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## Tales from the Ranch

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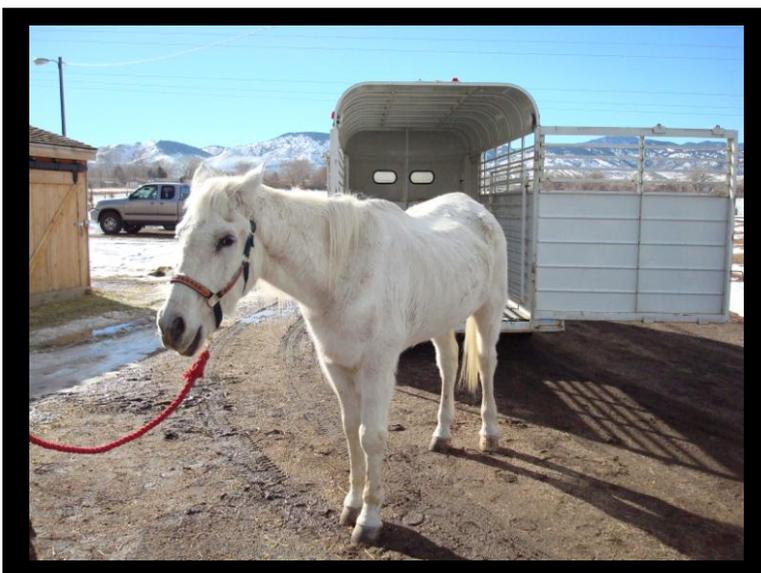
After years of recycling aluminum cans and putting that money into an account, we finally purchased a newer truck. So, the next time you are ready to toss that can into the trash, pitch it into a bag or bucket and haul it over to The Horse Protection League. We can use the recycling money to purchase gas, tires, etc., for the future, without dipping into the money for our horses.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



### Hi Ho Silver

Silver is a sweet boy and loves that he is not being pushed away from his food anymore. His body condition scored a "2" (out of 10) and he is 100 pounds or more underweight. Silver seems a bit "taken" with our lovely Bailey and she with him. It was love at first sight!

## 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. 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Golden, CO 80403. All meetings are open to the public.

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# Choke in horses

Hopefully you have been able to meet HPL's newest resident. Her name is Belle and she is as sweet as any southern belle you'll ever meet. Belle had an incident of choking that left her esophagus scarred. Several rescues turned her down due to her special feeding needs. Belle needs to be fed separately from other horses so her food can be specially prepared.

Choke occurs when partially chewed food gets caught in the esophagus. The horse is still able to breathe but cannot swallow. Causes of choke include inability to chew food properly, eating too fast, low production of saliva or partial obstruction in the esophagus from a tumor or old scar tissue. Dental problems can cause inadequate chewing and contribute to choke. Aspiration pneumonia can be a secondary condition caused by choke. It happens when food, water or saliva accumulates in the back of the throat, entering the trachea and settling in the lungs.

Signs of choke include: difficulty swallowing, no interest in food, coughing, repeated head and neck extension in a downward direction, discharge from the nostrils, increased salivation or drooling, increased heart rate and possibly a noticeable lump under the neck. If choke is suspected, a veterinarian should be contacted immediately.

Scheduling regular dental exams, especially for senior horses can greatly reduce the chances of choke. For those senior horses, senior feed is easier to chew and digest. Moist hay and grain is also easier to chew and will hopefully prevent choke. For those horses that eat too fast, placing a few large rocks in the feed pan and allowing more turnout time to graze between meals can help them eat more slowly.

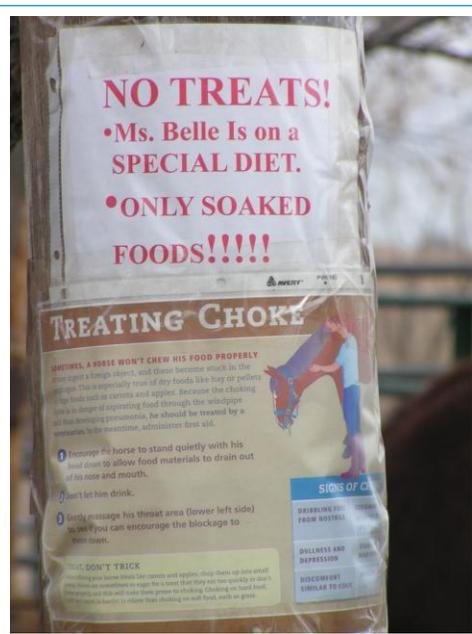
Belle now requires her hay and grain to be watered down. She is getting flakes of alfalfa that are broken apart and soaked with water. She is being fed a senior grain for now since it is easier to chew. If you visit Belle at the ranch, you may notice a sign on her stall saying she cannot have any treats. Unfortunately with the scarring in her esophagus, Belle cannot eat hard treats. However, she is getting lots of love, care and attention from everyone at HPL. HPL is happy to accommodate her needs and delighted to have her at the ranch. --Dawn Renee Neff  
Certified Veterinary Technician



Belle gets used to her new surroundings



Her feet are a little long



Signs are posted in the ISO area

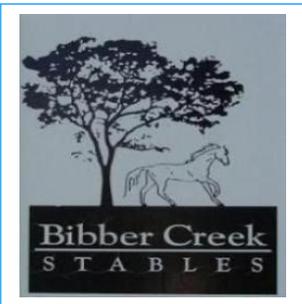
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The 2nd annual Schooling Show at Bibber Creek Stables will be held to benefit the Horse Protection League in golden. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th.

Come join in the fun and food to benefit HPL. The entry fees/donations for the Schooling Show will go directly to HPL. See [bibbercreekstables.com](http://bibbercreekstables.com) for additional information.

## Thank you...

Our own kitty, Asia, narrowly escaped the jaws of a hungry coyote last month. Thanks to our volunteer Cassandra, for dashing off to the vet hospital to get Asia much needed care. Cassandra has taken her home and together with her husband, has been caring for her continuously. Thank you guys for taking her in.



Another huge thank you to Belle's family for a \$200 donation to HPL and some hay.



# Dates to Remember!

**June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2**  
Pig Roast @ The Buffalo Rose in Golden



**June 24-27, July 21-24, September 22-25**  
The ROTH Modular Class @ The Horse Protection League



**August 26, 27, 28**  
Celebration Days @ The Horse Protection League

**November 4 (tentative)**  
The Silent Auction (location TBD)

Other Events TBD!

Ice Cream Social

The Art Show

## Wish List

Office supplies such as envelopes, stamps, note paper  
3-ring notebooks about 1 inch wide, hard cover  
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  
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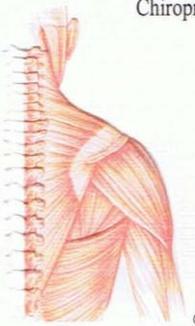


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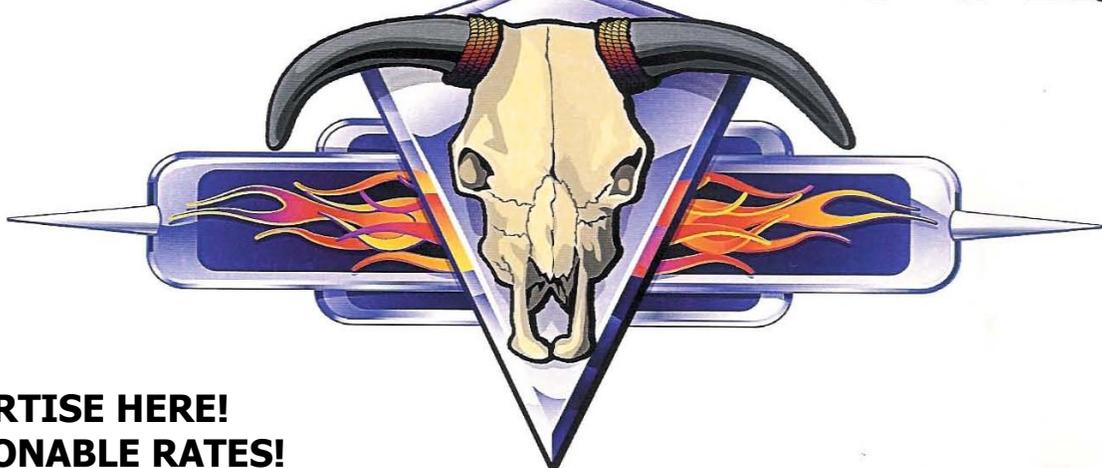
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