



FROM THE MANURE PILE

Spring Creek Horse Rescue

What's new?

♥ Tessa and Peanut have a new turnout and are very happy girls! Thank you to all our donors who made it possible.



Tessa & Peanut

Coming soon...



Colorado Gives Day 12/6 is quickly approaching. Go to coloradogives.org/organization/SpringCreekHorseRescue to learn more.

ALSO: Attention English riders! A generous donor has given us an entire showroom of tack and riding boots. Visit us on Facebook in the coming weeks to see what will be for sale.



Norman says "hello"!

Diane's note

Fall already? Where did summer go?

Last few weeks have been a challenge... it always comes in three's.

Beau turned up with a scratch on his cornea -- lots of doctoring -- he is much better now.

Mouse was kicked in her only eye, enough that it was closed, anti-inflammatory, silver honey, lots of love, 2 days with the eye puffed totally closed -- she has had to deal with so much.

She is back to her happy place now.



Beau



Mouse



Trimble

For adoption: Trimble

Trimble is a 15 year old Medicine Hat paint mare and a very sweet girl.

She is the perfect horse!

Besides being a beauty, she comes when called, has a calm personality, and is easy to catch, trim, and load. She isn't spooked by dogs or loud equipment.

Even better, she loves people (and Ridge! Adopt them both!)

Trimble's only "achilles heel" is that she likes arena work, but hates trails.

To learn more about this great horse, contact us via email at springcreekhorserescue@yahoo.com



Trimble & Ridge

Diane's note, continued...

Our new pup Gracie is still learning about not chasing horses -- although not fast enough--stepped on/broken leg/bone out of place. Did you know there are no small animal surgeons located here that can fix this? Sorry, but that's pretty scary for a town the size of Durango.

Dick Perce DVM large animal vet to the rescue--splinted for the next 6 wks, no horse chasing (not an easy task) & lots of babysitting. We are hoping we can keep her still for that long & she heals as good as new.

Hoping for no more excitement all at once in the future.

Diane



Donor Story

On my first visit to Spring Creek, I met Diane & volunteer Angie. I also got to meet all of the horses, mules, donkeys & dogs! I knew right then, I wanted to be a part of this wonderful, magical place.

The dedication of Diane & her volunteer staff is very evident. I heard a story about each & every rescue. Very sad in so many instances but also lots of "happily ever afters."

Every donation is spent on the well being & care of the horses. Diane knows her stuff & can rehabilitate even the most serious cases. Please consider a donation to Spring Creek--you'll be glad you did!

Karen, Durango



Woodrow

Happily Ever After: Robin and Woodrow

"Robin and Woodrow are doing great!

We are riding Woodrow and light riding for Robin, training, and spoiling them rotten 🥰

We just love them to pieces and are blessed that they're a part of our family."

Sam and Dustin



Robin



Permanent Resident Feature: meet Snip!

Snip is a handsome 28-year-old, 15+ hand bay Quarter Horse gelding who retired from a working cattle ranch.

Sadly, he suffered a stroke resulting in a nasty fall shortly after his arrival at SCHR 6 years ago. He sustained a stifle injury when he fell (among other injuries that have healed) and, although he gets along well, he will not be able to be ridden again.

He is stubborn and beautiful, and loves human attention and turnout time with the other "barn boys."

Snip has been diagnosed with Cushings Disease, which can be loosely compared to diabetes. It affects the pituitary gland and hormones that regulate things like thirst, hunger and body temperature. The disease causes muscle atrophy, fatigue, pain, and a shaggy, wavy coat. We have to watch Snip closely to make sure he eats well, doesn't get laminitis (painful inflammation in the hoof), and stays warm in cold weather, among other things.

Snip is on a low sugar, low carb diet and an expensive medication -- worth every penny -- to help regulate his symptoms.

To learn more about Cushings care, visit ecirhorse.org.



FAQ: How many horses do you care for?

We have 34 wonderful horses, donkeys, and mules in our care.

(Yes... we need volunteers 😊)



Dewey and Dusty

FAQ: Where are you located?

We are located 3 miles north of Elmore's Corner on the right side of the road.

Please email to schedule a time if you would like to visit.
(springcreekhorsescue@yahoo)

We are busy with the horses from before dawn until after dusk, and George and the donks are usually running free, "helping" with chores during the day, so unexpected visits could endanger their safety.

A Volunteer Story

I have lived in Durango for 5 years and in the first year I discovered Spring Creek Horse Rescue. However, when I looked at the website, I saw they were looking for Farriers, Trainers and Vets for volunteers, I did NOT look at the entire site to see they also needed "just" volunteers.

I started volunteering about 3 months ago and it has become the highlight of living in Durango for me. I started with one day a week, now I'm there usually 3 full days and time on Saturday or Sunday for a bit.

The time goes by quickly while your there, the entertainment is vast, and the learning curve is huge! I have been around horses much of my life, never owning one, but having lots of friends who did. I did not groom, clean up after, or feed ever, no one said anything about that. We just saddled up, rode all day, came back, turned them into the pasture. Things are very different at the Rescue. There is feeding, turning out, s*#t shoveling, cleaning stalls, putting out new bedding, hay delivery to be put up in the barn, doctoring, bringing the first ones out in and turning the next batch out and the list just goes on. Now I know why my parents never got me the pony I asked for on a daily basis to the age of 17.

There is a story for every horse there. None are pleasant, which makes earning the trust of the horse to a whole other level. Baby steps (literally), small movements are key and not rushing even more so. This is an example of the saying "Patience is a virtue" come to life. The first step toward you, the first pull on your hair, hat or clothing is something to be celebrated. I now know all the names but am still learning likes and dislikes. It is hard to do chores, when really all you want to do is talk to them and tell them they are loved and safe and will never be hurt by a hand again. I have learned about body parts, diseases, and keeping an eye out for cuts, swelling, etc. Didn't know they can have strokes, Cushing's disease, eye ulcers, another list that goes on and on.

This place makes me feel whole. I feel like I'm doing something I was meant to do, and it is wonderful.

Lynette



Good Friends...

Lady, Beau, Gypsy, and the fillies (April and Ashley—my how they've grown!) now run together during the day. They have a lot of fun and make an interesting herd!

Best of all, the interaction has made Lady the Belgian so much happier.

Before and After... April and Ashley

