



Spring Creek Horse Rescue
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~FROM THE MANURE PILE~

Well, I always talk about the weather for all those not in Durango. It has been sunny & beautiful IF your Inside! 50-60* in the daytime 20's @ night. Quite early for such cold temps!!

One of our "Little ones", Ms. Mouse is growing-UP, not so much wider, but at least taller. She has & probably always will be a bit accident prone. She is 3 now, & always running into something, injuring herself (nothing serious) where you just say O lord what now. She is however happy & full of herself & spoiled beyond what a baby should be. She has been sharing daily quarters with Ruby who's companions were adopted, so they both need to run & play & let off steam.

Our darling Blind Tambara who we dubbed "carrot girl", because she LIVES for her daily carrots.....oooooops, yesterday we were out OMG, I cut her up an apple & she threw the slices out one by one & looked @ me like

WHERE ARE MY CARROTS?????????????????One of the volunteers ran to town & got her some, we try not to ever run out so as not to lrk her wrath!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.....

~Diane



Ruby and Mouse blowing off some steam

My name is Sarah and I moved back to Durango about four months ago! When I got back to Durango I wasn't sure what I wanted to do and where my path was going to take me. For a few weeks I started working for a local business but didn't feel like I was doing enough to be a part of my community. I decided that I was going to reach out and look for a volunteer position and Spring Creek popped up on my list. I have always had a love for horses and wanted to learn more about them! One morning I emailed Diane and she said to come on over when I was free. After that first meeting of the horses I knew I had to come back and learn more about what this rescue was all about. In the past few months of volunteering at the rescue I have learned so much about each horse and what it takes to create a positive and loving environment for these special beings. It is so hard to think about what each horse has gone through but all we can do at this time for them is give them unconditional love and let them know we are here for them. If I could come out to the rescue everyday for the rest of my life, I would. There is no other feeling out there than knowing you are doing something special for animals that need truly need it. When I am out there helping with water and cleaning pens I know each and every horse appreciates it. These horses are so very different than other horses. Each horse at this rescue has been through something unimaginable but yet they will give you their hearts and love you right back. There is something so special about being able to bond with each horse and learning their special traits. Spending even just five minutes with each horse reveals so much about their personality. When you first arrive at the rescue,

you'll notice the horses place their full attention on you and you can really feel how comfortable and loved they feel being somewhere like this. Diane spends so much time making sure each and every horse is cared for and healthy. I have never met someone who wholeheartedly cares for so many animals. Every time I visit the rescue, I learn something new and I appreciate that so much. If anyone could just take an hour or two out of their busy schedule to see this special place it will change you forever.

~Sarah



Bonus, Lightning, and Tara enjoying the fall weather



Bonus upon arrival to Spring Creek.

Wow! It's hard to believe it's been over six years since I began my journey with Spring Creek Horse Rescue. When I arrived with no horse knowledge but a willingness to help, I had no idea just how exciting the adventure would be.

I have personally witnessed the healing of our new arrivals of anything from severe skin ailments, to broken coffin bone, to cracked teeth, malnutrition and neglect, and the list goes on. Perhaps the most rewarding scenario of all has been watching a sweet little black filly named Mouse go from a baby with a severe eye injury suffered from a run-in with a gate prior to her time at the rescue, to a sweet 3 year old with one eye. Her love of life and boundless energy would have you believe she doesn't have any unique challenges at all!

When very young horses come to the Rescue, we can tell almost immediately they sense safety and security. Their personalities start to blossom, and it becomes quickly evident how they would prefer to communicate. This is very

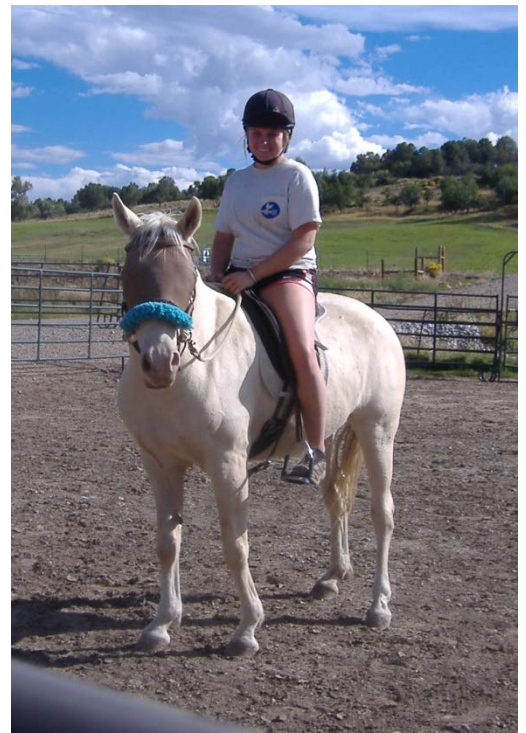
important to us, as it helps us to most effectively place them with a stall mate that brings out the best in both of them.

I have also had the pleasure of observing the development of another wonderful horse named Bonus, who arrived at the Rescue as a one-month old barely hanging on to life and requiring bottle feeding to survive. One would never guess she started out that way by her strong, beautiful physique and sassy personality today.

Coming out here to volunteer every week has literally changed my life. The horses inspire me to work hard, and I always look forward to helping with their care. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing their bright eyes and playful demeanor, knowing what a lot of them have been through.

I have come to appreciate over the years that a horse rescue functions most effectively with the consistent labor and contributions of many different people, with many different skills. It is astounding the amount of work required each and every day, but the results are well worth the effort. We are so grateful for your time and support!

~Susan



Bonus looking good



Fat lil' Donkey

I first started coming to the rescue roughly three years ago, as a freshman in college. At that time, I had rarely, if ever, been around horses and it's safe to say I didn't really know anything about them. I didn't know how to handle them, or feed them - I didn't know anything about their basic care. Now, common sense will get you a fair ways, but having a good environment and an excellent teacher, such as Diane, will get you a lot further. I'm now "coasting" through my senior year, and I realize that at some point in the near future I will be leaving Durango to attend veterinary school. Reflecting on the many hours I've spent with the horses and Diane, part of me doesn't want to take that next step. I've really come to enjoy Durango and the time I've spent at the rescue, it's become a sort of second home for me. I will, however, take with me the many experiences and things I've learned along the way. Three years ago I didn't even know what I wanted to study in school, but having spent time at the rescue, I've since figured it out. I've found something that I'm really passionate about, and Diane has been supportive the whole way. As I finish off my time at Fort Lewis, I'm going to make an effort to not take the Rescue for granted, and try and visit the horses more.

~Kevin



Winter is just around the corner. That means we'll have to feed more hay! Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!! 100% goes to the horses, please help us feed them.

