



*Spring 2021*

*~ From the manure pile ~*

*Spring has sprung ( hopefully) & the wind has been horrendous. It makes working in it rough when you are covered in manure & bedding, but hey the entertainment from the 4 legged crew thinking there is grass coming up ( a little) ` makes it worth it.*



*Robin in training*

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The horses are very happy to say good bye to winter. Most all enter spring fat & healthy with the exception of Raven's baby which was delivered stillborn, so sad for her, ( & us) but she is finally healthy & will never be pregnant again. Before we knew that would be the outcome we said yes to a yearling QH filly (Baby Jane) & a hinny (mini mule, Newt) to keep Robin company while Raven cared for her foal, we also took in a 36 YO quarter horse mare for an owner with cancer who has no teeth & cataracts. We do love the oldies don't we? We are overwhelmed by the happy horses that give everything back when they know they are safe.

*~Diane~*

## *~Volunteering is Rewarding~*

The first time I walked into the barn at Spring Creek Horse Rescue, I was overwhelmed with memories from my childhood I didn't even know I still had.

Ridge, Watchman and the other barn horses all stuck their heads out to see who I was and they made a couple whinnies before deciding I wasn't very cool, given that I had no carrots or apples. I remembered that sound well, but it was the smell of the hay that really brought me close to tears—and not just because I

*have mild allergies. The memories rushed over me and I was transported back to more than 20 years ago, when I would spend countless hours playing around the stables where my mom took riding lessons when I was kid. It was long ago, but once a horse lover, always a horse lover.*



*Watchman*

*I have now been volunteering with Diane for about two months, and I am blown away by her dedication to these animals. Not only is it enjoyable to spend time out in the fresh air with such beautiful creatures, but it's important. We are literally taking time out of our day to save lives and make safe and happy homes for these living beings. All the volunteers have favorites—the new rambunctious long yearling - Robin, might take my top prize for that—but Diane loves them all equally, and it shows. This is truly a gift, and she is an angel in our midst. She whispers to these abused, abandoned animals, and she brings them back to life. She knows their needs, she loves on them, but she also keeps them in line.*



*Dewey and Harley*

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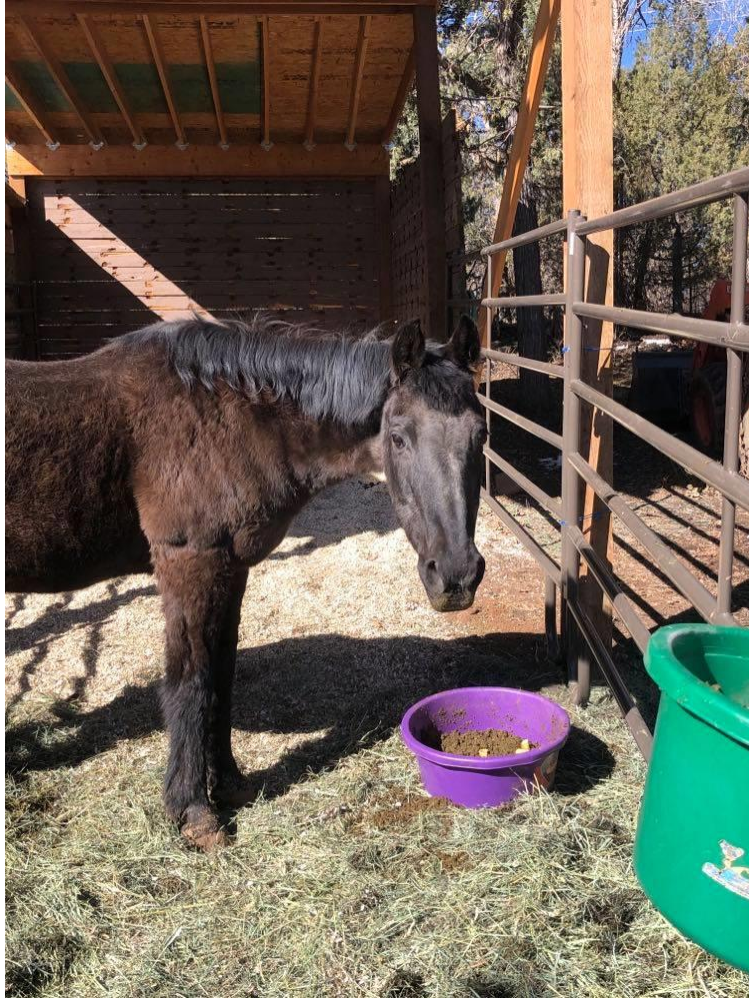
*Diane asked me to write an update for the newsletter, and she kept asking me what horse I would like to highlight. There are so many great ones. Watchman loves his apples. The donkeys are a traveling circus that always brings some laughs. And Samuel is a miracle, still trotting at 45 years old. The real star of the show, however, is Diane. She keeps this place going, she puts her blood, sweat and tears into it every damn day, and I am honored to get to help her. We should all be humbled, and my hat's off to her for all she does.*

*~Ray~*

### *~Teacher Learning new things~*

*Many of us can agree that this year has been crazy. I am very thankful for Diane and that I am able to clear my mind from life's daily challenges by volunteering at Spring Creek Horse Rescue. From the first few weeks of chipping through ice, then dealing with the mud, and now enjoying the sun, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else! I cannot tell you how much I learn each time I am there and I find myself wanting to be there all day. I truly enjoy the relationships that are starting to brew with the horses and the different tasks each time I am there. For someone who*

*likes rewarding work, and horses of course, I know this is the place for me.*



*Newest addition, Ebony*

*When I first met Diane, I could tell how much she cares for, and loves each and every animal there. The other day I heard her say, "they should be spoiled!" and Diane makes sure of that. Being a rescue, many of the horses come with their own stories. The stories were hard to hear and many of them hard to believe. As I walk past the horses I think to myself that I am glad*

*they are at Spring Creek Horse Rescue and that they are safe. One of the best feelings about the rescue is that the horses know they are loved. They are comfortable and want affection from people. The work at the rescue is fulfilling and important. These horses are able to have a second chance because of Diane. I appreciate all of the work that she puts into the rescue, and I hope that the longer I am there, I can keep up with her!*

*~Mallory~*



*Baby Jane and Mamma Raven*



Our Annual Open House and Garage Sale, June 25th and 26th. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!! 100% goes to the horses, please help us feed them.

