

Blazing a New Trail

Meet Blaze. Upon his arrival at HPL on May 1, 2014, he was just skin and bones. Dr. Steve Long examined him immediately and gave us the good news that although Blaze was extremely thin, he was not showing any signs of the kind of problems that could be expected for a horse in such terrible condition. Doc Long said what he needs most is "groceries."



Dr. Steve Long, examines Blaze on the first day at HPL

So now, following specific care and feeding instructions from the Doc Long, HPL volunteers have Blaze on a new trail to a healthier and better life.

And Blaze is grateful. From day one at HPL, he has been sweet and cooperative. He seems to be enjoying the care and love he's receiving and he has been welcomed to the herd by the other HPL horses.

And HPL is grateful too. We are thankful that the people, who had Blaze before he came to us, ultimately realized he wasn't thriving anymore. It's a hard reality to face and it takes courage to ask for help. HPL wants everybody to know that it's always ok to reach out to us; we're just here to help horses any way we can. (Continue)

2015 HPL CALENDARS ARE ON THEIR WAY!

Board Meetings

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday 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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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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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.

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Also we are appreciative to 9News Colorado & Company. On June 16, 2014 Blaze visited 9News as an ambassador for HPL. Show host Denise Plante interviewed Emie O'Neill, HPL manager, while Blaze grazed in the 9News Back Yard.



Dawn Borg helps with Blaze as he enjoys the grass in the 9News Back Yard while Denise Plante for Colorado & Company interviews Emie O'Neill.



HPL volunteers, Xanthia Borg, Murray Martinez, and Xavier Borg, stop on the 9News set for a picture during a tour of the 9News facilities.



Blaze today! Getting better and better each day.

As always, everyone is invited to visit HPL to meet Blaze and all the other horses (and two burros!) Just come on our open volunteer days: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00am-2:00pm. The horses would love to meet you too!

Ready for Adoption

Mattie



Mattie has been in training for 60 days for our trainer, Tucker Black. She is ready for a home with a very experienced rider. Mattie was saved from going to slaughter over 5 years ago. She needs a family.

Gypsy



8 year old, mare Kentucky Mountain Gaited Pony. Due to the owner's health issues, HPL took her in. She is ready for a new home.

New Horse Danawa

Danawa was given to HPL from his past owner. He was born in May 2013. He was in a herd with his mare and other mares and foals at a ranch in a different part of Colorado. He was weaned in August 2013 and lived with other weanlings on a ranch. The ranch where these horses lived was sold in February and the horses had to leave. He was moved to a stable in the Conifer area and the family had to get veterinarian care, when they found him to be significantly underweight from the lack of feed and care.

This family realized that they needed to find a different place for their colt, as living in a stall with little turnout was not good for a very young horse. This little horse needed to be boarded with other horses. The owner contacted HPL, and we ended up taking him in April 2014. The past owner did a wonderful job with Danawa and we are lucky to have this little colt.

Side note: We named the colt Danawa because a family that made it possible for HPL to take him in requested that name. The name Danawa means "Little Warrior".

Story by Emie O'Neill



Adopted!

It's always a happy time when one of our horses get a wonderful home. One of our newest horses that came into HPL this year got one of the best homes ever! Mac and Mary Lou have been with HPL for over 10 years. We were so happy when they announced they wanted to adopt Lena.



Remember our Montana? This was the pony that surprised us last year with a foal. Sadly, the foal was born with a birth defect and had to be euthanized. Well, good things are happening for Montana...she got adopted!



The adopting family is the owner of Red Hawk Ranch in Conifer, Galen and Sara Phillips. They met Montana this Spring while she was there with Tucker Black for training. It was love at first sight. Need we say more?

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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BOBBY	PAM SMITH ROBERT AND KAREN O'CONNOR
CHANCE	SARAH LEWIS
RAJA	AMANDA MCKNIGHT
BILLY	ELLEN ZACHARY
ROMEO	SANDY RIGHTER
BLAZE	DRIFTER'S HEARTS OF HOPE (Drifter's kids) BARBARA WAHRMAN



*Hobbs ready for his grain!
Photo: Carol Molnia*

Memorial Donations

IN MEMORY OF LUCY ZARAGOZA FROM STEVE CARPENTER

IN MEMORY OF CLAIRE DAVIS FROM CAROL JENNETT

IN MEMORY OF CHET SMITH FROM "THE AHHA SISTERHOOD"

IN MEMORY OF PENNY (owned and loved by Dee and Rose) FROM JUDITH GOODMAN

IN MEMORY OF PENNY FROM DEBRA PIRNACK AND SHILOH FARM

IN MEMORY OF SPATZ (owned by Nancy Hohenstein) FROM DEBRA PIRNACK AND SHILOH FARM

A DONATION WAS MADE TO HPL IN HONOR OF SASHA VAN HEESCH FROM JULIE LOSASSO

A DONATION WAS MADE TO HPL IN HONOR OF TRUDY YOUNGER AND MONTANA FROM VICKI CHRISTENSEN

A DONATION WAS MADE TO HPL IN MEMORY OF BUDDY, HPL'S LONGTIME RESIDENT AND MUCH LOVED QUARTERHORSE, BY BARBARA ALBRIGHT



The **Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance (CUHA)** currently supports HPL through TWO grants: one for horse training, and one for veterinary medical expenses. The training grant has enabled us to send Mattie, Oscar, Chance, and Tana each for 30 days to the facility of our professional handler, Tucker Black. Tucker also works onsite at HPL with other horses for shorter-term behavioral issues. All this "schooling" has paid off, in making our horses better mannered, more skilled, and thus more adoptable!

The CUHA grant for veterinary expenses has enabled HPL to further stretch its tight budget. CUHA has helped us to pay for gelding a colt; euthanasia; and dental work. CUHA has responded to our needs quickly and compassionately.

HPL is so fortunate to be receiving these grants from the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance. The mission of the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance is to reduce the number of unwanted horses in Colorado, and to promote public and private collaboration and education concerning their welfare, ownership and disposition. You will see a charitable check-off for donating to CUHA on the Colorado state income tax form.



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST?

YES! HPL RECEIVED THIS BRAND NEW TRACTOR FROM A DONOR THAT WISHES TO REMAIN ANNONOYMUS. IT WASN'T ME! I WOULD WANT TO SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOF TOP!

We Are Sad to Say Goodbye: Badger, Buddy & Patches



HPL had to euthanize some of our wonderful horses this summer. They were a big loss to the HPL family. Because of their failing heath issues, we could no longer keep them comfortable and difficult decisions were made. They will never be forgotten. They gave us wonderful memories and touched so many hearts.

ASPCA Workshop

On August 2nd, a few of our members were lucky enough to attend the ASPCA/Rosalind and Franklyn Schaefer Family Equine Welfare Professionals Workshop. The workshop was facilitated by Jacque Schultz, Senior Director of the ASPCA Equine Fund. This all day event was broken down into several sessions that included building a better board, best practices for managing a rescue, facet of fundraising, and how to increase our impact through coalitions. Rescues ranging from small to incredibly large were on hand for this amazing event.



The day started out at the beautiful Embassy Suites in Denver with an overview of what the ASPCA Equine Fund is and how it works. Most individuals are familiar with the ASPCA and their work with companion animals (dogs and cats) however, their work in the equine rescue field is just as great. Their knowledge of fundraising, the infrastructure of a successful Board of Directors and plethora of marketing ideas showing equine rescues their commitment to help them succeed. Utilizing the guidance that is provided will support rescues in becoming successful and ensure their longevity. Even the most seasoned board members from HPL were surprised at what they learned from this eight hour workshop. The messages and ideas that were taken away have ignited ideas to improve the practices at HPL.

Not only did the ASPCA provide a wonderful lunch, the attendees well, they provided a networking platform that most rescues wouldn't normally have the ability to attend. Rescues from across the country joined up to share best practices on fundraising, how their Board of Directors is run, what they use for social media and what is their largest concern when it comes to running a successful organization. HPL is not alone in being able to share what is working and not working in successful organizations as there were other participants like us that are trying to save equines and provide a better life for them.

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HPL would like to thank Tractor Supply Company and the store manager, Dan Myrick in Brighton, for their donations of alfalfa hay and senior grain.



HPL was visited by the Drifter Kids. It's always fun when they are here. We walked around and gave all the horses Drifter cookies. The kids got Princess out and walked her around in the arena. They also donated more money for Blaze. The kids sold more cookies and presented us with \$255. Wow!



Buffalo Bill Day Inc organization gave HPL the opportunity to raise money for our horses by collecting aluminum cans from their event. The three-day event held in Golden, July 23-27, sold all their liquor in aluminum cans this year. HPL's Board Member, Richard Rudy (above) was getting the recycle containers ready for the event. HPL received over \$500 from the event. Our thanks to The Board of Directors of the Buffalo Bill Days Inc., especially our key contact Brenda Dolan, for helping us.



More Thank You Pages

We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous support of the Hoedown for Horses & Barn Dance. Your participation in this fundraising event made a difference. Thank you!

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The following businesses supported HPL by donating certificates or items for the Casino Night/Silent Auction that was held on May 2nd. To other individuals that donated items for the silent auction, we thank you. This event raised over \$6,000 for the HPL. A special thank you to The Table Mountain Inn for donating the venue for the event and for a certificate for a night's stay in their suite and a generous food voucher.

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At Work for the Day

Phenova, located in Golden, CO, is a leading accredited provider of proficiency testing products and services, quality control standards and an accredited manufacturer of certified reference materials. As a subsidiary of Phenomenex, Inc. we are passionate about analytical chemistry, and we pride ourselves on providing unique products and services that directly benefit our customers worldwide. Further, it is our responsibility and foremost mission to promote the growth, prosperity, and well-being of those we serve — our customers, our employees, and humanity.

The employees of Phenova are given one paid day every year to volunteer at a charity of their choice. Phenova employees have spent the last 3 years volunteering at the HPL, helping to get the HPL ready for upcoming events. This is something everyone really seems to enjoy since all of the hard work benefits the horses.

Submitted by: Linda Sullivan



"Giving back is essential", that's what their t-shirts said. HPL will forever be grateful to the McGraw-Hill Financial group of very hard working individuals who spent a day with us tearing down old wooden fences and replacing them with new stock panels and gates. For years, we had wanted to get rid of the dilapidated wooden fences surrounding Mattie's paddock area and the east line of the two adjacent paddocks. HPL was just about to seek grant money to do this very thing when McGraw-Hill Financial contacted us, asking how they could help. Not only did they volunteer their time and do a wonderful job, they also presented us with a check to cover our material costs! Our special thanks to McGraw-Hill Financial and to HPL volunteers, Doug and Richard, for their supervisory skills that day.



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