



SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

From the manure pile...

Rain, Rain, & more rain after no rain.... we need it but dang-

I think everyone knows that we lost 2 of our 3 dogs in the last year (Harley to old age/bad hips- Baby Girl to cancer) which left Cassie with no one to run & play with. I think she was pretty happy, but packing on the pounds was just not healthy. Enter Gracie- almost a year old & came back to the breeder (from a home in town with a yard & lots of toys) because they didn't have time for her. Total different life on the farm. No experience with horses, OR cats, OR ponds. We are working our way through it!



Good time to add 7 unhandled animals (& rain everyday) right? More animals from other rescues leaves no room @ the Inn for any more. We are bursting @ the seams!

I want to talk about Norman- I admit I am NOT a mule girl, but Norman, oh Norman- so sweet. If you have ever heard Mules are "hard", not this one. All he wants is love & scratches & wants to do what you are asking of him.

He will make someone a "mule person"! –Diane



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NEW AT THE RESCUE

Over the years, Spring Creek has gained a reputation for being the Rescue that takes other Rescues' "impossible" equines. Here are some of the newest examples:

NOAH

Noah, a two year old white mini mule, came to us from a Rescue that couldn't handle him. Noah is about 7 1/2 hands tall & a stud.

Heartbreakingly, the Rescue had actually considered euthanizing Noah because they couldn't catch him. We are SO HAPPY he's joined us!



This spunky little guy has already gained so much confidence that he bosses around his pen mates and takes apples from volunteers' hands.

After a lot of TLC, we think he will be adoptable.



TESSA AND PEANUT

Tessa, a mare from the Lakota Reservation with a severely damaged nose from a snake bite, and her baby, Peanut, arrived at Spring Creek Horse Rescue three weeks ago. She and Peanut both had severe injuries from the kill lot with pus running down Tessa's shoulder and Peanut with a damaged knee.



Despite her wounds and dire condition, we saw Tessa's photos and thought she was absolutely beautiful. Her eyes showed intelligence and warmth and we knew we needed to rescue her and her baby.

She was in a direct ship pen in Kansas, which means they leave the baby to die, and ship the mare. No one stepped up for her so we knew we needed to move fast to save her.



Tessa is completely unhandled and wild, but is being fed a healthy diet and already feeling more at home. She is slowly starting to interact with Diane and volunteers and Peanut is getting close to where she'll let us touch her. And we now think Tessa is pregnant again.

The resilient mare and her tiny, three-month-old filly are the first the Rescue has ever "bailed" in 46 years (the Rescue usually takes in horses others have bailed and can't keep.)

Tessa will need lots of TLC and has a permanent home here at the Rescue. She is the perfect example of what we do here -- we like a challenge and never give up on them.



GYPSY

Gypsy, a mini mule, has a story that lives up to her name.

Gypsy was bailed from the kill lot by a rescue, but they couldn't keep her because they couldn't handle her.

She was in transit from a second rescue that took her but couldn't handle her either, to a third rescue with her friend, Noah.



While the hauler was transferring them from one trailer to another in a Walmart parking lot in North Carolina, Gypsy escaped. The hauler had to leave without her.

She kept coming back day after day to the parking lot looking for Noah, but couldn't be caught. Finally, after three weeks of being lost, a cowboy was able to lasso her and she was reunited with Noah.

Sadly, the third rescue also said they couldn't handle her, so Spring Creek Horse Rescue stepped up to take her in. We're not sure Gypsy will ever be adoptable but we are working hard to become her friends.

—Ang Z

ADOPTED!

JANE

Our sweet Jane, a pretty sorrel, 3 year old Quarterhorse filly, has a new home!

Her new "Dad" reached out to learn more about her eight months ago. Because of her quiet intelligence, we knew Jane's adopter would need to be a calm person who would treat her with patience and respect.



After filling out adoption papers, conducting interviews and reference checks, and confirming Jane would have proper shelter and fencing (not barbed wire), we were confident they were right for each other.



Ryan came to visit many times to create a strong bond with Jane, and finally, on June 16, after he closed on his new horse property, Jane went to her new home.

She has a new pen pal and pup friend and is a happy girl!

SCHR IN NUMBERS...

*26 permanent residents, like Lady.



*7 new horses in rehabilitation, like April and Ashley.

*2 horses nearing adoptable status, like Trimble.



*3 horses adopted within the last 12 months.

*4380 bales of hay per year... \$65,700

*624 bags of grain per year... \$18,720

*576 bags of bedding per year... \$4,608

*46 years of rescue and close to 1000 rescues!



OPEN HOUSE
Horse Adoption
and Garage Sale

WHEN
Friday and Saturday,
June 24th and 25th,
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LOCATION
2888 County Road 234,
Durango

Join us for:
FUNDAMENTALS CLINICS
w/trainer Dustin McCuiston
\$20 per person/benefits SCHR
Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
SpringCreekHorseRescue.org

OPEN HOUSE RECAP

Thank you to all those who donated items and cash and bought items at our annual garage sale and open house!

We enjoyed giving tours and introducing the horses to our visitors. Top favorites were George (of course!), beautiful Lady the Belgian, and adorable Noah the whiskey white mini-mule.

While we didn't do as well with donations this year as we have in previous years, it was still a big success and such a joy to see the kids, especially, interact with the horses.

VOLUNTEER NOTES

Choosing to give my time and energy to Spring Creek Horse Rescue and its unique residents has been worth the sweat, mud, and horsey unmentionables. I could have chosen somewhere else, but will be forever glad I didn't. Each animal here has gained not only a home, but a place to remember (or learn) what happiness, love, and trust feels like.

Assisting in whatever task, may it be mucking, cleaning scratches, or the privilege of grooming, brings pride and personal growth. You earn the right to get near and give each animal their deserved affection. Along with being proud of my work, gaining an exorbitant amount of new knowledge on appropriate horse care, I hope to have helped show that not all humans are lazy and cruel.

I may have grown up with horses, but this does not equate to the knowledge needed to care for rescues. These are animals that weren't really given a chance at a "normal" life and require a deeper understanding and individual attention that Diane goes above and beyond to provide the level of care they deserve. Years of horse knowledge has shown me how much I have yet to learn, but one thing I can be certain of is that it takes a courageous heart to earn the trust and love of these animals. With open ears to Diane's vast quantity of knowledge, this is a place to truly give assistance where needed.

Unlike many rescues these days, you can be sure your physical and financial backing will go directly to making the four-legged, a life worth enjoying. –Sienna

