the importance of equine training and how with the proper training, unwanted rescued horses, stand a better chance of being adopted.

Thanks to the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance for their support of our mission, finding loving, forever homes for our rescued horses.

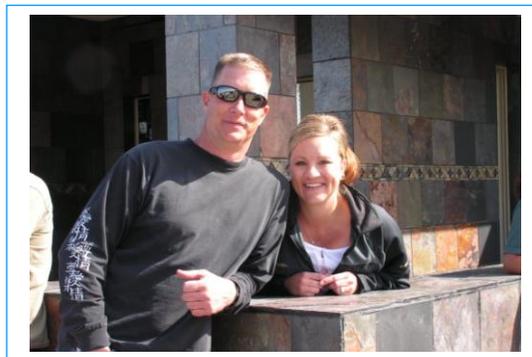
Do you know how many unwanted horses there are in Colorado each year? According to research conducted by CUHA, sadly there are an estimated 6,000 horses. I would like to encourage anyone who wants to help reduce that number and improve the lives of Colorado's unwanted horse population to donate to the Unwanted Horse Fund Check-off on their state tax return. It is through this program that horse rescues, statewide, receive grant money from the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance for hay, training, euthanasia and the gelding of stallions. Please take advantage of the Unwanted Horse Fund Check-off on your Colorado state tax return. Submitted by: Annie Oden

ADOPTED



Glory (above) was adopted on March 1st, 2013, by a wonderful family with two daughters. Glory was a surprise for one of the daughters who was turning 13 years old.

Two families made Glory's adoption possible. John and Casey Simmons (picture top right), have been big supporters of HPL and in March of 2009 adopted Tigger, Glory's foal. John and Casey made a donation for 30 days of training for Glory at Tucker Black's.



Glory went to Tucker's barn in Conifer for training to be restarted under saddle on January 20th. Glory was a surprise to Tucker, as she came along very fast. While Glory was at Tucker's barn, a gentleman looking to help a rescue horse got to meet Glory through Tucker. I feel if Glory would have not been in Conifer, this adoption would never have happened.

Our trainer, Tucker Black, met the adopter when Tucker helped him haul a horse from another barn where Tucker works and one thing led to another. Chuck, Glory's adopter, got to meet and ride Glory. That started the interest in Glory by his family. What a happy ending! It took many people to make this adoption possible. What a team!
Submitted by: Emie O'Neill

CHECK PLEASE

The generosity of our members never ceases to amaze me.

Last December, one of our founding members, Carley Richardson, presented HPL with a wonderful donation. Thanks to her employer, Capital Finance and their Good Works program, HPL was rewarded for Carley's community involvement with a not for profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Good Works program is a national Wells Fargo program available to all Capital Finance team members. We can't thank you enough, Carley!

Submitted by: Annie Oden



From left to right, Sabrina Juliano, Kim Cavanagh, Emie O'Neill, Carley Richardson, Vince Carabelos

"V" is for the very, very extraordinary: Volunteers

Volunteers

A big shout out and thank you to two members of HPL, Trudy Younger and Jill Whidden.

Both ladies have been instrumental in their support of our horses, especially Tana, who is due to deliver her foal this spring. A donation to sponsor Tana for one year has been made along with financial support from sales of their artistic work. As HPL continues to prepare Tana's shed and pen for the arrival of her foal, you will notice a wooden sign that they carved by them to spell "Nursery". Thank you ladies for all that you are doing and for being a part of our HPL life.

The Holiday Parade

Thanks to all of our wonderful HPL members and HPL volunteers. The holidays have come and gone! Whew!!! That was fast...We, of course, always have a plethora of thank yous to all the folks who donate their time to help us make every HPL event a success. Over the past few months, several come to mind...a BIG thank you to all who helped with the HPL float in the Golden Holiday Parade...Vince Carabelos generously donated his time to drive his truck to pull our float for the parade. Numerous volunteers helped decorate, and Alana and Sydney Baumann were on hand to pass out candy canes and bookmarks, along with Grandpa Doug Weber!

Tack Sale

A special thank you to Monica Wheeler of her help putting together the Spring & Summer Tack Sale. It takes all year to prepare for this.

Thanks to the following group of volunteers that helped: Emie, Annie, Jory, Bob, Wes, Joni, Mac, MayLou, Carole, Cheryl, Theresa, Ann, Ellen and Esther.

The Stock Show

The 2013 HPL Stock Show Booth was a big success this year. We would like to thank Vicki Christensen, Dawn Borg, Andrea Vogt and Emie O'Neill for their re-design of the HPL Booth. Aided by record attendance and mild weather, sales this year exceeded those of 2012. It's always gratifying to see old friends and meet new ones as folks stop by to say "hello" and catch up on the latest HPL news. It takes MANY volunteers to man the HPL booth over the course of the stock show, so THANK YOU to everyone who helped. A special thanks goes to Emie O'Neill, who had a second home in the Hall of Education for the duration of the show.

To the Rescue

Stan and Joni Dyer for their time and effort to replace over a dozen broken rake baskets.

Richard Rudy for braving the snow to repair the broken transmission line on the tractor.

Beth Emerson for her donation of the Saab.

Personally

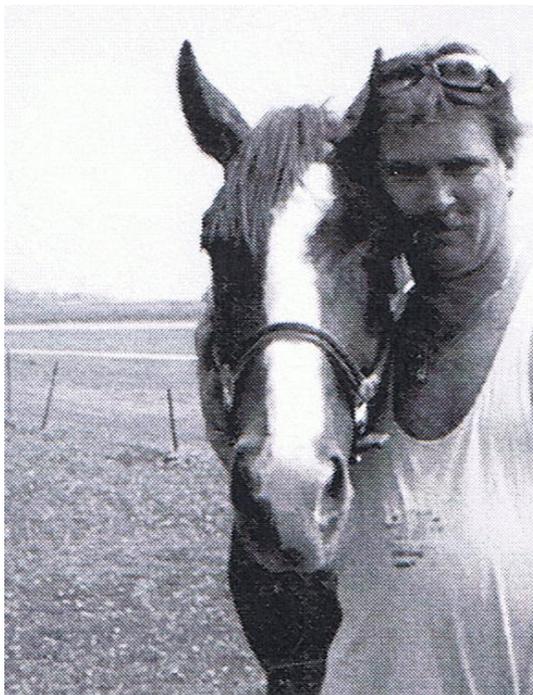
Thank you Trudy Younger and Jill Widden for the lovely nursery sign which now adorns my new living quarters. Snickers, Tana

Wooden Name Plates

Thank you Clarence Ellsworth for our beautiful wooden name plates.



Memorial Donations



Martin "Marty" Schank was born and raised in Chicago, IL. He had a passion for the outdoors, fishing and for animals, especially horses. He bought a Quarter Horse Racehorse and named him Tom Kelly. Tom Kelly was a smart, very friendly and fun horse to be around. He made a great addition to the Schank Family and was visited by many every week. Marty participated in a Rodeo with Tom Kelly in the event of barrel racing – just for fun, since Tom Kelly was very athletic.

Marty's family and friends would always bring him horse trinkets from the places they traveled. Every year he also received a calendar from The Horse Protection league, along with yearly subscriptions from several horse magazines. Unfortunately, on February 9, 2013, Marty passed away in his home at the age of 57. His family has requested that donations should be sent to The Horse Protection league in his memory. He will always be in his family's hearts and memories and he will always be missed.

Sara Schank



IN MEMORY OF MARTY SCHANK Paula Smiles,
The Lubins, Christopher Schank

IN MEMORY OF JOHN BEAL from Trudy
Younger

IN MEMORY OF KARLYN THAYER from Travis
Thayer, David Weigert, Doug Wiedeman,
Carol Nemitz, and Ellen Wiedeman, Diamond
V (employer of Travis Thayer)

IN MEMORY OF TED JONES from Joe and Nan
Bohe, Ross Westover, and Joyce Bostick,
Leona Pierce

IN MEMORY OF BABE (owned by Tim Younger)
from Trudy Younger

HAY RUN!

**Thank you Vince, Bob,
Esther, Jim, Richard, Annie,
Larry, Dennis, Shawn, Rob,
Christiana, Ann, Teresa &
Amanda!**

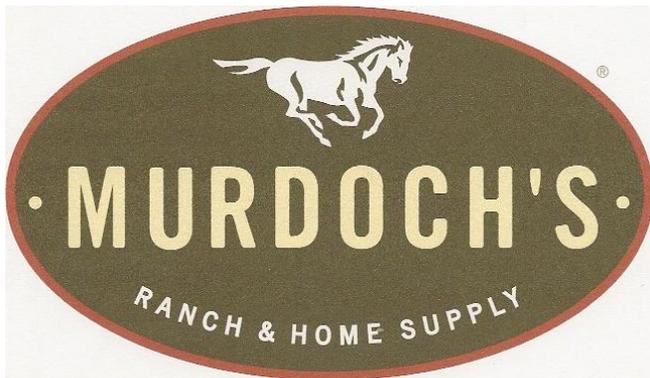
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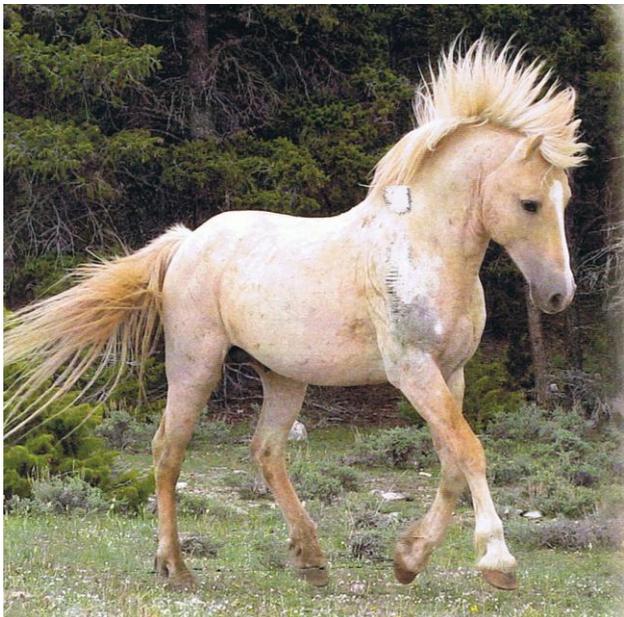
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**SAVE
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DATE!**

Cloud's
**18TH
BIRTHDAY
BASH!**

Join us for the day as we celebrate Cloud's Birthday! Games, demonstrations, presentations from Ginger and others, and of course, mustangs, including Cloud's brother, sister and grandkids!

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I would like information about sponsoring a horse

I would like information about adopting a horse

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Please mail this completed form with your check or money order to: **The Horse Protection League, P.O. Box 741089, Arvada, CO 80006-1089**