

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

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neglect to horses in Southeast Arizona.
This program offers feed and/or medical
assistance to owners' of horses in times
of need.

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HOOFBEATS

Volunteers Are Needed

The facility has recently passed
its final inspection with the
county and is ready to be
occupied. CFH is seeking
individuals who are interested in
being a volunteer to help feed,
brush the horses, clean stalls and
when necessary care for injuries.

If you are interested in donating
one day a week or possibly more
on a regular basis please call Terri
Spragg at 520-378-6638 and let
her know that you want to help
these horses.

Training sessions will be setup
that will cover a variety of topics
for example:

- how to properly and safely
halter and lead a horse
- brushing, picking feet and
bathing the horses
- feeding routines and stall
cleaning requirements for
the horses

Volunteers who become certified
will be put on a schedule and will
be notified when horses are at the
facility and need to be cared for.
Horses do come and go and
therefore a long term commitment
at one time is not necessary.

Duchess's Story

Recently a 17 yr. old Arab mare
was taken into the program via
confiscation by State of Arizona
Agriculture Livestock officers.

The mare was believed to be
pregnant and due to her poor
condition was transported only to
the Benson area. Brian and Stacy
Martin made arrangements to pick
her up in Tucson and take her to
their home.

Our thanks to the Cochise
Miniature Horse Rescue club for
making a donation of \$50 to help
defer the cost of gas for that trip.

Once the Martin's picked up the
Duchess and saw her poor
condition, it was decided that a
vet check would be necessary to
confirm the pregnancy and also to
determine how best to care for her
and the foals nutritional needs.

The Martins' transported Duchess
to see Dr. Boreson in Tucson who
spent many hours examining her
and confirmed that she was about
7 months pregnant but due to her
state of starvation was not sure
what condition the foal would be
in once it was born.

The X-rays taken showed one hind foot just above the hairline had been broken but was fusing well. However from the X-rays you can see the arthritis setting in. Her face also showed signs of a fracture.

We were all saddened last week when Duchess lost her foal. However, now our focus will be on her recovery and we hope to have her available for adoption soon.



Arizona Equestrian Network

An all breed all discipline website designed for the Arizona Equine Community.

- Business Directory - Free for Arizona Equine Related Businesses
- Classified Ads – Horses for Sale, Stallions, Trailers, Employment, Services
- Event Calendar
- Photo of the Week Section – Featuring your pictures weekly (Just email them to info@arizonaequest.com)

Visit us online at www.arizonaequest.com

Your Local Resource for Everything Horse

Available for Adoption

John Henry – 13 yr. old Arab/Quarter horse gelding. This horse has lots of energy and will need a rider that has plenty of patience to teach him to trust again. John Henry was received into the program in March when he was found extremely emaciated and with a hind leg wound that was caused from a piece of rebar piercing through it. With much assistance from his foster family in caring for his wound and teaching him to have some respect for people, he is now ready for adoption. John Henry is about 14.2 HH and with some time will make a great horse for some lucky person. For more information or to make an appointment to come and see him please call Ann Jost at 520-378-0896.



If you would like to make a donation to help sponsor the feed costs for the horses that are waiting for adoption, you may do so by sending your donation to:

**Care For The Horses
PO Box 884
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635**

Razzle Dazzle – 5 mo. old Bay Thoroughbred/Quarter horse filly. This little filly has it all, beauty, lots of legs, personality plus and loves people. She already trailers, ponies, picks up all 4 feet. She has a beautiful head and wavy mane. If you are looking for a horse that could potentially be a hunter jumper prospect in a few years, this is the one you are looking for.

Fantasy – Coming 3 yr. old Bay Thoroughbred/Quarter mare is already trained to lunge, has been saddled and is ready for someone to finish her training. She is very people oriented, also has long legs and would make a great hunter/jumper horse for a 4-H person or someone who would like to show English. Fantasy is very healthy and would love to go to a new home that will enjoy her for many years to come.

Our May Garage Sale Was A Huge Success

Thanks to Cliff and Giesla Richardson for hosting our garage sale and to all the wonderful folks who donated so many items for us to sell. Items that were sold ranged from horse equipment to workout equipment, household items, sporting goods, and estate items donated by Harold Hinkley. We would also like to thank all the volunteers that helped pick up and deliver donated items, setup and work the day of the sale. In all a total of \$3,330 was raised.

JUST A HORSE !

BY Kathy Berghorn

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a horse," or, "that's a lot of money for "just a horse".

They don't understand the distance travelled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a horse." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a horse."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a horse," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a horse," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a horse" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a horse," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a horse" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a horse" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.

Because of "just a horse" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a horse" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a horse" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a horse" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a woman/man."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a horse" just smile, because they "just" don't understand.

Update on Pal

Pal was one of the horses that was available in our last newsletter. He has since been adopted and has found a wonderful loving home where he can live out his final years getting lots of food and TLC.

Pal was a horse that was given to us by Arizona Livestock Officers last January. Prior to CFH receiving Pal, he had already gained 300 lbs, but still had an additional 400 lbs. to gain before getting to an ideal weight. He was in the care of DeDe Havens for many months and his weight gained gradually over time.

Today Pal is about 1100 lbs. and looks fantastic. Pal also has a new friend to keep him company. Blackjack is a gelding who is an aged gelding and came into CFH weighing about 500 lbs. He is now on the road to recovery thanks to his new foster family.



A Big Thank You to Our Monthly Sponsors

- Paul and Delores Bojan
- Hal and Rosemary Decker
- Lucille Cogburn
- Elizabeth Morton
- Christine Livengood
- Andy and Ann Chabra
- John and Connie Ziegler
- Mike Kulman

New Courtesy Listings Available on CFH Website

A new feature has been added to the website. Individuals that may want to sell or give away their horses may advertise them on our website. Our site has almost a thousand hits per month by people looking for horses.

If you want to advertise your horse(s) on our site here is what you will need to do. Send a picture(s) of your horse(s), a brief description, age, riding capability, etc. that will help potential new owners know if it may be a horse they would be interested in finding out more about. You will need to also include YOUR contact information, as the interested parties will contact you directly to make arrangements to see your horse or to get more information.

We do this as a courtesy to help you advertise your horse and when you do find a home for your horse you may wish to give CFH a small donation for the advertising space that was provided. To see the Courtesy Listings visit our website at www.careforthehorses.com.

CFH Awarded Grant From PetSmart Charities for \$10,000

Since 1994, PetSmart Charities, Inc. (PCI) has helped save the lives of more than 2.8 million homeless pets, and with support from PetSmart Inc., has given more than \$42 million to animal welfare programs across the United States and Canada. PCI works to improve the quality of lives for companion animals by creating and supporting programs that save the lives of homeless pets, facilitating adoptions through in-store programs, raising awareness of companion animal welfare issues, and promoting healthy relationships between people and pets. To learn more about how PCI is working to help find a lifelong, loving home for many pets, visit their website www.PetSmartcharities.org or call 1-800-423-PETS

PetSmart Charities has awarded Care for the Horses \$10,000 toward equine veterinary care, specifically for the floating of horses' teeth.

CARE FOR THE HORSES sincerely thanks PetSmart Charities for their generous award of \$10,000. We could not continue to operate without these charitable donations.

We also THANK YOU, the community, for supporting us in our quest to help neglected and abused horses in Cochise County. Please visit us on-line at www.careforhorses.com to learn more on how you can help.

Caster Bean Plants Are Extremely Poisonous to your Horse

With the monsoon's quickly approaching castor bean plants will be growing in almost all areas where horses eat.

The "seeds" of the castor bean plant contain a very active poison called "ricin". One castor bean seed can kill a small child. Only a tiny amount of seeds need be ingested by a horse to prove fatal. This usually occurs when the plant is harvested along with a hay crop.

These plants will start to grow on what looks like a stem of grass, then it will have a little green bulb on it. The bulb will eventually flower out with a white/cram color inside with a purple edging. Plants

The signs of poisoning can occur several hours after the seeds are ingested. Colic, decrease in urination, weakness, diarrhea, convulsions are all signs of acute poisoning. In addition it may appear that your horse is having a heart attack as his breathing will become very restricted. Ricin poisoning is usually fatal.

If your horse should ingest part of a castor bean plant you should immediately get him to the nearest veterinarian for treatment.



Can Your Horse Get Heat Stroke or Become Dehydrated?

The answer to these questions is yes; your horse can get heat stroke or become dehydrated just like a person can.

It is very important during the summer when temperatures are 95-100 degrees to make sure you keep your horses exercise to a minimum and make sure that he/she has access to plenty of clean fresh water. Shade is also particularly helpful in keeping your horse cooler during the hottest parts of the day. In addition you should also consider hosing down your horse or cooling them down with a sponge bath during the afternoon. This will cause an evaporating cooling process and will lower your horse's body temperature thus making the heat a little easier to deal with.

Be sure to monitor your horse's water intake and keep the water clean and fresh. If you notice that your horse is drinking less water you may need to add a little salt to the feed. You can also sprinkle some bran in a water bucket, this sweetens the water and generally most horses will drink the mix.

Other ideas might be to move your water bucket to shady area thus providing your horse with cooler water.

If your horse were to become dehydrated or become exhausted from the heat, try to hose your horse down to cool him off, try different alternatives to get him/her to drink and be sure to call your veterinarian for any additional treatment that may be needed.

WE ARE PARTICIPATING



Do you order your horse supplies from Country Care? If so when you place your order just let the salesperson know that you want your order to be part of the Country Care Program – you will need to give the sales person or if you order on line, you will need to provide the code that has been chose for Care For The Horses.

Our Country Care Code is:

careforthehorses

Each time someone places an order providing Country Care with our code, CFH gets a donation of 5% of the order being placed.

This way you can help us while purchasing the items you want from Country Care.

So tell all your horse friends to use the code and help Care For The Horses!!

CFH thanks you and happy shopping!



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QuickBooks Donation Received

In our last newsletter we put out a request for a Quickbooks Software program. The CFH Board would like to thank Pam Collins owner of "Freedom from Bookkeeping" services for making that donation. Thanks to her generosity in donating the QuickBooks 2005 software, CFH will now have the ability to track income and expenses on a much grander scale than we have been able to in the past.

