



HPL HAS A NEW MASCOT AND IT'S NOT A HORSE!

Meet Daisy, an absolutely adorable and sweet burro from the BLM holding facility in Canon City. Our mission statement says that we are a rescue for horses, ponies, donkeys (also called burros) and mules and if you look carefully at our logo, one clearly sees all 4 equines under that tree. And now we can say we have 3 out of the 4 living at the ranch!

Daisy was born free in California but was rounded up with her herd when she was approximately 6 months old and has lived in a holding pen for the last year and a half. Coming to HPL a month ago was a big change for a little 2 year old burro and it took time for her to understand the move and understand humans being so interested in her, but not much time! Within 2 days, she realized that people were pretty nice to have around, especially when they came to scratch her and rub her ears (and what wonderful ears she has!).

We have learned from visiting Longhopes Donkey Rescue in Bennett that Miss Daisy would do even better with a companion burro. She is doing well in the back with "the herd," but it is hard work for her keeping all those big horses in line! Longhopes has invited Daisy to come visit, stay a few days and pick out her own friend to share a pen and shelter with up front. We are hoping to be able to do this for our little Daisy toward the end of summer.

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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With Joy Comes Heartache



When you volunteer in the rescue of animals, it can sometimes be the best of times but then sometimes, the worst of times.

Our hearts were filled with joy when we found out that one of our rescue horses was expecting!

On April 1st, our Tana had her foal. It was a colt and he was beautiful. Soon after we learned he was born with a birth defect where his digestive system was not completely formed and had to be euthanized. Submitted by: Emie O'Neill

Attention Federal Employees

HPL and the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

Please be on the lookout for The Horse Protection League when the payroll deduction campaign begins in September. Last February, we submitted an application, through the Animal Welfare Fund (AWF), to be considered for this program. Several months later, the AWF notified us that we had been approved and that they in turn would be submitting our application to various western zones of the CFC. We should know by the end of this summer if these individual zones will admit us. We're keeping our fingers crossed and if HPL is accepted into this program, your payroll deductions can and will help support our horses.

For those of us who are not federal employees, The **Combined Federal Campaign** is a program which allows certain charitable organizations, like HPL, to solicit contributions from employees of the federal government. The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. Submitted by Annie Oden



Glory is back! She was adopted March of this year, but the adopter could no longer care for her. She is Pinto Arabian mare, 13 years old. Her adoption fee is \$500.

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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JOIN OUR 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

Our Volunteers Rock

We couldn't have done it without you... Thanks to so many of our volunteers, we had another successful silent auction/casino night, we helped the Cloud Foundation celebrate Cloud's 18th birthday and we held our third annual HoeDown For Horses. We wouldn't have been able to pull off any of these fundraisers without your help. Whether you mucked a pen or filled water tanks, helped to set up or tear down, donated a silent auction item or bought one, dealt cards or played cards, provided a dessert or other supplies, helped with parking or hung a flyer, together we made a great team.

Also, a BIG thank you to Kurt Hogan for his time and equipment used to cut our hay field in the west pasture and to those volunteers who gave up an evening (or two) to help stack that hay in the barn!

On behalf of the horses, the Board of Directors and myself, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support. -- Annie, HPL President



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This is What We Do!

Meet Patches, our newest HPL resident, a rescue horse in the truest sense of the word. Emie and Andrea drove to the Western Slope on July 12, to bring Patches to Churches Ranch for a chance at a safe and secure future.

We don't know a great deal about Patches. We estimate her age to be about 18, we know she was primarily a brood mare, probably because of her wonderful appaloosa coloring—and she only has one eye. Even though Patches has had very little human contact, she willingly loaded into the trailer for the long ride to HPL, perhaps sensing that her life was going to improve.

Until two years ago, she roamed freely with a number of horses on 800 acres. When the owners checked the herd, Patches was found caught up in some downed barbed wire, her legs badly cut and her right eye torn and infected. There was no way to know how long she had endured this terrible situation. She was brought up to the barn and placed in a pen, her wounds treated and it was determined her eye would have to be removed. That pen became her permanent home. Because of financial reasons, very little could be done to improve her conditions. Her pen was seldom cleaned, her hoofs were never trimmed and she has had no basic preventive care such as worming or shots.

Patches has settled in very well in the isolation pen at HPL where she will remain for 30 days. Emie has spent time with her and says she is very sweet and seems to enjoy attention but becomes nervous if removed from the security of the enclosure, which is understandable. We hope after her quarantine, she will be able to move up front and enjoy meeting the wonderful HPL volunteers who will of course shower her with love and attention. Because THIS IS WHAT WE DO here at The Horse Protection League!
Submitted by: Jory Weber



Colorado Gives Day will be December 10th!

ColoradoGives.org (formerly known as GivingFirst.org) is an online resource featuring hundreds of Colorado charities. Made possible by the non-profit [Community First Foundation](#), it encourages charitable giving by providing comprehensive, objective and up-to-date information about Colorado charities—and an easy way to support them online.

By helping people make informed decisions, ColoradoGives.org and The Horse Protection League hope this site becomes an indispensable tool for your local giving, while raising awareness of the organizations that are essential for fostering quality of life in Colorado.

Donations can be made online, year-round but any donation made on December 10th will go a little further and help us offset our hay costs even more!



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HPL is Garden of "Eden"

On March 14, I began to serve as a volunteer with the Horse Protection League (HPL) as an Animal Communication Specialist and Animal Reiki Practitioner. Eve was the first horse I was introduced to by the HPL President Annie Oden. When Eve pinned her ears back and bared her teeth at Annie, I knew that she was not feeling well. Eve guided me where to stand, and I let Annie know that I had her permission to begin a session. Immediately, she lowered her head and entered a relaxed "Reiki state." The Universal-Consciousness called Rei guides the life energy called Ki in the practice known as Reiki. Since I was a child, I have seen and felt energy and communicated with animals. During this first session with Eve, she communicated her need to lie down.

Approximately three feet from me, she laid her head upon the ground and moved into a deep Reiki slumber with her eyes closed. I was humbled to my core regarding Eve's absolute trust in me, and she communicated being in the process of transitioning back into Spirit.

On June 4, Eve was scheduled to make her transition. Prior to her appointment with the veterinarian, Annie allowed Eve and me to spend time together in the pasture. I felt tremendous peace in her presence, and I took a moment to really thank her for allowing me into her heart and for changing mine. Eve helped me to realize the need to allow 100% of my heart into my work. She knew the small amount I was holding back, because my human framework (i.e. Ego) needed acceptance from everyone regarding my work. Once she illuminated this, it was healed and released. I often find the wisdom of the animals has a profound impact upon a human soul's journey.



Eve walked us to the far corner of the pasture, eating grass along the way, and then she turned to move us back toward the barn. At one point, I felt a slight "twinge" in my Solar Plexus Chakra (the seat of emotions). At the same time, Eve told me to look up. A red-tailed hawk was riding the thermals in a clockwise pattern above the barn. Native Americans regard these birds as messengers and protectors. I was told a beautiful portal of energy was opening for her transition, and then I saw the veterinarian's truck pull into the driveway. When I looked at Eve next to me in the pasture, eating grass at her leisure, she was full of peace and contentment.

After Eve made her transition, I went to visit Miss Princess. She is a Big Soul with short legs! When I entered her paddock, she communicated her need to lie down to ground the energy and requested I visit with Sparrow and Jackie. Sparrow welcomed my hands upon him, and as the Reiki energy flowed, I saw the Divine Essence of Eve come forth along with many Benevolent Beings. After

the session with Sparrow, I noticed that “twinge” in my Solar Plexus Chakra again and felt a loving hand lift my chin to the sky. A red-tailed hawk was riding the thermals in a lovely clockwise pattern above the pasture where I had been with Eve. I asked Eve for one more sign that all was well with her. At that exact moment, a gorgeous Yellow Swallowtail butterfly flew right past me and around Eve’s old paddock and enclosure. Butterflies are beautiful symbols of transformation, and in that moment, I knew she had made a smooth and safe transition. Prior to my departure from the HPL ranch, I thanked Sparrow and Jackie. When I went to thank Princess, she walked towards me. As I bent down to her eye level, she touched her lips to mine and communicated, “Everything is OK.” She turned and went back to where she had been standing. When I pulled my Jeep out of the HPL driveway, a dove flew right past my windshield. I heard, “There is no need to mourn.” While driving home, I burst into tears and again felt a loving presence turn my head to see a red-tailed hawk riding the thermals above the town of Golden.

Dr. Patty Luckenbach (Doctorate in Divinity) has taught me about the Principle of Oneness. Each of us (including animals) is an incarnation of the One Spirit. All life is inseparably One. There is a Divine Wholeness, a total interconnectedness. All of us are One with each other, and One with all Life. I was grateful for this reminder from the red-tailed hawks, butterfly, and dove. Later in the day, I thought about Eve while cooking dinner. I noticed the rain falling on the kitchen windowpanes. When I lived on Maui, I had to humanely euthanize a beloved animal companion, and it rained the day of his transition. My Native Hawaiian friends told me this was a good sign. In the Polynesian culture on the day of a funeral, rain signifies the transition of a respected elder known in their language as an ali’i. I know Miss Eve was deeply loved by many at the HPL ranch, and she has made a smooth and safe transition back into Spirit. She changed my life by expanding my heart, and I welcome her continued guidance from her place in the Cosmos meant for her Deepest and Highest Wisdom and Good.

For more information about Eden Koljord visit www.edenhealing.com.



In the photo above, HPL's President, Annie, perches herself on a truckload of products. Our volunteer Mac, won a drawing for \$500 from Standlee Hay and donated it to HPL!

SHEDS!! New horse sheds for our HHH Program ("Horses Helping Horses"). If you adopt one our horses, you can board them here, if there is room. This will be the third structure for this program and it will be filled as soon as the building is complete. A huge thank you goes out to Murray, Steve, Doug and Richard!



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IN MEMORY OF LIL' WILLIE, TANA'S FOAL from Trudy Younger, Doug and Jory Weber

Volunteers Always Needed!



If you received a flyer from HPL recently, it was probably folded, sealed and labeled by Marguerita. No, not the drink, the lady!

She is 90 years old and she's my mom! I am a volunteer at HPL, feeding the horses and pulling together your newsletter. I have a full-time job, too, so don't think you don't have the time to help!

We always need volunteers to do a variety of tasks. You are never too old, too young or too busy! Submitted by: Donna Hoffman

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

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Notice for Board of Directors 2014

Each year in December, The Horse Protection League is bound by our by-laws to hold an election in which all members in good standing have the opportunity to elect their Board of Directors for the upcoming calendar year. Board members serve a two year term and cannot serve more than two back to back terms. We are always looking for individuals with fresh ideas who bring with them their own personal talents, whatever your talent may be. If you have ever entertained the thought of serving on a Board of Directors, don't be shy! Plan instead to attend a monthly meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 6:30pm in the ranch house at HPL. Come hungry. Show up a little after 6pm as there is always something to eat before the meetings are called to order! If you are interested in serving on our Board of Directors but can't attend a meeting, please don't hesitate to personally contact me or any current Board member. All meetings are open to the public.

Annie, President of the Board



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