

## HPL Takes Two Plus Two

In July, HPL took in two mares with two foals from a Wyoming impound case.

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: The HSUS and Local Welfare Groups Come to the Aid of Nearly 100 Horses Seized by Wyoming Livestock Board**

The Humane Society of the United States, Front Range Equine Rescue and Denkai Animal Sanctuary assisted the Wyoming Livestock Board with the care and placement of nearly 100 horses seized from a Lincoln County property. The Wyoming Livestock Board and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department removed the animals from the property following an ongoing criminal investigation into allegations of neglect. When officials arrived on the Fairview property in late May they reportedly found nearly 100 horses, including some dead horses and others whose medical conditions were so severe they were humanely euthanized. The Wyoming Livestock Board then transported the remaining horses to the Cheyenne Stockyards, where they have been receiving rehabilitative care under the supervision of the state veterinarian. According to veterinarians on the scene, most were in poor health and showing signs of neglect. Many of the animals were extremely emaciated and suffering from a variety of medical ailments including overgrown, infected hooves, open wounds and parasite infestation.

The Wyoming Livestock Board and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department initiated this case. When the owner failed to post bond, the animals became custody of the state. The horses are being held at the Cheyenne Stockyards for temporary shelter. All of the horses are being checked by a team of veterinarians and given any necessary immediate medical care. The rescued horses are in the custody of the Wyoming Livestock Board and will be cared for by The HSUS in conjunction with local rescue groups until suitable adoptive homes can be found.



## 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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# Horses That Touched Our Hearts

People sometimes ask why we take in older horses at HPL. Recently we had two horses that requires extra care and I wanted to write about what happens with our wonderful volunteers who help care for these horses.



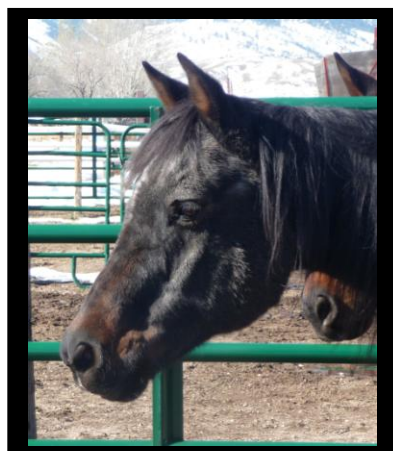
**Silver** was a 30-year-old gelding that needed HPL's care and special understanding of his needs. He was very underweight and had other health issues. Silver arrived on Valentine's Day 2011 and three months later had to be euthanized due to his severe health problems.

During the time Silver was with HPL, many of the volunteers stepped up and took extra time with him, giving him the love that he deserved. Silver gave back to HPL with his kindness and gentleness to the volunteers and he made a special connection to our oldest resident Bailey. It was a blessing for HPL to have

**Chip** came to HPL in 2008 with another horse, as his family could not care for them. Chip was an older gelding in his late twenties, Chip also had many health issues. Chip started gaining weight and was doing better, but then in the summer of 2010, he started failing. He was losing weight and was having a hard time walking. After I decided to bring him in the barn to give him extra attention for his health needs, he started to improve. Chip would spend his nights in the barn and days outside around the other horses. It took many volunteers extra hours to care for Chip, but the volunteers were happy to do it. Chip had a very special volunteer named Pam who made sure the barn was clean and spent extra time grooming and walking him. Chip filled our days at the rescue with his love that he gave back to all of us that cared for him. We lost chip on March 30, 2011 to colic.

When HPL brings in any horse, we make a commitment to do the best within our limits for that animal. I see volunteers making lasting connections to all our horses and that is what we are all about. Many of our horses don't get a home away from HPL, but they still have a great family of loving people to care for them.

Chip's special volunteer came across this poem when we lost Chip and I wanted to share it. It really says how we all feel about the horses in our care. My thanks and appreciation to all our volunteers. You make it happen and give so much to these horses that come in when other people have failed them. Submitted by: Emie O'Neill



## "For Chip"

If tears could build a stairway,  
Memories a lane,  
I'd walk up to heaven and bring you home again.  
We all love you.

--Author unknown



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## Adopted



On July 2, Corky found a new family with Jennie and Teresa. Congratulations to all of them!

## ASPCA Visit

On June 21st, Jacque Schultz, Senior Director Community Outreach for ASPCA, and her Associate Karen Medicus, visited HPL. They provided us with information about the ASPCA Equine Fund, took a tour of the ranch and met our horses.



## Thanks Danny

Danny Chapparo, a registered yoga teacher from Castle Rock that specializes in equestrian yoga and other styles of yoga, offered a free Yoga in the Park Class. He chose the Horse Protection League for one Saturday and dedicated any donations to us. Check out Danny's website and classes at: [Danny@AshvaYoga.com](mailto:Danny@AshvaYoga.com)



# Dates to Remember!

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

## **September 23, 24, & 25**

The ROTH Modular Class @ The Horse Protection League  
Anna Twinney's Reach Out to Natural Horsemanship certification clinics

## **August 26, 27, 28**

Celebration Days @ The Horse Protection League  
Saturday will be the BBQ, Music and a demonstration by the Crusaders

## **October 7 through 22**

The ART Show @ the Habitat Gallery, 828 Santa Fe, Santa Fe Art District  
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## **November 17 (Thursday)**

The Silent Auction, Jefferson County Fairgrounds



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Large size halters  
Lead ropes  
Rubber feeder pans (3 & 6.5 gallon sizes)  
Vet Wrap  
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Duct tape  
Horse fly spray  
Water tanks (90 gallons)  
Tank heaters  
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Heavy duty water hoses (25 or 50 feet)  
Fence panels and gates (10 & 12 feet)  
Hay feeders (not to hang on walls)  
Complete feed, senior feed, Triple Crown Senior, rice bran  
Gift cards--We shop at West Brothers, Home Depot and Ace Hardware for horse care and repair items.

# A Hoedown for Horses

HPL presented a Hoedown for Horses, Saturday, June 18th. All proceeds went to the care and feeding of our horses. Here's our thank you list!

Music provided by: **Ellie Mae's Roundup and Lois Lane and Superband**

Food: **Rib City**, 14705 W. 64th Street, Arvada

Flowers: **Timberline Gardens**, 11700 W. 58th Avenue, Arvada

Buns: **Safeway**, 64th & Ward, Arvada

Ice: **Westwood Wines & Spirits**, 16255 W. 64th Avenue, Arvada

All of our volunteers for their hard work and especially the desserts!



## Hard to say Good-Bye

A thank you and farewell to Rebecca Rosier who is moving back East. Rebecca placed an ad for HPL in the Stapleton newsletter that will run for three months. She has been doing a lot of work to help HPL gain new sponsors!

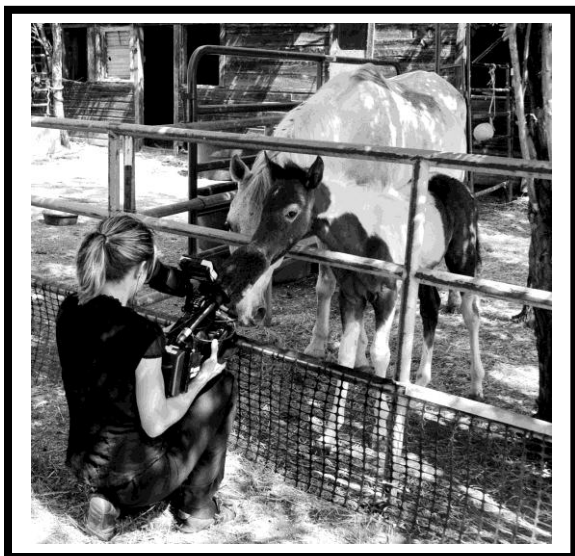


# Breaking news from FOX31

It was just another Wednesday at the ranch, or so it seemed, until a news team from Fox 31 Denver showed up. Shawn Tyrrell would be in a lot of trouble for this, but he did it anyway: He decided to nominate our Barn Manager, Emie O'Neill FOX 31's "Feel Good Friday" volunteer award. This award comes with a Key Bank Visa gift card and, a surprise interview.

Ken Clark was the reporter on hand, along with his camera person, Jennifer Allen. They popped up at the ranch early in the morning. The volunteers all knew about this, except for Emie.

If you don't know her, I have to tell you, she may be petite but she's a spitfire and extremely passionate about the care of these horses. There is genuinely no one like her and a huge "high five" goes out to Shawn for sharing this information with the rest of Denver.



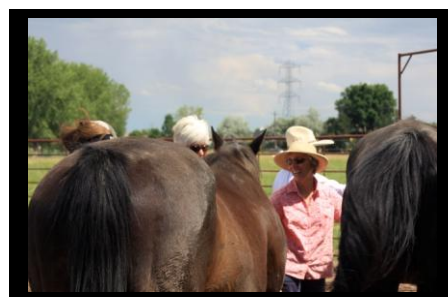
# HPL Continues to Nurture New Partnerships

The mission of the Horse Protection League is simple and clear: To rescue, rehabilitate and find happy new homes for our equine friends. Sometimes, our mission intersects with that of other organizations whose love of horses has found expression in a different way. When that happens, we have an opportunity to work together toward a common goal that serves each of us, our horses and the wider community. HPL has had the good fortune to welcome two new partners who help us accomplish all of these things.

Equine Discoveries is comprised of Jo Brillhart, RN, PsyD, LPC and Margaret Wilson, MS. Jo and Margaret are also certified Equine Gestalt Coaches and use horses in conjunction with Gestalt coaching methods to assist their clients in growth, discovery and healing. No horse experience is necessary and the work does not involve horseback riding. Their programs range from corporate leadership training, team building and stress management to self- discovery, life transitions and grief and loss workshops. Margaret explains that, "the horse requires us to bring our authentic self...and calls us on our 'stuff'." Such immediate feedback can be very powerful and, according to Jo, "get people to a place in an hour with a horse that many hours of talk therapy cannot accomplish." HPL 's role in this process is to provide the venue and the horses to work with Equine Discoveries' clients. Our horses benefit from the gentle interaction in the workshops and Jo and Margaret give back to HPL through donations and an annual sponsorship of one of our horses. We are very pleased to be able to help with their important work. Equine Discoveries will have a booth at our Celebration Days if you'd like to visit with them, or you can learn more about them and their wide range of creative services at their website - [www.equinediscoveries.com](http://www.equinediscoveries.com).



**Equine Discoveries**



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**The Crusaders**

While Equine Discoveries is about the inner self, The Crusaders are all about public exposure. The Crusaders are the only adult equine drill team in Colorado. Founded in 2011, the Crusaders want to use "what we know best (horses) to make a difference." They not only participate in the sport of equestrian drill, they also give back to their communities by donating their time and funds to various organizations. Their choice of organizations is based on their desire to represent those who have no voice through partnerships with other non-profits. They currently work with Mount Saint Vincent Home for children, Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA), Fallen Saints for families of fallen soldiers and The Horse Protection League. Mark your calendars, the Crusaders will be appearing at HPL's Celebration Days, performing a drill program on Saturday, August 27. For more information on the Crusaders, visit their website at [www.crusaderequestrian.org](http://www.crusaderequestrian.org).



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# HELP WANTED!

## **HPL needs volunteers to help with the following organizational needs:**

**Membership Database:** Assist Database Manager with entering and updating membership information into our membership database (Access), running reports, printing mailing labels, sending out renewal notices and filing. Training will be provided and potential for advancement is unlimited! Time commitment expected to be between 1-3 hours/week. For more information, contact Jan Detrich – 303.812.1496 (w) or 303.601.3061 (c).


**Barn Management Support Team:** Provide support and assistance to Barn Manager as needed. Tasks may include but not be limited to: Feeding lunch to the horses; assisting with group visits; running HPL errands. Availability at times during the week, evenings or weekends required . If possible, would like to have 3-5 people who could rotate or take on specific tasks. For more information, contact Emie – 303.587.2633

**Corporate Sponsorships:** Many of our fundraisers need funding from businesses. If you are an outgoing person who would like to help contact businesses for in-kind donations (auction) or cash donations to offset fund raising budget items (art show), please contact Mary Ann Molnar, [molnarmmb@q.com](mailto:molnarmmb@q.com), or Jan Detrich, [jkdetrich@forestoil.com](mailto:jkdetrich@forestoil.com) to discuss.

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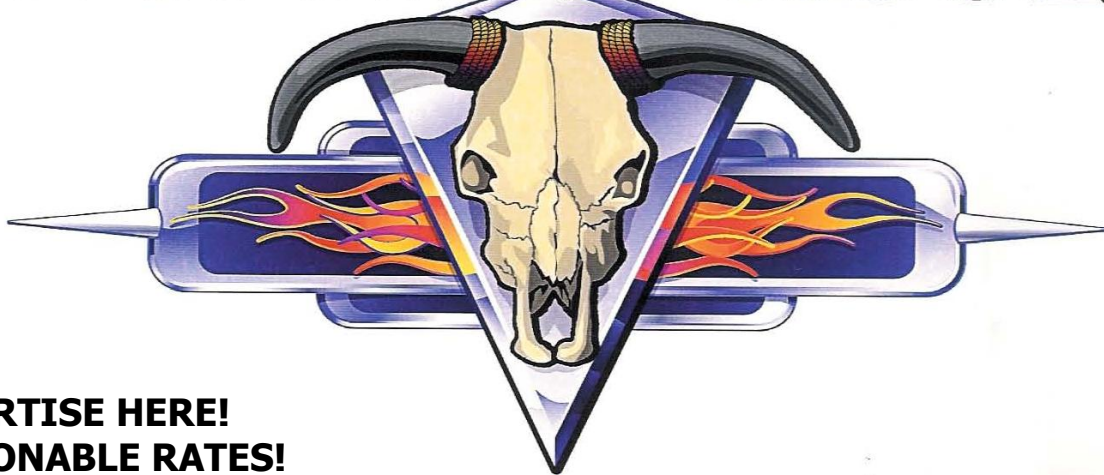
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