



Spring Creek Horse Rescue
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Spring Newsletter, 2020

~FROM THE MANURE PILE~

So, welcome to the weird, weird world of Corona Virus! We are shut down as far as anyone wanting to come look at horses (they really shouldn't ask!) Many more folks are stuck at home & looking at horse adds, so we have many e-mailing about horses to adopt, then seem surprised they can't come look at them. We want to keep all of our volunteers safe, so no one is allowed to travel to the rescue, leaving all the chores for you know who.

The horses are all wonderful, (well healthy anyway, wonderful would suggest well mannered) although grass starting to come up make's them all about like cats on nip.....everyone is shedding & needs groomed, but only so many daylight hours- scrubbing waters is more Important than everyone looking pretty & then rolling in the mud directly after. Blue birds are busy building their nests, daffodils are getting ready to tell us spring is here, Corona virus go away, too many spring chores to catch up on! We hope everyone reading this is staying safe & staying home.

~ Diane



Dusty and Dewey



Mouse and Cindy

Hi everyone! A year and a half ago I adopted Greta, a beautiful 3yr old mare, from Spring Creek Horse Rescue. During the adoption process I became friends with Diane and came to admire her very much. The rescue isn't just to get the horses adopted, but to get them adopted to safe loving homes. If they can't be adopted, then they get to live the rest of their lives in a loving safe environment there at the rescue. Diane does the work of multiple people when she doesn't have volunteers to help her. Unfortunately, with the social distancing going on right now, she is having to do everything by herself. Taking care of their basic needs (food, water, medicine etc) is almost too much for one person day after day. Today I went to the rescue to help in a small way. I brushed a lot of horses and gave them the extra attention they've been missing lately. As I would brush one horse, I'd have others putting their head over the fence and call to me. I did my best to love on and brush as many as I could in the couple of hours I was there. Nothing helps you de-stress more than being around some beautiful horses. Diane and I kept at least 6ft between us at all times, so we did follow the social

distancing guidelines. This wonderful rescue needs your help! Any donation (money, or your time) would be greatly appreciated. I took a couple pictures today of a few favorites.

Always,
~Cindy



As I look around here at Spring Creek, evidence that Spring is underway isn't hard to find...the energy level heightens, and of course the need of the residents to be sociable can make leading the horses seem more like herding cats. Of course this time of the year the workload out here can seem insurmountable. Still reeling from the winter projects: broken frost free, unserviceable gates and panels, shoveling, clearing branches, barn repairs, and on and on, we find ourselves slodging through the mud to the spring projects. What I still find amazing after all the years I've been



Susan and Sarah

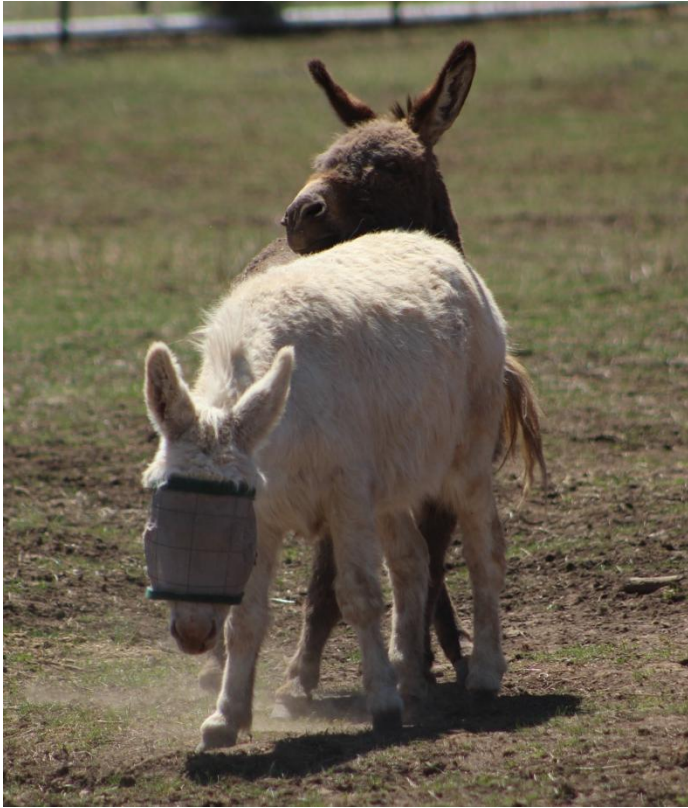
here is how well Diane knows these horses (and pony and donkeys)!

NOTHING out here goes unnoticed, which proves to be key to ensuring the very best care at the Rescue. Unfortunately, Diane alone manages most days out here, making it very difficult to stay caught up on cleaning pens and other daily tasks. Even so, each and every animal receives personalized attention every day. In fact, one of our newest acquisitions, Dewey the mini donkey, goes to great lengths to be heard! Some of our guys have special feed requirements, so it's important to know the routine, but always be ready for surprises.

I look forward to coming out here every week. It's such a privilege to be able to participate in such a meaningful way. During this difficult time of the daunting effects of COVID-19, routines are completely tossed out the window. New normal for this week becomes a new, new normal next week. I know it sounds silly, but I have developed new appreciation for the "sacred" routines the animals get so used to. Now I realize that one of the most important things we can do for them is let them experience the safety and security of routine. For some of the horses, it's the main way they have overcome their traumas. I've seen the impact ready and willing volunteers can make working together. You can make a difference here with your time and resources, you'll see!

~ Susan





Little Dewey came to us *mostly* unhandled, however getting him to let us touch his feet has been an effort. He still needs some work in that department, but we're working with him and he'll get there. Every day for Dewey has been a day of new experiences, sights, smells, other horses, and dogs! It has been very obvious that little Dewey has not seen many of these things before, especially dogs. When Dewey first came, our poor little Dusty had been having some depression issues. Well, slowly but surely Dewey has been chipping away at Dusty (he's a pest!) and getting him to brighten up a little bit. He has the right kind of attitude for that - relentless! At first Dusty wanted nothing to do with him, but he's warming up to Dewey (he has no choice). Dusty probably hasn't seen another one of his own kind before, so this has been a new experience for him as well. All the other fuzzy residents at the rescue, who are in the process of shedding (it's raining fur), have made it through the winter well, and are happy and healthy. We're all ready for summer!

~ Kevin

Dewey playin with Dusty



Bliss...

