

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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A Foal for CJ

Ann Jost, CFH President

Care For The Horses began in 2002 with the rescue of 11 starving horses. One of those horses was a mare named Cupids Cracker Jack, better known as CJ. She was not as severely starved as some of the other horses who were rescued, and after 18 months of foster care, CJ was adopted by Keith and Vickie Rae, who also raise Paint Horses of their own.

We are happy to tell you that CJ is not only thriving, she is the proud new mom of a beautiful, healthy foal born in April.

I guess some good things can come out of a very bad situation. CJ and her foal are living proof.

Thanks to everyone who supports our program and makes it possible for so many horses like CJ to get a new chance at a better life.

Update On Horse With Cancer

Sonny, the horse with cancer whom we told you about in the last issue of *Hoofbeats*, passed away in late March. Our thanks to his foster family for providing him with the love and quality of life he needed in his final months.



CJ, her foal Jack, and owner Kyle pose for a picture. CJ was one of eleven starving horses rescued in 2002. The rescue was the impetus for the CFH program.

Local Businesses Show Their Support

Recently, letters were sent to many local businesses asking them to help sponsor our program. We are very pleased to thank A.M.S. Excavating and Construction Company, Southwest Gas, Wal-mart, and Big O Tires for their generous response.

A.M.S. Excavating and Construction Company and Southwest Gas made Silver Sponsorship donations.

In January, CFH members held a raffle ticket fundraiser in front of the Sierra Vista Wal-Mart store. Wal-Mart matched the amount of money we raised and donated it to our program.

These monetary donations enabled us to purchase and erect a shelter large enough to provide shelter and shade for up to six horses at a time. This is extremely important for the horses we receive who are too run down and weak from starvation to cope with the severe elements. CFH board members and volunteers took a few weekends to put up the shelter.



Big O Tires provided our truck with a front-end alignment and installed new wheel bearings provided by NAPA Auto Parts—much needed

repairs for a truck that goes down some mighty bumpy roads to retrieve animals in need of our help.

One Good Turn Deserves Another

In January we had a DJ & Raffle Night fundraiser where we gave away many great prizes. One of the prizes, a TV/DVD combo unit, was won by Scott Hoffman from Benson. When we contacted Scott to tell him of his winnings, he asked what could he do for CFH in return. Scott does some mobile welding and donated his time to weld a new pipe corral arena for us. Our arena is now safely enclosed and looks beautiful.

Thanks so much, Scott, for all of your work and skill!

A Miracle for Spirit

We recently received an elderly horse—in his very late twenties—who is thin and has a ham string injury that is quite severe. If you go by first impressions, you would think that Spirit should just be put down. But if you take a closer look, you will see Spirit's bright eyes. You will see that he loves attention as much as he likes carrots. You will see that Spirit is aptly named, and that he needs someplace where he can live out his remaining days to the fullest. We searched to find that place, but it was difficult to find a family who wanted a pet for just a short while.

One day a miracle happened. Out of the blue, I received a call from Cindy Normandu, owner of High Desert Stables located in Palominas.

During our conversation I asked her if she might be interested in taking Spirit and letting him roam about on her acreage along with another horse named Mr. T., who also enjoys life too much to be put down just yet. Much to our delight, CFH was able to come to an agreement where Spirit will reside at High Desert Stables. He will have his own stall and the freedom to roam about for the rest of his life.

CFH, however, needs to supply his hoof trims, shots and worming, as well as the money for his monthly feed bill.

Enter Bill Singer and his wife, who board a horse at High Desert Stables. They and some friends help provide care and feed for Mr. T., and have come up with a way to help Spirit too.

Bill makes beautiful semi-precious gemstone bracelets in his spare time. They sell for \$15 to \$20, and Bill will donate all the proceeds from the sale of these bracelets to help sponsor Spirit and Mr. T.

Pictures of these bracelets can be seen on the Donations/Wish List/Sponsors page at www.care-forthehorses.com, and are available for purchase by contacting us through the Web site or by calling us at 520-378-0896. They are also available at all our food booths at the Huachuca Saddle Club events.

Thank you, Bill, for helping us help Spirit!

Thanks for Your Donations!

For the past 18 months, our on-line wish list at www.careforthehorses.com has included a digital camera.

Thanks to Barbara Gerencser, that wish has come true. Barbara donated a digital camera that will be used for taking pictures of horses as they come into the program so they can be listed on our Web site and on www.petfinder.com. It will also be used for documenting calls of neglect and abuse, and providing progress reports on horses.

Other donations have been coming in, too, including hanging feeders, bridles, brushes, blankets and shampoos. We thank everyone for their generosity!

With fly season fast approaching we are now in great need of horse-size and Arab-size fly masks, and fly spray. Many horses come into the program with sores and fungi on them, which really attracts a lot of flies and gnats. As many of you know, fly spray doesn't last long when caring for many horses. If you are willing to donate any of these items we will be more than glad to pick them up from you, or you can bring them to us and meet some of the horses that are currently in the program awaiting adoption.

Please call 520-378-0896 or visit www.careforthehorses.com for more information.

Rancher Waits Too Long to Get Help for His Horses

CFH received an influx of horses in late February. Two of the horses were from a local rancher who decided that his horses were too thin and too old to take care of. We received the horses on a very cold and rainy Monday, perhaps an omen of things to come.

The horses had been used to grazing on ranch land with little vegetation and limited access to water. Due to the sudden change in diet and the extremely harsh weather we experienced, the horses became very ill. One horse started drinking too much water and almost drowned himself a few times. He had to be dragged away from the water. This poor horse had kidney failure, and it wasn't long before he went into convulsions and passed away.

His pasture mate, who weighed in at 450 pounds, lasted a few weeks more. However, he just could not gain weight, was severely depressed, and passed away on his own one evening.

These animals needlessly suffered. **Please**, if you have horses that you know you cannot adequately feed, call us before it is too late for us to help them. We would much rather put our dollars to use working with horses who can be rehabilitated to make fine pets for adoptive families than spend it on hiring expensive backhoes to have horses buried.

Win a Ruger Rifle

Buy your tickets today for a chance to win a new rifle!

Description

- 25-06 Remington caliber
- Ruger Model 77 Mark II stainless bolt-action
- Hogue pillar-bedded synthetic stock

Tickets

- \$10 each
- Available at most local gun stores, from any CFH member, or by calling Ann Jost at 520-378-0896.
- ONLY 250 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

Drawing

The drawing will be held at the CFH Dance being held at the Old Apache Pointe Ranch on June 25, 2005.

Other raffle items include a JVC DVD player and 10 semi-precious gemstone bracelets.

Live music will be provided by "Partners" Country & Western duo, who will play all of your favorite songs.

See the flyer on page 4 for complete event details.

CFH Merchandise for Sale

Buy Care For The Horses mugs, T-shirts and bumper stickers at www.careforthehorses.com



Care For The Horses Dance

June 25, 2005

**Admission
\$5/person**

**Live Music By "Partners"
Country & Western Duo**

**50/50 Raffle
Auction**

Old Apache Pointe Ranch

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

2528 E. Apache Point Rd, Sierra Vista

A Western buffet will be available-
must be purchased separately for \$10 adult, \$5 children under 12

Tickets \$10.00

**Only 250
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You may purchase tickets at your local gun dealer, any CFH member, or call Ann Jost at 520-378-0896.

1st prize – Ruger Model 77 Mark II Stainless bolt action rifle
Hogue pillar-bedded synthetic stock .25'06

Remington caliber

2nd prize – New JVC DVD Player

TEN 3rd prizes – Semi-precious Gemstone Bracelets

All proceeds benefit Care For The Horses a 502 (c) 3 non-profit program whose mission is to prevent abuse and neglect to horses in Southeastern Arizona
For more information or to purchase raffle tickets call Ann Jost at 520-378-0896 or visit our website www.careforthehorses.com or email us at careforthehorses@juno.com

Time to Vaccinate

Spring is here! Remember to vaccinate your horses and any other animals you have. It takes almost six weeks for vaccinations to take full affect.

If your horse has never had shots before, you will need to give the first set of of shots now and follow up with a booster in a few weeks. Your horse will then be protected for a year. Next spring, you will need to give only a booster.

There were cases of West Nile reported in Cochise County last year, so it is a very good idea to vaccinate against that in addition to rabies, which is becoming a big problem these days.

If you are not sure which vaccinations to give, get your veterinarian's recommendations. At the minimum, you should always administer the three-way shot, which vaccinates against standard Eastern, Western influenza, and tetanus toxoid. You can also vaccinate against other diseases, such as Rhino. Potomac Fever, etc.

It is always best for your veterinarian to give the shots. However, if you are experienced, you can purchase the shots and administer them yourself.

If you have not wormed your horse in the past year, now would be a good time to take care of that too.

Up for Adoption

The following horses are waiting for adoption:

29-year-old male

14HH, sweet, gentle, anyone can ride; very healthy and sound

28-year-old mare

14 HH, for an experienced rider, will keep up with any young horse; very healthy and sound

Mule

13+HH, loves horses and just needs someone to love and play with him; has some ringbone

Adoption fees are only \$200. For more information, please call Ann Jost at 520-378-0896 or e-mail care-forthehorses@juno.com.



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