



Spring Creek Horse Rescue
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Summer Newsletter, 2021

Strange Strange year! Volunteers are slowly coming back with covid restrictions being lifted. Can you believe 8 out of 10 volunteers are nurses, & 1 doctor. Today we had a dentist!

Our newest intake "George" was bailed from the kill pen in Kansas, as 17 years old, of course they lie, he's "aged" & closer to 30. No history how long he's been passed from sale to sale, but it did it's damage & the gentleman that bailed him felt it was beyond his skills to bring him back to "life", & was going to euthanize him unless we made a spot for him. Welcome George, it will probably take a year, but hopefully no medical problems will keep him from looking & feeling like a horse again.



Also wanted to do an update on Raven & Robin, & Jane & Newt. Pictures speak for themselves. Raven has really been quite the long haul- sick & pregnant, never handled, or haltered, she is just starting to understand we won't hurt her (still scary though) we hope to be able to trim her feet soon!

~Diane





Before, Raven & Robin



After, Jane & Raven

Full Circle

Born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, I grew up watching John Wayne, Daniel Boone, David Crocket movies to name a few. Needless to say, I had a passion for the outdoors, guns and animals, especially horses. Every time I had an opportunity to ride one, I wouldn't think twice! In my early teenage years, I even learned horse jumping.

Then like probably most of us, life slowly disconnected me from everything I truly loved. I went to college, met my wife, got married, bought a house, had a kid...and the rest is history. In 2002, we moved to California, had two more kids, opened a business and lived a fast paced life, until Covid came along and shut down the world, slowed things down and made us rethink how life should really be like.

During the 2020 pandemic we decided to go on a camping road trip to get the kids out of the house and some fresh air. From California to Utah and then to Colorado, we found ourselves in Durango at some point of our trip and fell in love with the town. We returned home wishing we could stay longer. For the rest of the year with our business on hold, and lots of time to think about life, we kept considering our options – should we move? sell the house? retire? Until in early 2021, my older son received the news that he had been accepted to go to CU Boulder in the fall. That was the moment we decided it was time to move, and Durango felt like the place to be!

Arriving in Durango, and looking to get back to my roots, and some of the things I loved as a child, I quickly found Spring Creek Horse Rescue and decided to reach out. With some free time on hand, I offered to volunteer and Diane was prompt to invite me over to the ranch. It's been a few weeks and the experience has been truly amazing – despite the hard and dirty work.

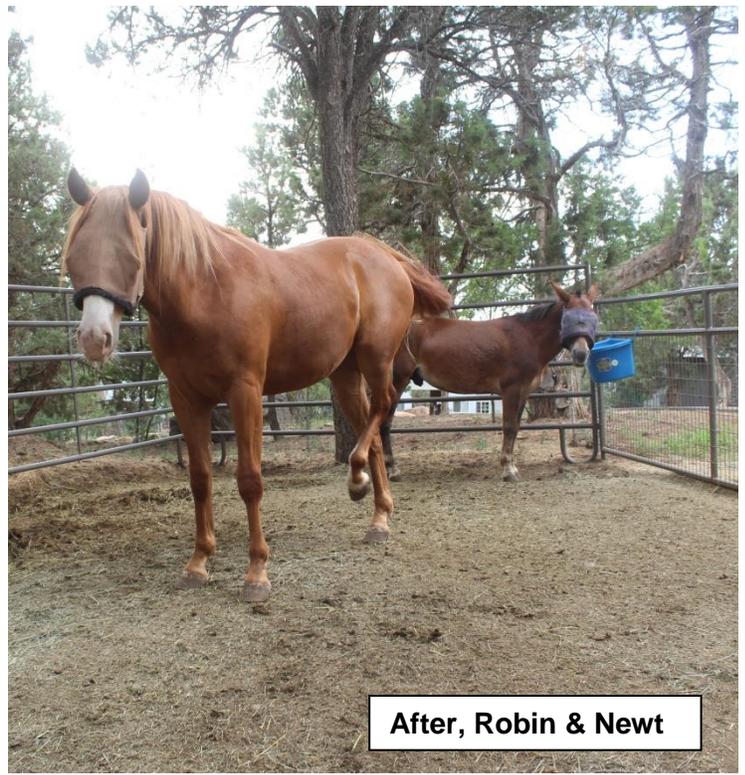
There is something about horses, especially these less fortunate ones that end up at the ranch, that makes it all worth it. Being able to help someone so dedicated like Diane, willing to sacrifice her life for these animals so many years is truly inspiring and rewarding. I'm looking forward to continue working with her and helping give these horses a deserved second chance!

Marcos





Before, Jane & Newt



After, Robin & Newt

Community

It has been a long 16 months for all of us including our animals. If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with our community Spring Creek Horse rescue is a great way to do just that. The rescue currently has 34 horses that enjoy their daily routines and the company of those who volunteer. The opportunity to work with the horses and the people at the rescue is a great way to re-center yourself, connect with our environment, and get some exercise. I found myself relaxing, daydreaming, and exhausted in a good way. I greatly appreciate Diane and the horses for sharing their space.

*Grateful,
Jenny*



Our hay prices have gone up to \$12 a bale and grain prices keep rising, and with most of our horses being oldies, we appreciate your support!!