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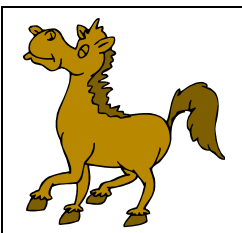
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First-Aid Clinic Well Attended

More than 130 people attended the first-aid clinic hosted at the Sierra Vista Riding Club on April 3, 2010, under the direction of Dr. Dusti Prentice. Retired veterinarian Dr. Harold Hubbard and veterinary technician Ann Galus assisted Dr. Prentice with the clinic. The Arthritis Brothers provided great listening music during the lunch break, and as always we enjoyed their company.

After everyone registered, Dr. Prentice went over the basic and "behavioral" your horse might display if he or she is not feeling well. After that session she answered questions from the participants; some were general questions and some were pertaining to their own specific horse. Nutritional needs as well as daily care and wound care were also addressed.

Many individuals brought in horses for "hands on" training on how to bandage leg wounds, how to tell if your horse is lame or not, and how to take respiratory and pulse functions.

Proceeds from the clinic were donated to CFH in the amount of \$1,250.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED
MAKE THIS EVENT SUCH A BIG SUCCESS.**



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Horses Waiting For Adoption



Sassparillo – a 14 month old filly. Great confirmation and a gentle spirit will make her a fine 4-H project horse or family horse. She has already had on a bareback pad and loves attention and someone to love and handle her. Sass came into the CFH program from the Indian reservation last fall. Although her breed is unknown, her build indicates that she is going to be a muscular, medium-sized horse when she matures. For more information on how to adopt Sassparillo, please call Cyndi McLemore at 520-559-1697 or Ann Jost at 520-559-2224.

Adoption fee: \$250

Sponsors are always needed to help defer the cost of the feed required to bring CFH horses up to their healthy weight. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation please send your check to: Care For The Horses, PO Box 884, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Questions Raised About Burial of Horses

From time to time CFH receives calls from folks wondering about laws pertaining to burying their dead horse. According to the Arizona Agricultural Department and the Environmental and Waste Agency burying a horse is perfectly acceptable and is the best way to dispose of a dead animal.

Here are some guidelines to follow:

- Bury your horse only on your own land.
- Obtain the property owner's permission before burying on someone else's land.
- Bury the horse deep enough that scavengers cannot dig it up.
- Avoid water contamination by burying away from a water well, even if your well is deep.

If you do not own your own property and do not know anyone who will let you bury your horse on theirs, contact CFH at 520-559-2224 and we can assist you in that process.

Plan Ahead

The SVRC has asked all of its members to have a burial plan in place before the need arises. It is not pleasant to think about, but will make the process easier when the time comes.

Donations Received

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Everyone who donated items for the yard sale!!!

Our Anonymous Donor For The Hay Raffle

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Eagle Scouts From Troop #447 to Help CFH

Eagle Scouts Chris Rae, Michael Allen and Dalton Danz from Troop #447 are awaiting approval from their District to undertake several projects at the CFH facility.

Projects include:

- Running approximately 300' of underground waterlines. For the past four years we have been using hundreds of feet of hose, which freezes in the winter and leaks from wear and tear. There will now be a water faucet by each stall.
- Building a steel holding squeeze to secure horses that might be difficult to handle during veterinary exams, surgery and farrier trims.
- Installing a water spicket by the squeeze to make bathing and wound care easier and safer.

Scoutmasters Joe Danz and Keith Rae submitted the request. Chris, Michael and Dalton are in the process of asking for donations or materials to complete the project for the water lines.

Here work is being done constructing the squeeze.



Jude Evans of Equine Recline Wins Hay Raffle

Congratulations to Jude Evans, winner of the hay raffle held during our annual yard sale on May 22, 2010. Ticket sales totaled 135 and netted a \$785 profit for CFH. Our thanks to the anonymous donor for supplying 1 ton of hay for the raffle, and to Jem's Feed, Ramsey Canyon Feed & Pet, Ranch, Ec., Whetstone Feed Supply, San Pedro Feed & Coffee for selling tickets for us. Watch our website and blog for details about our next hay raffle. If you are from out of state, we will buy your hay at your local feed store, so anyone in the US can try to win.

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May Yard Sale A Huge Success

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for our May yard sale:

- Garden Canyon U-Store It for donating 3 units for us to store items in.
- The volunteers who spent endless hours helping to setup and work the sale.
- The Richardsons for opening their yard to CFH again this year.

A total of \$4,002 was made!!! Our next sale will be in October at Jem's Feed. We are collecting items already so call Rose at 520-458-7193 to donate. Please no TV's or clothes.

Horses in Trouble In Sunsites

Locals concerned about starving horses on a ranch in Sunsites have contacted the state veterinarian to no avail. The same rancher Mr. Cartmell was reported to authorities in 2005.

According to citizens, the reason given for the state not taking action is concern about the rancher opening fire on law enforcement and rescuers, and that the horses are not in bad enough condition to justify that risk.

Shown here is the mother of a two-week-old foal. She appears extremely emaciated and in need of help. Please call the state veterinarian Dr. Hunt at 1-800-294-0305 and politely request that authorities take action before it is too late.



Legalities Play Role In Horse's Death

Over the past year CFH responded three times to calls from people worried about a Thoroughbred gelding who was found wandering and looking thin.

During our first response, he was picked up as a loose horse. Although a bit thin, per state law he was returned to the owner once ownership was verified.

We came in contact with the same horse a few months later when we received a second call. Again he was thin but was returned to his owner in accordance with the law.

Recently, we received a third call after the horse wandered onto a neighboring property and appeared to be in a state of distress. Members of CFH immediately responded to the call. An evaluation of the horse revealed that he had purple gums, was covered with sores, was extremely dehydrated and very thin.

When contacted by CFH the owner wanted only to have the horse returned. She did not want to provide any medical care. After numerous pleas from CFH the gelding was finally signed over to our program and rushed to the vet. In addition to confirming our initial findings, the vet found that the gelding had a body score of only three, was severely impacted, and his colon was far from its normal position. It was determined that he was unlikely to survive any kind of treatment and he was euthanized. He was just seven years old.

How You Can Help!

The problem with this situation and others like it is that a horse has to be near death before anything legal can be done to have it turned over to CFH, or for state livestock officers to remove it. Livestock officers do follow up on these types of calls, but once feed is provided the horse is no longer checked on unless they receive a call that the horse is near death or dead.

It is such a shame that laws protect owners, not the horses who are dependent on them. Please contact your local officials and respectfully urge them to change laws so CFH and similar organizations can take a proactive approach and give horses the care they need when their owners cannot or will not. We would much rather find a horse a new home than a burial site.

Our thanks to Rutherford Diversified Industries for helping with the burial.

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TO:

Troop #753 Helps Once Again

A few weeks ago Brownie Troop #753 from Tucson came down to Sierra Vista for the fifth year in a row to assist with CFH projects. This year six Brownies, five dads, and leader Lynn Jager and her daughter, Missy, helped erect a shade at the CFH facility and finish the top of a shade at one of our main foster homes. Some of the girls removed rocks from the round pen while others inventoried the t-shirts we sell. On this visit they were also able to meet and name a horse as it came into the program. The horse's new name is Smores. They were also able to see a horse as it left with its new adoptive family. The weekend included a campout in the pasture at the home of Ann and Bob Jost, complete with dinner made over a campfire, smores, and Girl Scout songs.

Thanks for the help, girls and dads!



Shelters For Sale – You can buy a shelter like the one shown here for only \$375. Each kit comes complete with 6 steel posts that are 10'4" each, the beveled aluminum panels, j-hooks and side fascia. All you need to supply is cement and self-tapping hex head tek screws. These shades are 12'x15' and will provide a lot of shade for your horse. Please call Ann Jost at 520-559-2224 for more information.