



Spring 2022 Newsletter

- From the manure pile -



I think if I read the last 10 years of spring newsletters they would all say SPRING??? Grass is starting to turn green & the horses are excited – seems like it's been a very long winter.

For anyone that looks at our website, we finally made the leap & added Retirement home to our header. Such changes in Durango, people leaving, and horses in trouble when their humans can no longer care for them. We have quite the "Line up" of oldies at this time, all made it through the winter, but geez we're all glad it's mostly over.



GEORGE



LOOT & SIENNA

Mr. George is spoiled than ever, & DEMANDS attention, Newt loves not having to navigate the ice on his bad hip, Colton is 16 & slowing down, but still the king. Loot and Sienna are looking fat and happy, both 30 this year. Carson is still doing well with his Cushings'. Snip was just diagnosed with the same & started his meds this week. Watchman is always a favorite & still looking buff. They could never doubt how much they are loved here!

We have two new babies coming in to keep Lady company while Beau gets some training. We believe she has had many of her own and will protect them. They are 1/2 sisters – one just weaned, & one 1 1/2 years, they have yet to be named- we will keep you posted!

-Diane



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CARSON



NEWT



MEET LADY!

Lady is a 23-year-old Belgian mare and former Amish work horse.

She has DSLD (dropped fetlocks) and severe scarring on her nose from her former life.

She is underweight, quiet and cautious, but starting to feel better.

Lady is slowly putting on weight, interacting with us more, and settling in.

We don't know how long she'll be with us because we aren't sure how her disease will progress but she has a safe retirement home here and lots of love for the rest of her life.



BEAU & LADY

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NEW FOR ADOPTION - BEAU (For experienced horse person only.)

Beau is a Saddlebred gelding, former Amish cart horse, and around 11 years old. This boy is flashy and full of energy... and oh so pretty. He has an engaging personality and will need an experienced horse person. We will be working with him a lot over the summer.



COMING SOON - BABIES!

*These two sweeties are on the way and will be Lady's companions.
Be sure to check our website and Facebook page for updates.*



ADOPTED – ROBIN AND WOODROW!

While we'll miss them both, we are so delighted to share that our baby Robin and handsome Woodrow have been adopted by Samantha and trainer/ferrier Dustin McCuiston.

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COLTON ON THE RUN

VOLUNTEER NOTES -- Learning at SCHR: I've been volunteering at the Rescue for six months now and it's become the highlight of my week! Being in the presence of horses again has been so rewarding. My dad and I had horses and rode when I was young, and I had forgotten how much better life is with horses.

Each day at the Rescue has a cadence of chores and interactions that I look forward to: from seeing George's bright eyes in the morning to turning out the galloping geldings to pasture in the morning led by mighty Colton; from Dewey's silly bray when he goes into the hay shed (and knows he's not supposed to be there...) to that special moment when Raven trusts me enough to come over for love – and finally, at the end of the day, the peaceful scenes of 27 horses and two donkeys relaxed and happy.



DEWEY & DUSTY

Working with Diane has taught me so much, too. Her 46+ years of experience with this horse rescue shows every day – she knows these horses, their personalities, and their health concerns. In a short time, I've learned more than I ever knew about caring for horses.



RAVEN (AKA MAMA)

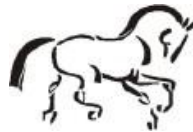
But there's another aspect to the Rescue that I'm learning about, as well – the financial challenges. I know many other rescues work as brokers who "flip" horses to earn a profit. Here, every horse matters and many stay for life. And good care is expensive – especially now. I found out that donations in 2021 went toward: hay = \$3720/mo; bedding = \$360/mo; grain = \$768/mo; meds = \$305/mo; and that is just a small portion of the expenses. Whew!

As you might expect though, the results are priceless. To see a horse transform under the care of the Rescue is truly gratifying. Whether they are rehabilitated to find a new home or will call Spring Creek Horse Rescue their home for the rest of their lives, the motto of "We don't give up on them!" is clear and I'm so happy to be a part of it.

-Angie Z

HAY NEEDED

There has been a great need for the hay bank recently, unfortunately this year, with the drought, there were no donations, so we have been giving these horse owners our own hay so their horses don't go hungry. If you have any hay to donate please let us know!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*Our annual open house and garage sale is scheduled for:
Friday and Saturday, June 24th and 25th.*

*Come out and meet the horses and buy yourself something to support the Rescue.
We are now accepting clean, saleable items. Email for more information.*



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