

Hoofbeats is the official newsletter of Care For The Horses (CFH).

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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## Goals for 2005

*Ann Jost, CFH President*

We have three very important items to address this year: 1) erect a horse shelter, 2) make CFH memberships available to the public, and 3) increase adoption fees to offset vet costs.

### *Horse Shelter*

We need to put up a shelter to provide a break from the elements during the winter and to shield the horses from the hot sun this summer. To achieve this goal, we need sheets of tin, poles for support, and anything else you might have that can be used for a shelter.

### *Memberships*

Many of you have been asking when we will have memberships available to the public. Our board is looking into the types of memberships available, and hopes to be able to offer this by mid-year. Watch for more news and updates.

### *Adoption Fees*

With nine horses taken into the program since January, we are headed for a record year. Many of them are in severely neglected condition. To offset the increasing cost of providing veterinary care to these animals, adoption fees are being raised to

\$200. This covers the vet check, shots, worming and a trim prior to adoption—still a bargain price for any horse.

## Life Will Now be Good for Ex-Race Horse, Manny!

CFH received a call one evening from someone wondering if we could help an injured, severely underweight horse. Of course, the answer was yes.

Manny, a 12-year-old thoroughbred gelding fresh off the race track last October, had been sold to someone looking for a trail horse. Having been in 13 race horse barns in the past 12 years, Manny found it very difficult to be a ranch horse who had to fend for himself for feed. The other horses bullied him, and one night his hindquarter was injured quite badly.



*Manny was injured and undernourished.*

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For his own safety, Manny was donated to CFH. At 18HH, Manny's weight should be between 1200 and 1300 pounds. Unbelievably, he weighed only 600 pounds or less when he entered the program.

He was delivered to one of our foster homes, where the local vet made a call to check his condition. Because Manny had no fat or muscle tone, it was determined that the hindquarter injury was probably a strained muscle caused by a kick or a fall. For the injury to heal, he needed rest and time to gain weight.

Over the next few weeks or so, Manny gained weight. His injury improved and he was able to walk, trot, canter and back up with no problems.

Manny was adopted to a family in Tucson, who is giving him all the love and feed he needs, along with a daily dose of relaxing light dressage work. We wish him the best in his new home.

**Did You Know?**

**Fish N More has MOVED!**

Fish N More has moved from Fry Boulevard to a new easy-to-find, easy-to-access location across from the Compass Bank on Carmichael Street in the Garden Valley U-Store-It storage row, next to A-1 Glass.

They no longer carry fish and fish supplies, but still have all of the other items they used to carry for your birds, reptiles and dogs.

**Just watch for the bright yellow sign hanging above the store.**

# You're Invited!

**What:** 50th Birthday Party / Raffle / CFH Fundraiser

**When:** Saturday, April 2, 2005

**Where:** The Old Apache Pointe Ranch  
2528 East Apache Pointe Road, Hereford

**Door Charge:** \$5.00 - Benefits CFH

**Buffet Dinner:** 4:00 - 8:00 PM / Cost : \$10.00

**Dance:** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



CFH board member Bonnie Starr is turning 50! Come celebrate and help raise money for CFH at the same time. Bonnie & Ted the Partners duo will play your favorite country and western music.

Be sure to buy a chance to win the 50/50 raffle. The lucky winner will split the raffle proceeds with Care For The Horses.

For more information, call Ann at 520-378-0896 or visit our Web site at [www.careforthehorses.com](http://www.careforthehorses.com).

## K-9 / Cat CPR Certification Class Well Attended

On February 20, 2005, a Red Cross canine and cat CPR certification course was offered to the public with Alan Safford volunteering his time to make this a fundraiser event for Care For The Horses.

The class was held at San Pedro Feed & Hardware from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The cost was \$40, which included a certificate.

Our thanks to Lori and her staff at San Pedro Feed & Hardware for allowing us to use their facilities for the event, and to Alan Safford for sharing his expertise. Thanks!!

## CFH Gets a "New" Used Truck

One of our members has been very busy writing for grants that will help fund our program. In early January, we were very pleased to receive a letter and a check from the Arizona Horse Lovers Foundation providing us with funds for something we were in dire need of—a used truck.

We were able to buy an older 3/4-ton pickup truck. Jonah Barnes, a good friend of the CFH family, provided the necessary mechanical expertise to make our truck safe and roadworthy.

Now, we have a truck that can easily pull our stock trailer to and from distant sites when needed.

## DJ and Raffle Night a Super Success

On January 29, we held a DJ and Raffle Night fundraiser at the American Legion Post in Sierra Vista. We are pleased that so many people came to support CFH. Congratulations to the winners!

- Grand Prize - \$250 Wal-Mart gift certificate: Delores Leick of Huachuca City
- \$150 Safeway gift certificate: Marsha Stull from Benson
- \$100 gift certificate for Gas City: Steve Biddix from Ft. Huachuca
- 20" TV w/DVD player: Scott Hoffman from Benson

Other raffle items included a \$25 gift certificate from Ortega's Boot & Shoe Repair, a Baldwin piano donated by Lisa Luick, and two rounds of golf with a cart from the Turquoise Valley Country Club in Naco, AZ.

### Special thanks to:

- Ellie Martin and Ursula Dick for their efforts in volunteering for this event
- Everyone who purchased raffle tickets and attended the event
- Ramsey Canyon Feed & Pets, San Pedro Feed & Hardware and Walmart for allowing us to sell raffle tickets at their locations

This event came just in the nick of time, as we seem to be heading towards a record in terms of the number of horses coming into the program. In 2003, we took in 24; in 2004, we took in 26. This year, we have already received 9. It will be hard to keep up without continual support from the community.

## Compassionate Family Cares for Dying Horse

Recently, we were notified of a horse in his teens who had cancer of the nose. It was thought that the cancer could be controlled with a well-known salve, which has been used in the past with terrific results.

The horse was brought into the program and adopted by a wonderful family who made arrangement to have the cancer surgically removed. When the day came for the procedure, it was discovered that the cancer had spread and that surgery was not the best course of action. It appears that the cancer is spreading so quickly that in order to preserve his quality of life, the horse will simply live out his days with lots of love and care.

We are so pleased that his newly adopted family will continue to keep him and care for him. When he was adopted we were not aware that the cancer would take this route. We had anticipated many years of riding for this wonderful horse and his family. Our appreciation for this family is great; their commitment to their horse is admirable.

When the time comes, the family will be offered another horse, whom hopefully they can enjoy for many, many years.



## Sierra Vista Symphony Needs Your Help

The symphony is asking for your help in collecting items for their upcoming spring garage sale and auction, which will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2005.

This event is being held at the city annex building across from Shiloh Christian school. Proceeds are used to introduce school-age children to music.

**If you have items you would like to donate, please call Fran at 520-458-0090.**

**PLEASE NOTE: No electronic equipment or clothes will be accepted.**

## CFH Food Booths



Watch for our food booths at all of the local Gymkhana shows and the Dressage Schooling shows at the Equine Inn.

You'll get a tasty bite to eat, and will be supporting CFH to boot.

Be sure to check out our CFH mugs, T-shirts and hats too. They make great gifts!



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