

Hoof beats 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' of horses in times
of need.

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378-0896, or e-mail us at
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next issue 12/15/07.**



HOOFBEATS

VOLUNTEER TRAINING OCTOBER 13, 2007 1:30 – 3:30 PM

There is a need for volunteers to
come and assist with the feeding
and cleaning of the horses stabled at
the CFH facility located at 9001 E.
Canada Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ.

Do you have the desire to help out a
horse by giving of your time 1 or 2
days a week? Can you help out just
mornings or evenings? If you
answered yes to either of those
questions, we can use your help.

The horses are fed and stalls are
cleaned twice a day. This can be
done anytime from dawn until
10:00 am or from 4:00 – 7:00pm.

Even if you have little or no
experience, our safety training and
hands on training will give you the
confidence it takes to work with
these horses.

Your participation in our volunteer
program will help these horses
recover from the neglect and abuse
they have been through. By
showing them that people do care
about them, you are making their
lives worth living.

**To sign up for the training, please
call Terri Spragg at (520) 378-6638.**

ANN JOST GIVES NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

After starting and continuing to
build CFH over the past 5 years,
founder and current president,
Ann Jost, has given her
resignation that will become
effective March 1, 2008. Ann
will remain an active member of
the board of directors and will
focus on fundraising activities for
the program.

Over the past 5 years, CFH has
placed 141 horses, built a 10-stall
facility, and provided feed and
veterinary assistance to many
horses in need. This could not be
done without much public support
and extremely dedicated board
members. CFH also recently
received a grant from PetSmart
Charities to aid fundraising
efforts.

The person to fill this position
should have knowledge of horses,
be able to work well with other
agencies in communicating the
needs of the horses.

In addition, this person needs to
be knowledgeable regarding the
financial status and goals of the
program future and be able to
offer guidance to the board for
decisions that need to be made
regarding horses and program
services.
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This is a volunteer position in which the president works closely various committees within the program, coordinates the veterinary care needed for the horses waiting for adoption, and responds to emails and inquiries from the public regarding program services and horses waiting for adoption.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who truly enjoys working with people and cares about horses. Ann will work with the new president so that a smooth transition is made.

If you would like to be considered for this position, please call Vicky Rae at (520) 366-0326 or send your resume to PO Box 884, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.



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@arizonaquest.com)

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

John Henry

A 13 yr. old Arab/Quarter horse gelding is still waiting for a new home. 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.

Duchess

This beautiful Arab mare is only 14-17 years old. She was severely starved, had a broken fetlock and was in foal at the time she was received into the program a few months ago. Unfortunately, Duchess has lost her foal, but she is now is on the road to a full recovery. Her weight is almost near normal, and her leg is healing very nicely, however she will always walk with some stiffness on her hind leg. In all, three veterinarians have looked at her leg and are confident that she will be sound enough for light riding within 3 months. For more information or to make an appointment to come and see him please call Ann Jost at 520-378-0896.



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 chosen for Care For The Horses.

Our Country Care Code is: **careforthehorses**



Jack who is only 25 yrs. old came to us 8/31/07 – he is in very bad shape, he also will need eye care. If you want to help sponsor his care, please send your donation to PO Box 884, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SNAKE BITES

When on excursions into areas frequented by pit vipers (also called "crotalids," including rattlesnakes), it is prudent to consider some basic precepts concerning bites. Approximately 20-60% of bites are "dry" or defensive type of bites with little or no venom injected by the snake. These are bites that do not swell much within 10 to 15 minutes of being bitten and are not overly painful. It is difficult to ascertain whether a bite is dry, so assume envenomation (injection of venom) and proceed to obtain veterinary care. Rapid swelling and pain suggest venom injection. Venom has a Super Glue-like consistency and is absorbed rapidly from the bite site within 30 seconds to several minutes. Cutting an incision on the bite and suction is not recommended; icing of the bite is not a good idea, nor is a tourniquet.

Most bites occur on the muzzle in curious horses, and application of a dry absorbent wrap is not possible. Things to consider bringing on such excursions would be:

- Wrap material (dry sheet cottons);
- Vetrap, two rolls;
- Two 12-inch sections of three-quarter-inch or one-inch diagonal gauze;
- Garden hose or taped 35-cc syringe casings with the ends bored out to insert into nostrils of horses with rapidly swelling nostrils
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication (prescription from your veterinarian).

If a horse is bitten, time is of the essence and prompt evacuation for veterinary care is recommended even though death is rare in adult horses. Complications days or weeks later are often responsible for adult horse deaths from rattlesnake bites. Asphyxiation from massive throat swelling might necessitate a tracheotomy in rare cases. A non-steroidal anti-inflammatory can minimize swelling and pain. Walking, not running, is recommended to avoid elevation of blood pressure and venom absorption.

Leg and torso bites are especially troublesome, and the bitten limb can be promptly wrapped to compress tissue and minimize swelling and absorption of toxin into general circulation. Antibiotics (likely injectable) should be considered once veterinary care is secured due to the "dirty" nature of snake fangs and infection potential. Maintain a current tetanus vaccination.

In summary, minimize swelling and venom absorption, maintain nostril airflow, and seek veterinary assistance immediately. These steps should allow most horses to recover without antivenin (antitoxin active against venom) administration. Do not incise, ice, or apply a tourniquet to snake bites.

Always look where you are riding and try to avoid long grassy areas or piles of rocks and wood where snakes may be resting. Startling the snake is the primary reason for a snake strike. It is always a good idea to carry your cell phone with you so you can call for help.

THE TONYA K. THOMAS FUND FOR FEED AND VETERINARY ASSISTANCE

This program, named for the generous donation made by Tonya's family in her memory, offers assistance to individuals who may have come upon temporary hardship.

Sometimes individuals who are between jobs, have been ill or for some other reason find themselves not able to provide for their horse(s) feed or veterinary care can get assistance through this program.

Anyone needing feed or veterinary assistance should contact Ann Jost at (520) 378-0896, write to Care For the Horses, PO Box 884, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 or email her at careforthehorses@msn.com.

An interview will be conducted, to find out exactly what assistance is needed and for how long assistance can be provided. If approved for assistance, a contract stating the cost involved, the period of time the assistance will be offered and a repayment plan will be signed by CFH and the individual(s) involved.

CFH works with local feed stores and area veterinarians to provide assistance quickly and confidentially.

The members of the board of directors are extremely grateful to Janet Brady for her support of the program and thank her for her donation made in Tonya's memory. Tonya's love for animals will be carried on through this program.

Wine Tasting Event



To Benefit



Whisper's Sanctuary &



Care For the Horses

Hors d'oeuvres
compliments of
Cafe Sonoita

When: November 17, 2007

Where: Sonoita Vineyards

Cost: \$15 per person

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

3 miles south of Elgin
(on Elgin-Canelo Road)

Includes wine tasting, complimentary wine glass, and
hors d'oeuvres.

~Door Prizes Will Be Drawn Throughout the Day~

Care For the Horses Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 Non-profit horse rescue program that takes in neglected and abused horses, rehabilitates them and finds them new homes. Feed and veterinary assistance programs are also available for owners of horses. For more information visit our website at www.careforthehorses.com or contact Ann Jost at (520) 378-0896.

Whisper's Sanctuary a 501 (c) 3 Non-profit permanent residence for horses who are older, injured, neglected, unwanted, or retired from public service. For more information visit www.rrheartranch.com or contact Toni Leo at (520) 455-5424.

Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

Spur Western Wear Ranch Etc. – Benson

Jem's Feed National Bank of Arizona

Whetstone Feed & Ranch Supply

San Pedro Feed and Hardware

Both organizations are entirely run by volunteers and are solely dependent upon donations from the public for their support.

Clinton Anderson - 2007 WAHL Walkabout Tour

This two day event is November 3 -4, 2007 in Buckeye,

This is your chance to come and see the world famous Downunder Horsemanship techniques demonstrated by Clinton Anderson himself.

The tickets being raffled off are from the No Worries Club and offer special advance seating the day of the event.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn new ways to teach your horse through innovation, inspiration and instruction by the master himself.



Tickets were donated by
Anne May – Hereford, AZ

Raffle Tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each

2 Tickets will be drawn

Drawing to be held October 13, 2007 at the Care For The Horses facility, 9001 E. Canada Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ.

You do not have to be present to win.

For more information please call Ann Jost at (520)378-0896 or visit our website at www.careforthehorses.com

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National Bank of Arizona
San Pedro Feed and Hardware
Care For the Horses Members

Spur Western Wear
Ranch Etc. - Benson
Whetstone Feed & Ranch Supply

Jem's Feed
Crooked Cactus Candles
James Varga, CPA



PO Box 884
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

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Address Correction Requested

TO:

2008 CALENDARS AVAILABLE SOON

Can you believe it? It is already time to start thinking about buying your 2008 calendar, which will make a wonderful gift for your horsey friends, or you can just buy one for yourself. Each month features a different horse that has come through our program.

- Calendars will be sold for only \$10 each. Proceeds from the sales of the calendar will be used to feed and provide veterinary and farrier care for the horses awaiting adoption.
- Calendars can be purchased at the following locations for your convenience and also some Saturdays during the months of October and November at the local feed stores.

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Ranch Etc. - Benson
Care For the Horses Members
San Pedro Feed and Hardware**

**Whetstone Feed & Ranch Supply
Crooked Cactus Candles James Varga, CPA
Jem's Feed
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