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HOOFBEATS

OPEN HOUSE HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2006

Over 100 people took the time to stop and see our new facility and the 11 horses that were on site waiting to be adopted. Visitors enjoyed seeing first hand the horses available, many taking the time to pet and brush the horses. Some individuals wanted to learn about volunteer opportunities and the services the program offers. CFH board members were on site to answer questions and to give tours of the facility.

Many individuals took the time to check out the horses they were interested in adopting; by the end of the following week, interviews by CFH volunteers had been conducted and 8 of the 11 horses had found new homes.

We were very excited that so many people took the time to bring donations of feed, fly masks, manure rakes, gates, saddles, horse blankets, bridles, halters, Easy Boots, fly spray and much more.



Visitors at the Open House

Many donations were dropped off and received at some of the feed stores and through our volunteers. A special thank you to all who donated.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this day such a huge success!!!

PROGRAM CHANGES TAKING PLACE

It is was a difficult decision, but CFH will no longer be accepting horses into the program that owners no longer need or want. Due to the high cost of feed and consumption of time it takes to interview and approve homes, CFH will focus on providing services only to horses that are in a state of neglect or that have been abused. In previous months we have found ourselves pushed to the limit on the number of horses we can afford to feed,

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provide vet and farrier care for and we must ensure that horses who are in a state of neglect will not be turned away due to lack of funds or space.

We will, however, be offering feed assistance to those who have their horses for sale and are finding it difficult to feed them during the time it takes to find a suitable buyer. Once the owner has been able to find a good home for his horse, the feed assistance can be paid back. This will allow the owner of the horse to take their time in finding the right home for their horse.

This Christmas, please consider making a gift to care for neglected horses. Your minimum \$10.00/month donation will be a gift the whole year-round, providing services and care for local horses in need.

Just \$10 will buy hay for one horse for one week.

Mail donations to:
Care For The Horses
PO Box 884,
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

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Ads can run for a single time or you can arrange for yearlong advertising.

BE SURE TO BUY YOUR 2007 CALENDAR FROM CFH

If you love horses, then you will really love the calendar we are selling to help raise funds for the program. The cost is \$10.00 per calendar and you can pick up your calendar at the following locations or from any board member. You may also call Ann Jost at (520) 378-0896.

Jem's Feeds – Moson Rd

San Pedro Feed and Hardware - Palominas

Crooked Cactus Candles – Safeway Plaza

Lonestar Café' – Hwy 92, Hereford

Our thanks to the following sponsors of our 2007 calendar:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

UPDATES ON HORSES

In our last newsletter we told you about a mare and her 4-month-old filly that were turned over to us from Arizona Livestock officers. Since then, we have found homes for both horses. The little filly was named Stormy and now lives in Vail, AZ. A wonderful family in the Palominas area has adopted the mare that was very malnourished when we got her and under their care she has gained back her needed weight.

Rocky, the horse with the open sores on his neck and foot caused from fly eggs and maggots that had burrowed under his skin, is doing great. Dr. Leverenz from All Creatures in Benson had to perform 4 surgeries in all on each area to make sure all the eggs and maggots had been removed. If they were not all removed the possibility of them re-infesting the area again and moving inward to his organs was a very strong possibility.

Rocky's new home is in the Hereford area and he has now been able to start riding again. Due to the location of the one sore on his foot he had to be limited to physical activity so that the foot could completely heal.

Another horse, Lady (see photo left), has been gradually improving. Lady came into the program through the Livestock officers in September. Only 550 lbs. when we first got her, Lady's feet were anywhere from 7"-8" long.

Currently she weights about 750 lbs. and has recently gained the strength to start running around again with the other horses she is fostered with. You may remember Lady as the gray mare that was at our open house. Lady will be ready for adoption sometime in January. We are not sure yet of her age as she had not been strong enough to trailer to the vet for a checkup now scheduled for late November. After she is healthy again we will be better able to determine if she rides or not. Watch for updates on Lady at www.careforthehorses.com.

GIRL SCOUTS FROM TUCSON LEND A HELPING HAND

On November 11th & 12th girl scout troops from Tucson - ages ranging from Brownie's to Cadets - offered their services to help with work needing to be completed at the CFH facility. Under the leadership of Andrea Hunt, Junior Troop 565, and volunteer parents, the scouts were eager to help. They arrived from Tucson about 10:30 a.m. and immediately set out assisting other volunteers on site that day to put up the perimeter fence around the 4 acres. Brush piles were also removed and all the donated items received over the past month were organized and placed in our tack room.

Later that day, they set up camp in the horse pasture at the home of Ann Jost. They spent the evening singing songs and eating s'mores around a nice, warm bonfire. On Sunday morning, the girls ate breakfast, took down their tents, and packed their cars up.

Then they took a hike to see Trooper, a horse that had been in the program. Trooper had incurred many surgical procedures to have a tumor removed from his eye and the girls were very interested in meeting him in person at his new home.

This is the third trip that some of the girls have made down to Sierra Vista to help out our program. They were fortunate this time to have some very nice weather on their previous trips they worked in rain and then through some very intense heat. On previous trips, they picked rocks from an arena and round pen where horses were staying at foster homes. Having the rocks removed makes easier footing for horses that come into the program with Navicular Disease, Sidebone, or other foot problems.

The girls also have worked hard collecting money, towels, shampoo and other supplies that are needed for the horses and these items were gladly received and appreciated.

We do hope to see them all again. CFH volunteers, the girls, and their leaders, have really bonded over the past few years when working together and their help has been truly appreciated.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FOSTER FAMILIES

CFH would like to thank the following foster families for unconditional support. They have helped not only by providing the care to the horses with special needs they fostered over the past year, but have also helped with transportation and other services required for the horses. A big THANK YOU:

- Angie Thexton
- Ken Wendt
- Jeff Dworshak and Michelle Smittonar & family
- Vera Owens
- Stormy Barnett
- Rick and Rosemary Burke
- Diana Barton
- Ron & Pauline Hartman & family
- Tom & Phyllis Snider

FOR SALE:

Pony - 9-year-old gelding, 10HH. Broke to ride, comes with new pony saddle and a bridle. \$500 Please call (520) 378-6137 after 4PM.



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TO:

Horses Currently Available for Adoption:

- **Destiny** – *25 yr. old Arab mare.*
Destiny needs someone to spend one-on-one time with her as she enjoys lots of TLC. She was emaciated when she came to us, but can be ridden, and is now very healthy. Destiny is a small horse and gets along well with other horses.
- **Maxwell** – *17 yr. old Thoroughbred gelding.*
Max has been recovering from an injury he received in January. He is almost fully recovered and can be used as a trail horse for a light adult rider. Max does get along with other horses, but will need to be worked in slowly as he is shy.
- **Cyprus** – *15-17 yr. old Arab mare.*
Cyprus will require an experienced rider that is firm, but gentle. She likes to step out.
- **Name Unknown** – *4-5 yr. old part Paso Fino soon to be gelding.* Handles nicely, has good ground manners, will need to be trained. .