

THE STORY OF **DRIFTER AND BELLA**

Drifter's
"Hearts of
Hope"

DRIFTER

Drifter is an 11-year-old quarter horse that was adopted from the *Horse Protection League* in 2011. He was a top roping horse that had found himself suddenly unwanted when he started having soundness issues. He found his way to safety when he was taken in by HPL. Though with crippling feet issues, the rescue feared that Drifter would never find his forever home. But he did! A wonderful family adopted Drifter and vowed to do everything they could to help this huge hearted horse. As his soundness issues came under control, his owners felt that Drifter missed having a job, he had always been a working horse after all...

BELLA

In a tiny four-pound package, Bella came into the world in 2000! Bella was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. She was lucky that she had people to help her reach potentials we never dreamed possible. While Bella adored all those people, she was missing the precious gift of caring for somebody herself. Then in 2013, near her 13th birthday, Bella met Drifter. The connection was immediate and strong. Her new 1200-pound friend empowered Bella, and gave her a new sense of strength she had not experienced. Through Drifter, Bella gained an understanding of others who needed her as well as giving her a new sense of confidence. Drifter changed Bella's life.

Help empower other children like Bella with special needs to make a difference through supporting horses in need. Your donation for "Drifter's Hearts of Hope" will help these kids have an opportunity to work with horses and also support a local horse rescue!



*"A horse is the projection of peoples' dreams about themselves—strong, powerful and beautiful."
-Pam Brown*

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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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.

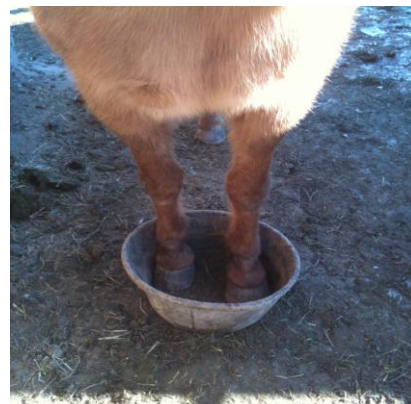
Printing of Newsletters

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!

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Your Memberships & Donations



Keeping in mind that 100% of the money contributed to HPL is used for the health and welfare of our horses, ponies and donkeys (maybe a mule some day), and that every cent of money received is 100% appreciated, ARE MEMBERSHIPS ALWAYS DONATIONS? The answer is an easy YES! On the other hand, ARE DONATIONS ALWAYS MEMBERSHIPS? This answer is a more complicated NOT EXACTLY.

Memberships are vital to HPL's existence. Memberships give HPL the opportunity to: share news of every kind with caring individuals, families and groups; recruit volunteers; promote great events and fund-raising activities; request occasional donations in difficult or special situations; and enable us to express our gratitude when members generously support our horses.

On a more technical note, memberships provide voters for the annual meeting—anyone seeking a position on the Board must have a minimum of 10 votes in order to be elected. Memberships provide HPL with a steady source of income so that it remains a healthy organization. Also, when HPL applies for a grant, a good number of memberships may be a deciding factor in whether or not the grant is given. This may appear to be counterintuitive, but an organization needs to show, through memberships, that it will be viable in the long term and thus be worthy of receiving a grant.

For all of these reasons, new/renewing memberships are of primary importance to HPL. Timing is important, too, so that, once you have a membership, it doesn't expire. When you receive a renewal reminder card, please send it back with "renewal" written on the memo line of your check. If you use PayPal or another form of payment, write "renewal" if there is a place to do so. Whether you make only one donation (remember, a membership IS a donation) a year or many, designating all or part of a donation for a new or renewing membership, at any level, will have the HPL herd kicking up its heels for joy. The horses will be happy, too!

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!

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BUDDY	SUE BRONK
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HOBBS	TERRI MELANDER
BUDDY	LARRY AND JUDY LAMI
MATTIE	ELLEN FITZGERALD
WILLIE	VICKIE CLARK
BOBBY	ROBERT AND KAREN O'CONNOR

Donation to HPL

The Jefferson Unitarian Church gives their offertory to non-profit organization that they feel enhances human lives. On March 23, the church gave their offertory to the equines at The Horse Protection League and their human caretakers. The Committee that selected HPL to receive this monetary gift believed the humans and equines in this environment are a prime example of reciprocal love and caring.

The principles of Jefferson Unitarian Church believe that all of life is to be respected, that all living things are connected and interdependent. They see the horses and donkeys as an integral part of the learning, growing and healing for the many groups that visit the HPL ranch. Many individuals find solace among the animals and the animals depend wholly on the volunteers and visitors that come to HPL.

It is a blessing to be recognized for the compassion and dedicated work that HPL members have exhibited toward the horses and donkeys. It is a greater blessing that others see the animals as ambassadors for scout troops, school and church groups, veterans, at-risk students, future veterinarians, etc. Our wonderful equines give as much as they receive.



Fond Memories Of Our Stormy

By Esther Lidstrom

It was in 2010 when the Norwegian Fjord walked over to greet me. I'd seen pictures of the breed but had never met one in person. Stormy was handsome with his distinctive brush mane and thick tail of light cream, both divided by a black stripe.

What struck me most was his friendly nature and soft brown eyes, sometimes partially hidden by his long, thick forelock.

When anyone approached he always came over to investigate and 'say hello'.

Participating in a handling class offered by our knowledgeable barn manager is a requirement for certain aspects of contact with HPL horses. I chose Stormy as my partner for the class. "He can have a mind of his own," I was told. That did not deter me from working with my 'new friend'. He did, indeed, have a mind of his own as I soon discovered. This very strong small draft horse easily took me to any weed or patch of grass he desired, until I learned proper handling. Even then, he sometimes got his way.

Stormy won the hearts of everyone at the ranch. Some of us occasionally gave grooming lessons with Stormy to small groups of children whose interest blossomed into delighted smiles and exclamations as each one brushed our gentle Fjord. And on hot days during fly season, before heading home, I always made one last trip to the barn to fetch the fly spray for my special pal.

Stormy developed a health issue, which worsened and could not be fixed. Sadly for us, we lost our Stormy in late December. It was a sad time. A month later I made the acquaintance of a girl in her late teens. For much of his pre-HPL life Stormy had been a school horse and had been wonderful with youngsters. This girl had been one of his young riders. It was on Stormy's back that this young lady had learned to ride and nurture her affinity for horses. "He had a mind of his own," she told me. "When Stormy decided lessons should be over, he'd simply walk back to his stall in the barn - with the kid still on his back." I smiled and replied, "That's our Stormy".

Memorials

Tracey MacDonald in memory of Robert and Lewis
Suzanne Levenhagen in memory of Mary Ann Levenhagen
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Honor Donations

Derek and Angie Welch in honor of Ruth Hynes
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Patricia Latta in honor of Robin Latta-Tweedy
Dawn Svaldi in honor of Dave McCabe
Danice Rinderknecht in honor of Lyn Traver
Daniel and Sally Singer in honor of Larry and Judy Lami
Thomas Conley in honor of Jacqueline Ainay-Conlay
Timothy Leddy in honor of Amalia Villalobos
Megan Marquez in honor of Amalia Villalobos

Thank you!

The Horse Protection League extends to John Boyless and the Golden Mill Country Store a big thank you for the two western benches that were donated to the ranch. They are rustic in design and full of character. We sincerely thank you for your generosity!

A special thanks goes to Kayleen McCabe for her beautification of these fabulous benches and to her father, Dave, for his work and support in this project!



The "Other" All-Volunteer Army

By Stan Dyer

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.

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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. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 1ST -- The Cowboy Classic is an occasional event held for the benefit of The Horse Protection League. It features the best of Colorado's cowboy singer songwriters and offers an afternoon of wonderful entertainment. Featured will be Bill Barwick and Jon Chandler. There will also be a silent auction of art work from many local artists who donate their work to benefit HPL. Please show your support for HPL by joining us on June 1st at 2pm, Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Pkwy., Lakewood, CO 80226. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by calling 303-987-7845.

AUGUST 22ND & 23RD -- Celebration Day!! Used horse and tack sale Friday and Saturday. A day of picnic and fun Saturday. Event to be held at the ranch. 17999 W 60th Avenue, Arvada, CO.

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A New Shed is in Order



We have a new horse shed being built at the rescue. HPL wants to thank our volunteers that worked on this shed. Richard, Dave, Bev, Rick and Steve. Weather conditions were winding but the volunteers kept working. Thanks again! And a huge thank you for the \$1,000 donation from Kim Gilbert that financed the shed.



Meet Teddy! He is a new horse for HPL. Teddy is an 8 years old gelding. He is rideable, but needs an experienced rider. He is very sweet. Slight lameness. Owner's health made it next to impossible to care for Teddy.



Girl Scouts Troop 919

After a cookie sale, Girl Scout Troop 919 came out to HPL on March 30th. They met the horses, got a personal tour and presented a donation check for \$230 to Emie O'Neill, HPL Manager. Princess was on hand to personally thank the girls!



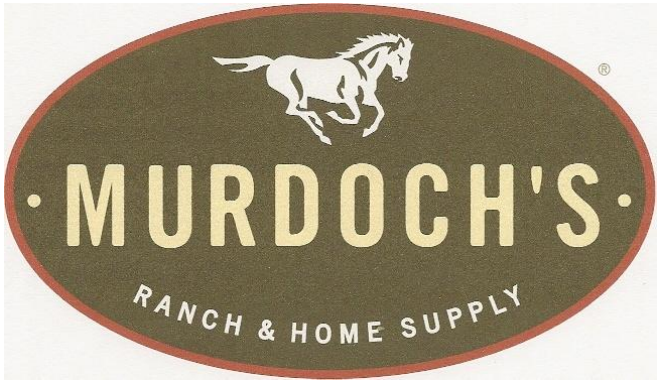
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