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CFH is a 501 (c) 3 Non Profit organization formed to prevent abuse and neglect to horses in Southeast Arizona. This program offers feed and/or medical assistance to owners' horses in times of need.

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Arizona State Officials Go it Alone in Horse Neglect Case

Ann Jost, CFH President

Much to our dismay, the state livestock inspector and the state veterinarian have refused to let Care For the Horses rescue the many starving horses from a site in Pearce, Arizona.

We first reported the horses' plight in the April issue of *Hoofbeats*. At the time, CFH was making plans to remove the horses and provide them with much needed feed and veterinary care. In typical CFH supporter style, many readers called to volunteer their time and equipment for the rescue effort. We are sorry that we are not being allowed to proceed, and we thank you for being so anxious to help.

The situation is now in the hands of the state livestock inspector and the state veterinarian.

Four horses have been taken to the Wilcox auction for slaughter since our last report. The fate of the remaining horses is unknown. We have received many calls from folks

wondering when or if the remaining horses will be taken to auction, so that they can attend and buy some of them. CFH members, the *Sierra Vista Herald*, and Jennifer Rearden from Channel 4, which aired a story about the horses on April 28, all have called the state livestock office to inquire about the status of the remaining horses. None of the calls have been returned. It is unfortunate that we are unable to provide callers with the information they need to help these horses.

We also have received calls from many neighbors of this site, who stated that the horses have been suffering for years. Neighbors have tried to help by throwing hay over the fence to the horses. Many report having made calls to the livestock inspector as early as June 2003, yet the situation has not been resolved.

Callers also report that the horses break through neighbors' fences, attack and wound their horses, and drive their horses away from their own feed. In one case, a neighboring horse was killed during an attack.

The horses have become so aggressive that they recently attacked people who were trying to defend their horse from an attacking stallion. The stallion was shot and wounded in the

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Pictures and sheriff's reports from November 2003 show that neighboring horses have been badly wounded by the attacking horses, and that they are literally starving because they are being driven away from their own food.

head, but it was not picked up by state livestock for six days. By this time, the wound was badly infected and the horse appeared to be in extreme pain. It is not known what happened to the horse once it was removed.

CFH is unable to act in an official capacity, but there is something you can do to help. We urge you to write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper and to send a copy of it to Arizona State Governor Janet Napolitano, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

Dressage Schooling Shows Benefit CFH

You may have seen the CFH food booth at the Equine Inn during the Dressage Schooling shows over the past few months. It has been a great way for us to network with horse people who want to learn more about our program, or those who are interested in adopting horses as they become available.

The events were hosted by Julie Higgins, Ann May, and Bonnie Coerper along with Czeerzaida's Equine Inn. Proceeds from the shows were donated to our program. We are pleased to announce that we were the recipients of a check for \$350.

Thanks to all of you who participated, and to the individuals who worked so hard and donated their time to make the shows such a big success.

Thanks "HorseBiz" and "My Farm" Software

HorseBiz, a computer software company specializing in software designed solely for the purpose of running a horse business, recently donated their software to our program. This will be a tremendous tool in helping us track horses in our program. To learn more about HorseBiz software, visit www.chevalpub.com.

Another program, My Farm Management Software, designed by small farmers for small farmers, was donated by Sandy J. Rafter, CSJ Dairy Goats, Zillah, Washington. To learn more about My Farm Management Software, visit www.RafterCSJ.com.

Now we have accountability in many ways on the horses that we serve. We are very grateful to these companies for donating their wares.

Wal-Mart Donates to CFH

Digital cameras play a big role in the CFH program. They are used to document our findings when we investigate possible abuse and/or neglect cases. They also are used to photograph animals that come through our program so that we can publish their pictures on our posters and on our Web site.

Until now, we have been borrowing digital cameras from friends and neighbors. We wrote a letter to the manager at the local Wal-Mart store here in Sierra Vista explaining our problem, and were very pleased to get a call informing us that Wal-Mart was donating a \$50 gift card to use towards a camera of our choice. THANK YOU WAL-MART!!

We Did It! CFH Gets a Stock Trailer

With our small budget, we've been borrowing stock trailers and didn't think we'd ever be able to buy one of our own. However, thanks to one very generous supporter who offered

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CFH officials with new stock trailer.

us a trailer at a greatly reduced cost, we have!

With hearts filled with joy and big smiles on our faces, we took possession of a 16' x 6' 6" x 5' stock trailer. It needed a new floor, which Bob Jost is busy installing, and tires, some of which were kindly donated by Jack Furrier Tire. Watch for us on the road soon!

Abandonment and Abuse Calls Keep CFH Busy

Since the April issue of *Hoofbeats*, CFH has received seven calls from people concerned about the well-being of horses they have encountered. We investigate each call.

In May, state livestock officials signed over to CFH two abandoned horses. We are pleased to say that both horses have already found new homes.

Early in June, two horses were signed over to the CFH program after a local veterinarian found them starving, badly colicking, and with hooves that were far too long. One, a 25-year-old appaloosa gelding, came into the program weighing 650 pounds. He will need intensive feeding. The other, a 6-year-old gelding, has a hind leg fracture and a torn tendon. Both horses are being evaluated to see what is best for them, and both are available for adoption.



This 6-year-old gelding came into the program with a leg fracture and a torn tendon.



This confiscated gelding was so weak with starvation that he was unable to stand up in the trailer for his ride to a foster home.



The same confiscated gelding as pictured above, after a few days at his foster home.

May "Benefit Night and Auction" A Big Success

Many thanks to the Apache Pointe Ranch for hosting our Benefit Night and Auction on May 1, 2004, and for providing the wonderful Mexican buffet.

Also pitching in to support CFH were Cowboy Bob and his wife Julie from the Advantage Auction Company, who donated their time to help us get the best prices for all of the auction items. Items included everything from a handmade harp, exercise machines, and a wide assortment of golf clubs to carts for hauling heavy items. Signed Goebel statues donated by Misty's Gift Gallery and a horse statue from the Painted Horse collectible series were just a few of the other items that were auctioned off. Over \$600 worth of items were raffled, and a \$100 gift certificate from Spur Western Wear was drawn as door prize.

Special recognition awards were given to Frances Gravel for supporting CFH quarterly since our inception in 2002, and to Dedee Haven for taking part in our sponsorship program. They each picked out a painting created by Jim Hatton, one of our directors.

The signs for the event were made by Louise Roberts and placed along the route from Highway 92 to the Ranch by volunteers. The signs will be used for marking future events.

Thanks to everyone's help, generosity and donations the event raised a total of \$2,042 for CFH.

**Thanks to the following businesses and individuals for donating items for the auction.
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