

# The Horse Protection League

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## Tales from the Ranch

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### What a difference a year makes!

In June of 2011, I came to HPL with my month old foal and another mare and her foal, a filly about the same age as my little colt. We had been impounded by the state of Wyoming because of extreme abuse. There were over 80 of us still alive, barely—stallions, pregnant mares, and mares like myself. I was too weak to provide enough nourishment for my boy and he was not doing well. For the first couple weeks here, the mare who arrived with me allowed my little Tucker to nurse alongside Caramel—her filly! With plenty of hay and grain, it wasn't long before I could be a good mama. I was given the name Spirit which seemed an unlikely name at the time, but now I have grown into that name. And I am the featured HPL horse this quarter!



My little Tucker has grown into a strong, beautiful, and intelligent boy and has been adopted and moved to his forever home. And I am so proud of him and happy for him. That would be my dream come true—to have my own person who would care for me and love me. I certainly have a good life here at HPL with plenty of hay, grain, fresh water, and a large pen and shelter. I even get to go out into the pasture to graze sometimes. Life is good, but.....I know that I need training if I am going to be adoptable. Emie has worked with me and says that I am smart and willing, but still have trust issues to work through.

For me to find my forever home, I need consistent work with a trainer. If you could sponsor me, that money would be set aside just for ME to receive that necessary training! Thank you, wonderful HPL supporters! See you at the ranch-Love,

***SPIRIT***

***By Ellen Zachary***

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

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Large size halters  
Lead ropes  
Rubber feeder pans (3 & 6.5 gallon sizes)  
Vet wrap  
4 x 4 gauze sponges  
Cut Heal Wound Care Ointment  
Duct tape  
Horse fly spray  
Water tanks (90 gallons)  
Tank heaters  
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Heavy duty water hoses (25 or 50 feet)  
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Hay feeders (not to hang on walls)  
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# HPL gives new life to horses and people

On a frozen, wintery Sunday afternoon, at the Horse Protection League, I stand still and listen to the quiet. A blanket of snow has muted the city noise. The only sounds I can hear are the satisfied snorts and sighs of the horses breathing, and that wonderful muffled crunching noise of them chewing hay. As I look out over the ranch, I am amazed by the huge range of cold blues and purples I can see in the shadows on the snow. I notice too, the old wood and stones of the horse shelters and historic barn are lit up with the warm yellow glow of the setting sun.



Mac McWilliams and Lily, a thoroughbred mare saved from the slaughterhouse, arrive at HPL, on a cold Easter Sunday.

That's when a "this-is-what-life-is-all-about" sense of peace washes over me. There's just a more meaningful sense of accomplishment a person feels when doing something for others in need, without being paid or expecting reward. That is why I volunteer at the Horse Protection League.

HPL is a group of horses that have faced neglect, abuse, starvation, and the slaughterhouse, and it is the group of volunteers who take care of them. The mission is to contribute to the welfare of horses. They make horses healthy again, and get them adopted into loving homes. Basically they give horses a better life, and in the process, the volunteers have life altering experiences along the way.

We talk about life while we muck pooh and mend fences. We learn new skills, and utilize our individual talents for the cause. As we watch the horses heal and regain trust for human beings, and as we cry together over the ones who can't be saved any longer, we make friendships that have a very special kind of connection.

We have watched kids blossom into adults. The Devereaux program brings at risk youth to HPL to work with the horses. These kids have faced unspeakable adversities in their lives and have some pretty tough and guarded walls they've built up to protect themselves. But in working with the horses, we see smiles come and the hearts open up to accept the unconditional love from the horses and the kindness from the volunteer mentors. And now, a new veteran's program is beginning to take shape at HPL. Horses that have faced neglect and abuse, and veterans and their families, have many issues in common. By working together, horses and veterans are able to help each other manage relationships, trust, pain, stress, and other issues.

HPL has no paid staff, so volunteers, from all walks of life, come here for personal reasons. Some love horses. Others are wanting to meet new people. Some are looking for a place that puts their mind somewhere different for while. I came to be around horses but have learned some things about myself that I never thought volunteering at a horse rescue would ever show me. Maybe there is something wonderful here for you too.

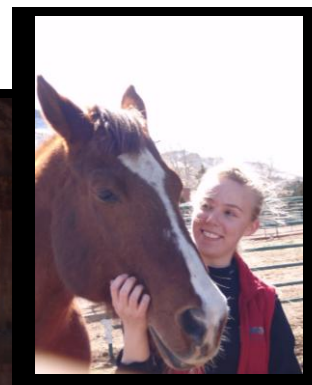
*By Vicki Christensen*

# Volunteer Spotlight

Morgan Sander-Olhoeft is a teenage volunteer who fits right in with the “older crowd” that frequents the Wednesday volunteer program at HPL. Morgan joined our horse rescue after several years of riding with the Westernaires. She is enthusiastic, hard working and plans on becoming a professional horse handler.

If you ask Morgan who her favorite horse is, she will give you five or six names. Horses like Mattie and Hope fascinate her, as they are intelligent and a challenge to train, but Morgan finds that they are very responsive to her. Follow her out to Clover's pasture, and you will see several other horses flocking around her, vying for attention. The horses are just as fascinated by Morgan as she is by them.

We are so proud that she has been accepted into the Equine Science Program at CSU in Ft. Collins. Morgan will be missed by all of the volunteers and horses when she begins her studies this fall. By Sonja Trevizo



## Save the Dates

### Pig Roast

**AUGUST 5 & SEPTEMBER 2**

2:00 pm on the patio

The Buffalo Rose

1119 Washington Avenue, Golden

Live music, outside bar

HPL receives all donations from the roast

### Celebration Days

**AUGUST 24, 25, 26** Garage Sale

**August 25** Volunteer Appreciation  
and Celebration Day

It's going to be our 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

# Horse Sponsorships

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## Hay

We need your help! Due to the drought in Texas last year, most of our Colorado hay went elsewhere, leaving our area in a very bad situation. If you can find hay, the cost has doubled. We currently feed 27 horses and use 8 bales a day. Our usual cost per bale was about \$6.00 but is now over \$12.00 a bale. Any donation to our HAY FOR A DAY fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

**Bless You Ida!** Thanks to the late Ida T. Hangen, a generous gift has been made to the horses of HPL. We were one of several local animal nonprofits named as a beneficiary in her will. Apparently, her life had been devoted to animals of all kinds.

Ida never visited the Ranch but her spirit lives there today. She was an avid horsewoman and an enthusiastic volunteer herself. Sounds as though she would have fit right in with the rest of us!

Just for starters, Ida's donation has enabled us to purchase a much-needed six horse stock trailer of our very own. On behalf of our all horses, bless you Ida.

# Thank You!

HPL is blessed with some of the best and most dedicated volunteers anywhere! The success of our fundraising events, as well as weekly volunteer duties and assorted tasks around the ranch would be compromised greatly without the dedication shown by so many...At the risk of omitting anyone, we would like to express our gratitude to those who have helped with different projects around the ranch and at fundraising events so far this year...

Our Casino Night was great fun and we had so much terrific help...serving as dealers, we thank Rob Skraznas, Vince Carabelos, Shawn O'Neill, Doug Weber, Richard Rudy, Ellen Zachary, Carole Gates, Dawn Renee Neff, Kim Tombling and Merri Bond. Helping with the silent auction and registration was Bobbie Craven and her good friend Cindi Wallace, along with Lindsay Laursen...Thanks to the musicians who donated their talents, to Murray Martinez for letting us have the event at the Buffalo Rose, to those who donated silent auction items, and to all who supported Casino Night. Big kudos to Mary Ann Molnar for her leadership and hard work in making this evening such a success...

Hay runs are so important to our mission at HPL...we want to thank Vince Carabelos, Emie O'Neill, Zach Juliano, Ann Oden, Rob Skraznas, Shawn O'Neill, Doug Weber, Richard Rudy, Jim Albright, Kevin Genuchi, and Kristiana Zoefelt, plus all who assisted with the loading and unloading of hay recently...thank you times 1000!!!!

Sabrina Juliano's son, Zach, has brought much volunteer energy to the ranch recently!! His Eagle Scout projects have resulted in newly planted flowers in freshly painted pots, with more projects to come...our gratitude to Zach and his fellow Scouts.

The second annual Hoedown for Horses was held at the ranch June 23<sup>rd</sup> and was a tremendous night of fundraising for our equine family. Many contributed to getting the ranch ready, including Mike Molnar mowing the pasture on Vince Carabelo's tractor, and the Stout Street folks helping with set-up. It was a fun night of music and bar-b-q with Ellie Mae's Roundup and Lois Lane and Superband...Thanks to Rib City, Howlin' Husky Bar-B-Q, and those who contributed desserts...

To all of our volunteers who help HPL, thank you never seems to be enough, but thanks anyway!!

By Ellen Zachery

## ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to **MURDOCH'S RANCH AND HOME SUPPLY**, HPL has 40 pairs of new work gloves! They donated gloves for students from Colorado High School Charter who had a work day at the ranch. So if you forget to bring gloves on volunteer days, we have your hands covered (no more mix and match or wearing a left hand glove on your right hand!).

**Thanks, Murdoch's!**



## Support the Horse Protection League on Colorado Gives Day



Mark your calendars. On Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Coloradans will come together again to raise money for nonprofits like HPL. Last year, a remarkable \$12.8 million was distributed to Colorado nonprofits!

Presented by the Community First Foundation and FirstBank, Colorado Gives Day asks you to give to your favorite charities through the website **GivingFirst.org**, an online giving resource featuring every nonprofit participating in the Colorado Gives Day.

Once our profile has been approved and placed on the Giving First website, you'll be able to donate year-round. 100% of your donation will come back to us. When you donate any time during the 24-hour period of December 4<sup>th</sup>, the FirstBank Incentive Fund will increase the value of your donation. It will be a winning situation for the horses no matter when you give!

# Annual Garage & Horse Tack Sale to benefit The Horse Protection League

Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
August 24, 25 & 26, 2012

**9 am to 5 pm Friday and Saturday**  
**10 am to 3 pm Sunday**

**Located on Historic Churches Ranch**  
**17999 W 60th Ave, Arvada**

**Join us Saturday for**  
**10 am performance by The Crusaders, an adult equestrian drill**  
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**Thank you!**

**From Princess and all the HPL Horses!**

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# Volunteer Profile: Jim & Barb Albright

Jim and I grew up in the south Denver Metro area, and our surviving parents still live in the homes where we were raised. We both love animals and being outdoors. I have always been crazy about horses. As a kid, I spent my Saturday mornings watching *Fury* and *My Friend Flicka*. I carried Roy Rogers and Dale Evans school supplies, collected ceramic horses, and spent many hours reading about and drawing horses. I took Western riding lessons and rode many stable and friends' horses (and stick horses I made myself!) in Littleton. Jim lived closer to downtown Denver in the Observatory Park area, but he was also able to ride occasionally at a stable not too far east of Colorado Boulevard. As adults on our summer vacations, we've taken a lot of mountain trail rides. Unfortunately, neither Jim nor I ever got the chance to really know or help care for any of the horses we rode.

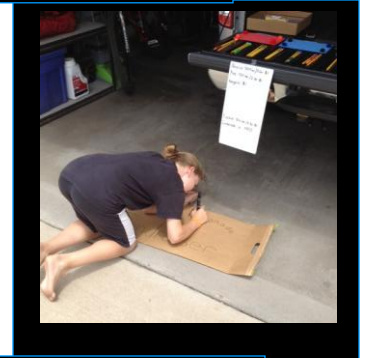
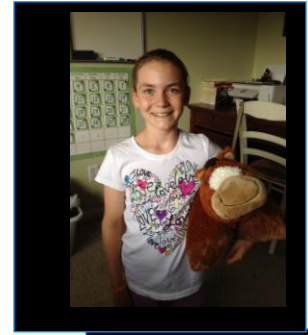
In the spring of 2011, I found out about HPL through a co-worker, whose sister had mentioned an open house at a horse rescue in Golden (thank you Susan and Jen!). Jim and I searched the web for details, and our first visit to HPL convinced us to join and get to work right away. Regardless of the weather, we really look forward to our Saturdays at HPL. After spending too many hours during the week at our "real" jobs, we think working outside with the wonderful horses and kind and down-to-earth people is the best way to end our week!

The last year has been a truly rewarding and learning experience for us. We are grateful for all of the general and helpful information and horse handling tips that have been shared with us in HPL classes and from working beside all of the knowledgeable horse lovers, horse owners, horse handlers, and long-time HPL volunteers. We've really enjoyed working with and getting to know everyone and all of the horses. We've learned a lot about each horse's personalities and preferences, and although we love and enjoy being with all, we each have favorites! Buddy is my absolute favorite, and thanks to volunteer HPL photographer, Vicki Christensen, he hangs on our wall at home and he sits on my desk at work. Jim's favorite is Stormy (they're a lot alike – stubborn characters!). HPL has provided a great opportunity for us to learn and get hands-on involvement in a truly worthwhile and rewarding cause. It's a great feeling as we leave at the end of each Saturday to think that we contributed to caring for, and we hope that we have provided some moments of comfort and contentment to our horse friends.

We hope there's a lot of mucking, grooming, watering, and hauling in our futures!  
By Barb Albright

# Tatum's story

Tatum Isabelle Gregston is 11 years old and going to be a 6th grader this fall at Vanderhoof Elementary. She has lived in the Westwoods neighborhood of Arvada her entire life. Over the past few years, Tatum has become more involved with horses, initially taking lessons and learning how to properly brush and tack a horse. Recently, she has begun assisting with the care of a horse and learning many more details involved with day to day care and upkeep. She and her friend Sammy Shoun (also a horse lover) created a make-believe non-profit company called ST Horses (the S standing for Sammy and the T standing for Tatum). They decided they would 'play office' and pretend they were finding clients to make donations. One day, they decided to start thinking of ways to coordinate "real" money donations and their goal was to raise \$100 for HPL by August 2012. During the month of May, Tatum went around the neighborhood and knocked on doors to ask for HPL donations - explaining the funds would be going to help care for abused and neglected horses. On Sunday July 8th, she coordinated an 'open house' where people could stop by for free lemonade and make donations and/or purchase products she made to help raise funds. Through all of these efforts, on Saturday, July 14th, Tatum stopped by HPL to donate \$205, well past their initial goal and all for a wonderful cause. *By Bryan Gregston*



# Our Memorials

## IN MEMORY OF SHERRI FROST

*The HPL community lost a friend recently, Sherri Frost. Sherri was an active member and volunteer several years ago. She operated a children's summer day camp called Nickers and Neighs and adopted our Sparrow, who along with her other ponies gave the kids some excellent adventures and memories. Those of you who own our cookbook have enjoyed several of her recipes from Cinnamon Ornaments to Sally Lynn Bread and Hamburger Salami. Our hearts go out to Sherri's family—she will be remembered fondly by HPL and especially, Mr. Sparrow.*

## Horse Memorials



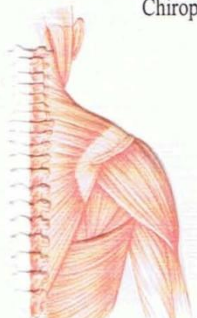
In loving memory of **Mattie**.  
Mr. Mat-Mat, handsome boy, you are so missed by all four of us...

Jane, Annie, Resa and Lucy

**Ivory** passed July 2, 2012. An Angel of Departure came to heal our spirits and hers so that she can return peacefully to Spirit.

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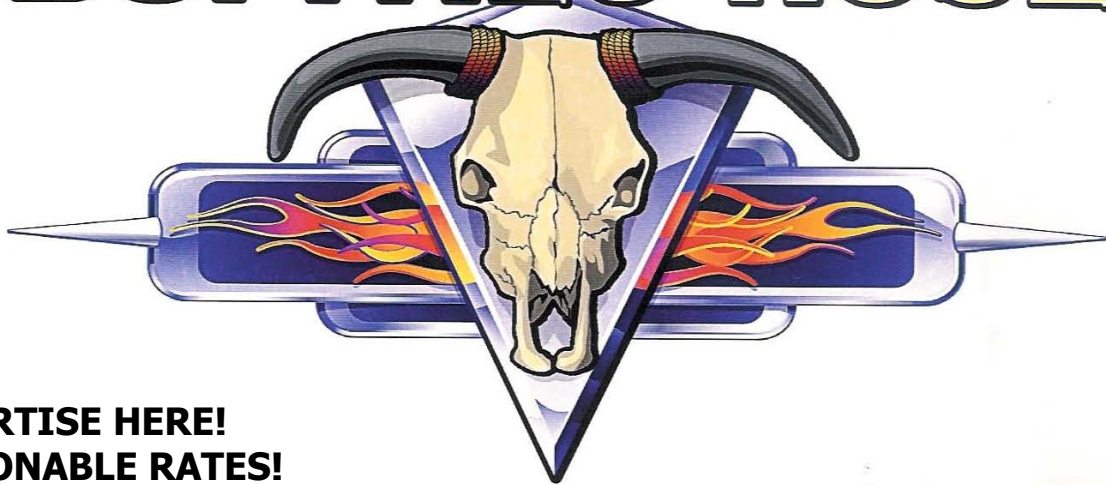
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