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Update on the Gray and Appy Horses CFH Received in June

Ann Jost, CFH President

June's issue of *Hoofbeats* featured a pair of horses that had just been signed over to CFH: a gray quarter horse gelding with a broken leg; and an injured, emaciated appaloosa gelding.

The gray's foster family did a wonderful job of caring for him. They kept him in a round pen so he could turn more easily, and wrapped his leg twice a day so he would be more stable. The injury has healed almost miraculously. The calcification has given the leg strength and in one more month he can start some light riding.

The 25-year-old appaloosa had severely damaged back tendons from being dragged into a trailer by someone using chains on his legs. Angie Thexton, one of our volunteers, has been patiently trimming him with the natural foot method. Because of his instability, this has been a very long, slow process. However, his back legs are now getting some flexion and he moves quite comfortably.

He also is eating well, and has gained almost 300 pounds.

These two horses were well known in the Benson area for many years, and we thank the folks who called and gave us information on their backgrounds.

We are pleased that both horses were quickly adopted by someone who adopted a young filly from us last year. They were moved to their new home August 1. We will keep you posted on their progress.

Hoof Injury Claims Life of Colt

Recently, CFH was notified of a horse that appeared to be limping. The caller thought it might be injured, and that the owners might need some assistance with handling the situation. One of our board members went to the home and found a 13-month-old mustang colt with a hind leg injury. The colt also was about 150 pounds underweight.

The owners told us that the horse had become tangled in a fence two months earlier, and that wire had been wrapped around its leg just above the coronary band. As you can

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Examination revealed that the foot had died from the injury on down.

see from the picture, the wire had been wrapped around the hoof area.

The owners had done nothing to treat the wound. Although the leg swelled tremendously and the colt started losing weight, they did not seek assistance or veterinary care.

The colt was received into our program and assessed by the vet to see if there was any wire left inside the leg that could be removed to help increase circulation and possibly save the hoof. No wire was found.

Due to the lack of circulation and the infection that raged inside this young colt's body, the hoof deteriorated and the coffin bone and all tendons collapsed. The injury was so severe, and the pain so extreme, that we had no choice but to euthanize the colt.

There were two other horses at this home, which were both turned over to the program for adoption. One mare has already found a home and one mustang-type mare remains available. She is between 10-12 years of age, is 14.3HH and is green broke. She had been used mainly as a pack horse and is very sound.

Please call Ann at 520-378-0896 for more information or to make

arrangements to see her.

We were so saddened by this colt's story that we want to take a moment to remind our readers how important it is to provide prompt care for injuries. If your horse gets injured and you are not sure how to care for it, please call a friend or neighbor who may be able to help you. Or call us at 520-378-0896. We can offer veterinary care and make arrangements for you to pay back our program over a period of time. Please, don't let your horse suffer like this colt did.

Why T-Cap Posts are Important

If you are an experienced horse person, you know that no matter how hard you try to keep them safe, horses somehow find a way of getting hurt, even in places where you think they are perfectly safe. That's why it is important to make their environments as injury-proof as possible.

As you can see from the above picture, this mare has a massive injury, which she sustained from getting caught on an uncapped t-post while in the pasture. The wound is showing signs of gangrene, and will leave her unsound and terribly scarred.

In this particular case, the mare is about six months pregnant. Administering drugs and anesthesia can affect the foal and increase the possibility of abortion. However, every effort is being made to save both the mare and the foal. At present, the gangrene has been removed, the wound appears to be healing, and the

mare is holding her own quite nicely.

Here's what to do if your horse should sustain this type of injury:



This wound, sustained from an uncapped T-post, is so deep that an entire hand can fit into it.

- Immediately cleanse the area with water from a hose.
- Cover the area with a damp cloth to keep the inner tissue moist until veterinary care can be arranged.
- Seek veterinary care as soon as possible to help prevent severe trauma to the horse.
- Save any detached tissue in a clean bag and keep it moist; the vet might be able to re-attach it, thus helping to protect the wound from debris and insects.
- In a case involving a deep tissue injury, it is important to make sure the horse gets adequate water to replenish fluid being depleted by blood loss.
- Major infections can occur quickly, so it is crucial to keep the area cleansed and to administer antibiotics.
- Since a horse can go into shock quite easily after this type of trauma, move it as little as possible, and keep it in a clean, quiet environment.
- During fly season, apply fly spray to the area to decrease the possibility of germs being carried into the wound.
- Although you might have "miracle" salves around the barn, they may not be adequate enough for this type of injury. You

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should check with your vet to be sure.

T-posts cost about \$10 a bag and take only a few minutes to install. In contrast, a wound like this can cost between \$600 to \$1,500 in veterinary care and takes months to heal.

Please take the time to make your place safe for your horses. Don't be sorry later. If your horse does get injured, be sure to call for help.

Internationally Known Singer Michael Grande to Perform Benefit for CFH

September 11, 2004
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Buena Performing Arts Center

Michael Grande's two number one hits "Hey Friend" and "Mike's' Bike" topped the Country and Western charts for over eight months, an achievement which is almost unheard of in the music world.

He is the only solo artist to have performed at Country Thunder—the largest country music venue in the world—where he received three standing ovations in front of 250,000 fans.

He has also played at New York's Central Park, Carnegie Hall, The Desert Sky Arena, The Troubadour, and the prestigious Tanglewood, just to name a few.

Michael has opened on tours for Canned Heat, John Lee Hooker, Bruce Springsteen, Van Morrison, Kenny Loggins, James Taylor and many other top performing artists.

This is what some of his viewers have had to say after seeing one of his performances:

"Michael Grande is a captivating singer-songwriter, storyteller, and virtuoso guitarist . . . He is an endearing, energetic performer who leaves the audience begging for more."

- *Cashbox Magazine*

"Spectacularly fast and technically perfect, Grande is a phenomenal entertainer."

- Ruth Lebowitz, Music Critic, New York

"Michael Grande deserves to be billed as 'The World's Most Exciting Guitarist' . . . His five-fingered picking is unmatched.

He is, in fact, one of the most brilliant and faultless technicians in the field of acoustic guitars."

- Richard Zoller, Music Critic, *Sierra Vista Herald*

As a lover and owner of horses, Michael plans to make the Care For The Horses benefit one of his best concerts ever, and will introduce several never-before-heard songs from his three soon-to-be-released CDs.

Tickets are available at the Safeway store in Sierra Vista, San Pedro Feed & Hardware in Palominas, The Tombstone Mercantile, The National Bank of Arizona, The Livery Stable

Feed Store in Benson, Oralee's Herbs and Seasons and from any Care For The Horses member.

You also may purchase tickets by calling Ann Jost at 520-378-0896 or e-mailing Care For The Horses at careforthehorses@juno.com.

Advance Tickets

\$12 Single / \$20 Couple
Ages 12-16 : \$8 / Under 11: Free

Tickets at the Door

\$15 Single / \$25 Couple

Care For The Horses would like to thank the many businesses that have offered their support for the Michael Grande concert.

They are listed on our Web site at www.careforthehorses.com. Please patronize them by purchasing products from their stores or utilizing their services.

Horse and Owner Reunited

When CFH first started, our main goals were, and still are, to provide feed assistance for horses whose owners are experiencing hard times, as well as to find good homes for horses donated to our program.

About 15 months ago, a young lady who was in the process of going through a divorce contacted our program. She knew that in her situation, she could not afford to feed and care

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for her two horses: an older mare and a two-year-old filly.

CFH met with her to see how we could help. After reviewing her options, she decided that with our feed assistance program she could easily keep the filly. However, she didn't think that she would ever again be in a position to care for her older mare, and decided to donate the horse to our program. We knew that this was a difficult decision for her and her family, and were pleased that they were able to keep the filly.

The mare was placed into a new home. However, 15 months later the adoptive family contacted CFH and said that due to unusual circumstances, they would like to donate the mare and their other horses to the program for adoption.

CFH had kept contact with the mare's previous owner, and knew that she now had her life together. She was working, had built a new pen for her filly, and life was good again. We contacted her to ask if she would like to have her mare back. She and her family were ecstatic, and so was the filly. Even after 15 months of separation, when the mare and the filly were turned in together, the filly realized that this was her mother and wanted to nurse off of her.

Who says you can't go home again!

Update on Horses from Pearce

CFH was contacted a few weeks ago to check out reports of young, very thin horses in the Sierra Vista area. When we arrived to investigate, we noted that these horses were about

the same age and color as some of the horses viewed at the Pearce location a few months ago. If you recall from the story in the June issue of *Hoofbeats*, state livestock officials had refused CFH assistance in the Pearce case, which involved many starving horses. We knew that the official process for removal was to take the horses to auction, but the public had not been informed as to when that would happen.

The families in the Sierra Vista area said they had purchased their horses from a gentleman from Tucson. He reportedly had bought the horses at the Wilcox auction and was selling them to individuals who could provide them with good homes.

We are very happy to say that from what we can tell, some of the horses being removed from the Pearce location are finding their way to new homes.

CFH Wants to Thank You!

Care For The Horses wants to thank all of the wonderful people who provided much needed fly spray, brushes, feed and financial support over the past few months.

When we started receiving such a large number of neglected horses, our funds became tight; thanks to you, we were able to continue providing the special care that the horses required.

We also are thankful to have received round pen panels and a hot-walker, which will be used to help rehabilitate injured horses that require hand-walking for exercise.

We can tell that you all care for horses as much as we do: your generosity shows it!

Riders Wanted

SSHA Gymkhana, will be planning new season. Rosettes, and trophies every age class. Year-end awards. Fun for families and individuals. Call for more information. Chris (520) 642-3751 any time.

Horse for Sale

ALAZAR Reg. ARABIAN 3YO Bay gelding. Wonderful, trusting disposition/excellent confirmation; regular vet care-current shots. Bred for endurance & intelligence. Mother was 100 miler, 1/2 brother is Top Texas Show Horse. Easy to train. Loads and travels well. Imprinted at birth. Was in Palominas parade. \$2500. Hereford area. (520) 378-0836 (dixced@earthlink.net)

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2

You get a tax deduction. CFH is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, so you can claim the cost of your ad as a tax-deductible donation.*

3

You help CFH. We do not charge subscription fees to Hoofbeats because we want everyone to have access to it. Funds from advertising are used to help offset printing costs. Any remaining funds are used toward feed, sheltering needs, and farrier and veterinary care.

Advertising Guidelines

Your ad can consist of anything from a business ad to a message to someone special—even captioned photos of your child or pet. As long as it is in good taste, we will print it. All submissions must be camera ready. If you want items returned to you, you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope. CFH is not responsible for lost or damaged items. **Cost:** \$10/ad per issue. Since we are non-profit, these are not ad rates, they are tax-deductible, non-refundable donations. **Standard ad size:** 2" x 3-1/2". If you want more space, or a regular display ad, we can make arrangements to accommodate you. **Use the form below to submit your ad request** and send it with your check or money order to: CFH, P.O. Box 884, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

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