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Do You Know How To Tell When Your Horse is Sick or Not?

Are you a first time horse owner or just someone who loves horses and wants to learn more about caring for horses? If so, then you may want to participate in an upcoming clinic that is being presented by Dusti Prentice, D.V.M. that will be held at the Sierra Vista Riding Club.

The clinic will consist of hands on training on how to take your horses temperature safely, how to listen for gut sounds, emergency first aid for minor wounds and how to know when your horse is not feeling well overall. Being able to know what to look for and how to diagnosis an injury or illness and being able to convey the information to the veterinarian is extremely important in diagnosing what may be an emergency situation or not.

Each person participating will receive a first aid kit to keep for their own use and will be able to take the time to learn how to use the first aid kit with the comfort that you are using the instruments correctly. Handouts will be provided for participants to take home reviewing the information that will be taught.

There will be door prizes drawn throughout the day. Lunch will be provided and it is suggested that you dress for the weather as this will be an all day event starting at 10AM and ending at 3PM. Entertainment during the lunch break will be provided by our friends the Arthritis Brothers who play olde time music, using a violin, guitar and the banjo.

Cost for each participant is \$30 for adults and \$20 for anyone age 18 and under. For more information on the event, please see the attached flyer and be sure to register early.



Equine First Aid Clinic

Sponsored by Dusti Prentice DVM

Proceeds benefit Care for the Horses



www.careforthehorses.com

Saturday, April 3, 2010

10 am – 3 pm

Sierra Vista Riding Club Arena

Gulio Cesare (Between Hwy 90 & Charleston Rd.)

\$30 (adults) / \$20 (under 18)

Lunch is included

Events Include:

- **First-aid techniques**
- **Hands-on bandaging practice with demo horses**
- **Learn how to do your own physical exam**
- **Door prizes**
- **Entertainment by “The Arthritis Brothers”**

**Each participant will receive a first-aid kit
upon completion of the course**

RSVP by Friday, March 26

520-678-5566 or dr.prentice@sazequine.com

Horses Waiting For Adoption



Lena – is a 15 year old Quarter horse mare that is big, muscular and a very athletic mover. Her new owner must have previous horse experience as she is headstrong at times. Two years ago she had cancer removed from her eye, but sees very well and there are no other signs of the cancer at this time. This would be a great horse for someone who works a ranch or does long trail rides as she needs a job to do. Adoption Fee is \$250.



Chica – is a 2 ½ year old mare that has had a very rough start in life. Already she has been pregnant twice and was mistreated by her handlers on the Navajo Indian Reservation. She was rescued from the slaughter truck along with her 3–4 month old colt. Chica’s foster mother has been working with her getting her to trust people again and has started her lunging training and will soon be getting her used to the saddle and a rider. Adoption Fee is \$250.



Kharma – is a 2 ½ year old Bucksin mare which also had a very rough start in life. She was rescued from the slaughter truck along with her 3–4 month old filly. Kharma needs a home with lots of room to roam as she does not do well in a stalled area. She stands quiet for bridling and saddling but is not ready for a rider just yet as she needs to learn to trust the rider a bit more. More groundwork will need to be done with her. Adoption Fee is \$250.

For more information on how to adopt a horse please call Cyndi McLemore at 520–249–3989 or Ann Jost at 520–559–2224.

Sponsors are always needed to help defer the cost of the feed required to bring these 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.

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Ponygirl Is Now Under Saddle

Because we rely solely on volunteers to foster and train the horses in the program waiting for adoption we recently found ourselves in a predicament. Our volunteer foster families were unable even to get a halter on her in the year that we had her. She was approachable but seemed to run from anything that she was not familiar with. The training she needed was far beyond the training we were capable of providing for her.

In December, Buddy Deffenbaugh from Douglas contacted CFH and said he thought he could help her out. Since we do not have funds available for training a decision was made to give her to Buddy who has experience in this area.

Much to our amazement she was haltered, leading and riding within a short amount of time.

Here you can see just how relaxed she is with the ropes moving all over her.



This is just days after Buddy started working with her and already she is saddled and moving around quite willingly.



We are very pleased with Ponygirl's progress with Buddy and how gently and patiently he works with her.

Watch for more progress on her training in our next issue of Hoofbeats.



If you have a horse that you would like to have some training done on or if you are interested in having a colt started you can contact Buddy at 590-609-2245.

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CFH is Again Selling Horse Shelters

CFH is able to offer for sale, horse shades that are 12'x15' for \$375. The price includes 6 each 10' steel posts, the aluminum top and the framing. Some of the parts were donated by Michaels Military Housing on Fort Huachuca. The tops and framing are from the carports that are on homes that are being torn down. The steel posts are new.

So if you are handy you can construct your own sturdy horse shelter for a very low price. If you would like to have one put up for you, please contact Mike Kuhlman at 520-678-0674 for pricing of installation at reasonable rates.



We Have Dumpsters For Sale

We have a great deal for you!!!! These dumpsters are ready for any use you can find for them....extra trash space, feed or whatever works for you. Each one is \$15.00 and all money goes to Care For The Horses to help keep our mission going. Please call Mike @ 678-0674 or Cyndi @ 559-1697.



Check Out Our Newly Updated Website www.careforthehorses.com

During the past few months Byron Myers from Eon Digital Arts has been busy donating his time in creating a new website for CFH. It now has a very professional look to it and we hope that you will enjoy checking it out.

Links have been created to our blog which is kept up weekly with new stories on our horses and educational articles on nutrition for your horse.

The website is being kept current with updates on Ponygirl's training via a link to a video you can watch. In addition a section has been created on who to contact should you lose your horse or find a stray horse. A link to the State of Arizona Agriculture Livestock Lost and Found page along with contact information is available for your convenience.

Finally A New Home For Splash

It has taken almost a year to find Splash a home. She was fostered for a number of months in Benson and then in Sierra Vista. Her foster families spent many hours socializing her and she learned to really love people and attention. Because Splash was 10 years old, and very athletic, it was thought that maybe she should be trained for riding. Do to the generosity of some of her admirers she was sent to Danny L (as he is locally known) here in the Sierra Vista area. Danny spent almost 10 weeks working with Splash and although he made progress with her in her ground manners, riding is something that did not go as well. It was brought to our attention that training for riding was just not something that Splash could do at her age without fear. We then were contacted by someone who was looking for a horse to love and to help keep the grass down. It is a wonderful home and Splash now has her dream job.

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CALLE AMABLE**

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- Any donations in good condition will be appreciated (**no clothes please**)

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Much, Much More.....

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TO:

It's Shelter Challenge Time Again

We are again participating in the \$100,000 Shelter Challenge. Please vote for us as www.theanimalrescuesite.com and follow the prompts. Be sure to enter Care For The Horses in the Search and Vote for a Shelter section and we could win \$20,000. They will also be awarding many other grants to rescue groups with the most votes a total of \$100,000 in all. Think how many animals we could help for \$20,000! Help us win! All you have to do is click to help rescued animals, and then vote in the Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter Challenge. Both of these actions are absolutely free! You can vote once a day, every day, from now until July 26, 2010. Every time you vote, or tell a friend to vote you are making a huge difference for us.

You can go to our website www.careforthehorses.com and hit the Shelter Challenge logo and you will be taken directly to the site.

PLEASE VOTE TODAY AND HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE ANIMALS WE LOVE!