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Tales from the Ranch

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Your Donation Dollars to the Rescue!



On the left is Jackie, an 18-year old bay mare and the sweetheart above is 6-year-old chestnut mare named Gracie.

Jefferson County Animal Control asked HPL to help with two Arabian horses that needed to be rescued. Because the owner turned them over to the County, the Board of HPL agreed to take care of the horses. As you can see, the horses came to us in poor shape and very underweight. Since the horses have never been separated, we kept them close together and they were happy to be eating again. The horses have to be on small meals throughout the day. Golden Animal Hospital gave them both a check up, floated their teeth and de-wormed the little darlings. Time will tell how they will recover. We will keep you informed. Thanks to Emie & Jan who were rescue divas for the day!

Follow up on the 3 Strike Ranch



According to a report on February 24, 2010, by Channel 9 News, Jason Meduna was found guilty of 145 counts of felony animal cruelty and sentenced to 40 to 120 months at Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. He will be eligible for parole after 20 months and cannot own, possess or reside with animals for the next 30 years. (Photo at the left was taken at Morrill Co. NE fairgrounds the day we picked up the mustangs.)

Board Meetings:

Meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the main house at the HPL ranch. The ranch is located at 17999 W. 60th Avenue, Golden, CO 80403. All meetings are open to the public.

HPL Wish List

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
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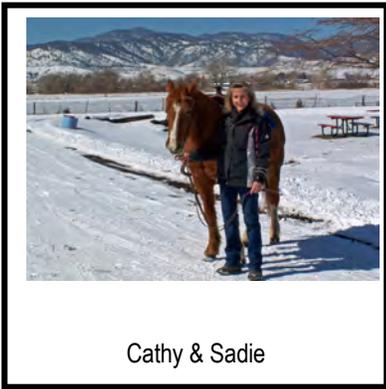
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Our Volunteer Spotlight



Cathy & Sadie

Cathy Gilbert started volunteering at HPL in March of 2005. A family friend had given her one of our newsletters knowing Cathy's love for horses.

Cathy had her own horse in the 6th grade and has felt something missing ever since she had to sell him when she went off to college. So, HPL was a great fit. It gave her the horse fix and filled that void a horse can leave in your heart once you've had one in your life. She keeps coming back for the equine and the human camaraderie. She has made good friends here and is glad to be a part of HPL. She rides Sadie a couple of times a week and volunteers on Wednesdays.

Cathy and her husband Cole moved to Alabama to try something new in 2007, but returned to Colorado last summer. We're glad you're back.

Submitted by: Jennifer Maramonte

Horse Adoptions

CHOCOLATTE—MATTIE—CHANCE—DALE—ROADIE



We have some very good news—Darren has adopted both Roadie and Chance! Yes, I said both of our precious boys. They will be heading up to Darren's new ranch in the hills with his other horses.

We have a deposit down on Dale and have finalized all the paperwork with Linda and Helene on Indy.

Whew! This is all so exciting for HPL! So far this year we have found new homes for Chocolate, Mattie, Roadie, Chance, Indy and Dale! What a great beginning to the new year!

Submitted by: Elisa Mathews

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Name of Sponsor	Horse
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Who's new at the ranch?



Stormy came from a loving family, but due to health issues of the Owner, he came to HPL. Very strong and sweet, a registered Fjord (draft pony) he is a gelding, 24-years old, rideable and highly trained. In his younger years he helped many young students learn to ride and jump!

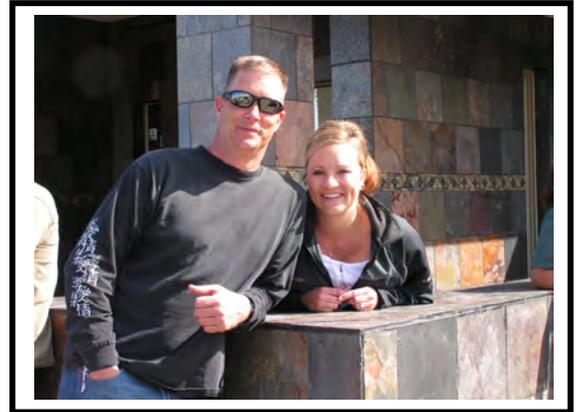
Dear John,

John Simmons is the owner of 5280 Drywall & Repairs. John and his wife Casey started volunteering for HPL the summer of 2009. John felt he could really help HPL with his construction background and his business. It did not take long before John and Casey helped organize a big fundraiser for getting HPL a newer truck. In addition, John helped pay for materials for a new shed and his work crew put up the building.

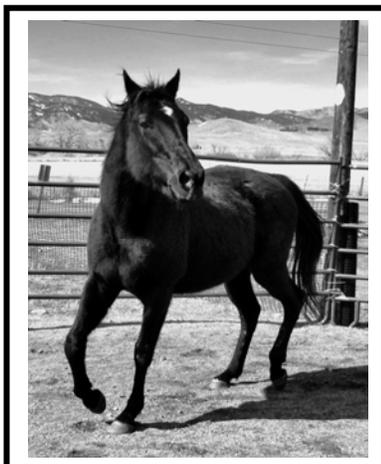
John has been a great help and a dear friend. John and Casey have adopted Tigger, our handsome yearling colt! We know that they will be very happy together.

HPL is very lucky to have a wonderful family wanting to help the horses. Thank you, John, Casey and 5280 Drywall & Repairs.

Submitted By: Emie O'Neill



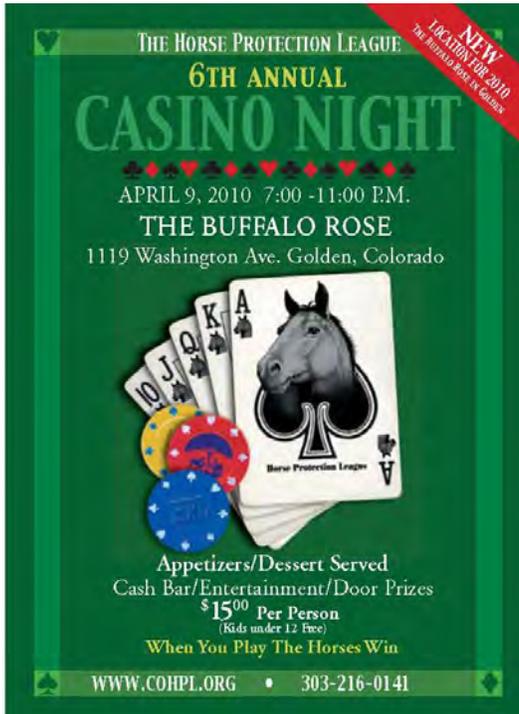
Goodbye Honey



Sadly, On January 6th 2009, Honey was euthanized. After many months of battling with open abscesses that were not healing and cumulative damage to her legs from many years of being on the race track, it was decided to end her pain and for her to join her soul mate Bella. She left this world peacefully, surrounded by a few who loved her very much.

Submitted by: Elisa Mathews

Upcoming Fundraisers



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for details of these events.

Art for Horses Event

An equine and western themed fine art exhibit and sale was held at the Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design in the Rotunda Pavilion from February 19 through March 6, 2010. The opening Artists' Reception was Friday and featured award winning music by Bill Barwick & Friends. The reception's appetizers were donated by Whole Foods in Westminster.

An eclectic group of award winning artists contributed paintings, drawings, photographs, and sculptures for the show. Some of the participating artists were Dix Baines, Susan Bell, Cat Deuter, Moni Heil, Jean Cole, Gifford Ewing, Loretta Young-Gautier, Lindsey Bittner Graham, Linda Israel, Laura Mehmert, Karen G. Myers, Diane Perry, and Janene DiRico-Cable.

One highlight of the show was "Triple Threat," a bronze sculpture of three horses by Janene DiRico-Cable. "Triple Threat" was chosen as the United States Equestrian Federation's/EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award for 2010.

As if the exhibit wasn't successful enough, along came an unexpected donation from a woman who felt a deep bond with horses and who was interested in art. At the opening reception, on her behalf, the family and friends of the late Edythe Horton surprised The Horse Protection League with a considerable donation.

Edythe had a love of horses as she grew up north of Ft. Morgan in a sod house. She moved to the Denver area and made a lasting friendship with the family that helped decide where her estate would go. Her love of horses and art made the art show the perfect event to give HPL this wonderful gift. In turn, the future art shows for HPL will be in Edythe's name. Submitted by: Vicki Christensen



Art for Horses—from a volunteer's perspective

As the snowflakes floated from the sky and the temperatures dropped, I pulled into a parking spot close to the door. The ice crunched under my feet as I made my way to the gallery. The glass-enclosed building looked toasty and inviting as I yanked on the front door. Once inside the sights and sounds of the art show filled my senses. The lights, music and paintings hit me like I had arrived at the gates of heaven. Everything was meticulously set for the opening reception of our very first art show.

Seated behind the sales table, I watched in wonder as the gallery filled quickly, despite the weather. Buyers showed up at the table excited to put a "sold" sticker on their favorite piece. Our manual credit card machine which normally makes everyone cranky, was clicking and clacking back and forth as pieces were snatched up. Our first sale, and then another and another. There was a split of proceeds with most of the artists, while some donated the entire amount received.

You know, the art show was supposed to benefit the horses but I think we all benefited from this wonderful and prideful experience. Submitted by: Donna Hoffman

HPL Thanks You!

The HPL ART for HORSES event was such a huge success due to the efforts and support of many people. Fifty-one amazing artists presented about 140 pieces of art in a wide array of mediums and they were great in offering their support throughout. Our sponsors were generous and supportive in more ways than I can mention. And the volunteers who organized and worked the event handled the overwhelming attendance with great humor and creative problem solving. It was a memorable evening and all of you who attended and purchase art really made it work. Your support and patronage is so very appreciated by HPL and the artists. Below is a listing of all of our artists and our sponsors. We hope you will continue to support them as well.

ARTISTS:

Amy Laugensen	Jean Cole	Vicki Christensen
Anna Kheyman	Jeremy Manyik	Karen G Myers
Carly Davis	Joshua Been	Kim McKie
Carol Walker	Judy M Sanchez	Kimberly Bowen
Cassandra Sharon	Karen Bonnie	Laura Mehmert
Cat Deuter	Linda Israel	Linda Pierrel
Dan Ballard	Lindsey Bittner-Graham	Lisa K Davis
Diane Perry	Loretta Young-Gautier	Maggie Rosche
Dix Baines	Mary Breckenridge	Mary Wood
Elizabeth Pollard Jenny	Moni Heil	Pam McLaughlin
Ellen Zachary	Richard Rodriguez	Sandy Pfeifer
Esther Lidstrom	Sarah Mottalini	Sherry Rohl
Frances Marino	Shizuko Barbara Hanson	Susan Becker
Gary Sohrweid	Susan Bell	Susan Johnson
Gifford Ewing	Susan Sutherland	Susan Williams
Heather Farmstead	Tammy Bality	Terry Dunlap
Janene Dirico-Cable	Tina Rowe	Tricia Tofte

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Meanwhile back at the ranch...

Things continue to be very busy at HPL. The new year had barely begun when our precious Chocolate went to a new home. This special little guy (32" high) arrived at HPL in a van, yes, in the back of an ordinary van, and quickly became the leader of the little herd comprised of himself, our yearling Tigger, and the two mustangs, Apache and Chance. We watched in charmed amazement as he would lead the little band across the pasture, the bigger horses (and they were all bigger), adapting their longer strides to match his pace. He's gone to a loving family where his new herd consists of a goat and I bet I know who's in charge!

We are also pleased that Roadie, Chance and Indy have been adopted and we have at least one other pending adoption. On the flip side, we've taken in Stormy, a sweet little Fjord who has become fast friends with our big ol' Drifter; and a mother and daughter pair of Arabs that should prove to be wonderful additions to our herd.

By the way, did you know that a \$25 donation will fund feeding hay to all of our horses for approximately one day? Our "Hay for a Day" program allows you to pick the day you want to fund. Just think, you can wake up one morning and before you even get out of bed know that, thanks to you, the HPL horses will be having breakfast and dinner. It's a great way to mark a birthday or other special occasion for yourself, an equine friend, or that horse lover in your life.

Our next big fundraiser is our annual Casino night on April 9. It's at Buffalo Rose in Golden this year. A new venue for this event, but a popular venue for other HPL functions, Murray and the Buffalo Rose are long time friends and supporters of HPL. Hope to see you there! Jan D.

A Barn Built by a Church

One of the many pleasures of volunteering at The Horse Protection League is the sense of connection with the past that comes from being on an historic working ranch. On a recent Saturday in January, that connection came full circle, when we made a hay buy from Garth Churches. Garth is the great, great grandson of John Churches, who settled Churches Ranch in 1862 and whose legacy The Horse Protection League enjoys today. Garth says he is told that he spent some time on the old homestead as a young child, but doesn't actually remember doing so. He did, however, visit us at the ranch a couple of months ago with Vince, and HPL had the pleasure of giving him the tour of his family homestead, with its beautiful restored barn.

As in the past, bringing hay into the barn takes an enormous amount of man (and woman) power and HPL is fortunate to have volunteers who are always ready to step up. A team from HPL went to Greeley to pick up some 300 bales of alfalfa from Garth. They arrived back at the ranch about noon to a crew of fresh volunteers ready to help unload. When hay arrives at the ranch, we store most in the hayloft, but our alfalfa goes into the shed on the side of the barn built by John Churches. The unloading process on this particular day was not that different from how it must have looked in the 1860s. The hauling equipment is more automated, but unloading hay still requires a strong back and a community effort. We had a good group of strong men and women – Vince, Josh, Darren, the two Dougs (no, they're not brothers), Cole, Richard, Dan and Shawn were joined by Kathy, Jennifer, Judy and Lindsay. Thanks to this well organized team, all the hay was unloaded and stacked in record time!

And in the golden haze of hay dust, I like to think I caught a glimpse of John Churches himself, smiling at the return of Churches' hay to his barn and nodding his approval of a job well done. Submitted by: Jan D.

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