



*Spring Creek Horse Rescue*

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## *~FROM THE MANURE PILE~*

### *Meet Some of Our Horses*

*~Bug~*

Bug is a 23 year old Appendix mare from a La Plata County Impound. Her teeth had never been cared for, so she now needs extra feed to keep her weight. She serves as a lesson horse for some of our children's lessons and loves to get tacked up and help the small kids learn how to ride. You can see her "light up" when the kids come to get her and she has a purpose that she looks forward to.

*~Chloe~*

Chloe is a Southern Ute Impound and has been with the rescue since 2009. She has suffered at the hands of humans and has knee problems, but is very bright and very beautiful. She enjoys every day and loves her life at the rescue.



*Bug and Chloe enjoying a summer day.*



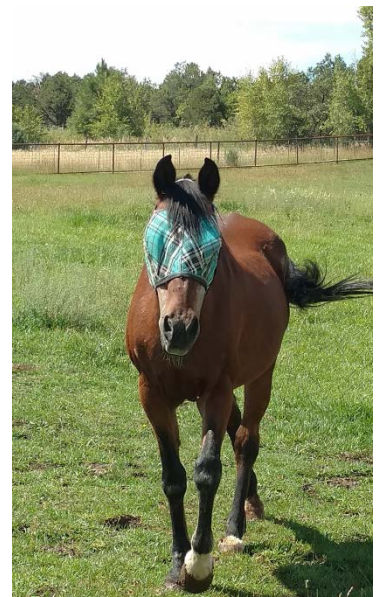
*Colton, looking gorgeous.*

*~Colton~*

Colton is the last of 25 horses impounded by La Plata County in 2008. He was run through a fence by a dog and had suffered abuse that makes him "not adoptable." He is a total love bug and thinks you better scratch his bum or why else are you there.

*~Tambara~*

Tambara came to us last Christmas. Her owners (who had owned her since she was born) could no longer feed her and she



*Tambara, looking good in blue!*

needed somewhere to go. When they dropped her off, the owner said, "By the way, she's having problems with her vision." Spring Creek's opinion is that if you call yourself a "rescue," you take in horses that need to be rescued, not just horses you can "flip" and make a buck. Tambara is totally blind now, but compensates with human voice or touch. She also often poses as a lesson horse for all sorts of kids and is looking wonderfully fat and content after a year.

- Diane



## *Say Hello to Some of Spring Creek's Retirees*

One mission at the Rescue is to rehabilitate horses and adopt them to good homes. However, some horses arrive who are put in retirement. Meet four of them.

We have Samuel, a flea-bitten fifteen hand- plus Quarter horse who was successful on the competitive show circuit. Samuel came to us with selenium poisoning. Most of his hair had fallen out, his tail was gone, and his feet looked like waves on the ocean. He is an ex-roping horse that was ridden until his knees were too big to ride anymore. He is 40 years old this year and one of the best looking examples of attitude you've ever met! He is bossy and opinionated and lets you know he is "in charge" & would like his dinner NOW!! Because of his knees and his age, his forever home is here at the Rescue where he enjoys munching knee high grass in one of our pastures.



*Samuel showing off his sense of humor!*



*Beautiful Lilly, showing her sensitive side.*

Lilly, Samuel's corral mate, is a large gray Quarter Horse and was used as an all purpose ranch/work horse. She has a bit of a wave to her mane and tail, which suggests maybe a Spanish breed in her background. I personally think she is one of our most beautiful.



Keester, an Arabian, had a career as a trainer's horse for many, many years. He knows every command, Western and English. As Diane says, "Keester is learning to be just a horse." He enjoys his days in the pasture and in a cozy stall. Keester is also used as a lesson horse here at the Rescue and does a superb job!

Snip is a gorgeous 15 hand- plus bay Quarter Horse gelding. His career was at a working cattle ranch. He is 21 year old and unfortunately, he suffered a stroke shortly after his arrival at the Rescue, but he is a lover and is learning to get around pretty well again. He sustained a stifle Injury when he fell (among other injuries that have healed) and is now bright and perky, but will not be able to be ridden again. He loves attention and is a good "teacher horse." He thoroughly enjoys life and is a good example for kids and adults to learn how to



*Keester - still super cute at 33!*



*Snip, enjoying his career as the wandering lawnmower.*

be around horses. He is stubborn, and beautiful, very fond of human attention and some days he thinks he already died and went to the greener pastures with all the nurturing he gets from everyone. Most days, Snip ambles around the Rescue, visiting here and there.

All four of these retirees have served their owners well through years of work. Such horses deserve to be loved and cared for through their final days. Here at the Rescue, we provide that.

*- Becca*



### Panel Challenge Thank-You's and Update:

We would like to say a big **thank you** to some of the individuals and businesses who have donated panels to our Panel Challenge over the last several months! **Individual donors:** Cindy Morin, Kathleen Ryder, Tammy Bonds (who bought a record **10 panels!!!**), Ann Salviazul, Ruth and Charles Guarino, Heidi McDaniel, Kris Barnum, and Sydney Cooley. **Business donors:** Tafoya-Barrett and Associates, Alpine Bank, and the ASPCA (who provided a grant for **30 panels!**). We have been able to order **54 new panels** so far, and have built several new pens. **Thank you all!** If you want to get in on the Panel Challenge while it is still running, you can donate directly on our website or send a check - **\$132.36** buys 1 panel for the Challenge.

## *My New Best Friend, Keester*



*Kathy and Keester.*

Imagine the utter delight and surprise I felt when my friend Becca gifted me with a lesson with Keester. Keester is a beautiful, very gentle Arabian. Jenni, another very gentle being, taught me safety in being around a horse. Oh, but she taught me a great deal more. I groomed Keester, brushed and buffed him and even picked mud out of his feet! Jenni taught me to bridle and saddle that beautiful horse. Then, off to the "ring" for more lessons. I was thrilled to mount Keester. Jenni was gentle with both horse and student. She was very affirming and reassuring to both equine and rider! I am so grateful!



*Riding off into the sunset. :-)*

I learned that a horse knows if his rider is confident and thus, I tried to show that confidence to both Keester and to myself as well. I believe it paid off!

I will never forget this wonderful adventure. Thank you Becca, thank you Jenni and thank you, Keester.

- Kathy



## *Fancy Returns Home*

One of the beautiful things about Spring Creek Horse Rescue is how dedicated the Rescue is to the horses that come through here. We have seen Fancy on several other occasions, but when we heard



*Fancy after a month here, already gaining weight.*



*Fancy today, much plumper and just as sassy.*



that she needed help again, Diane was quick to swing open the gates and welcome her back. Fancy still has her old snotty attitude, no matter how skinny she gets! Over the last several months, she has put on easily 300 pounds, and is still gaining! She has also been the terror of the stalls, always wanting to be in charge of everyone and everything and constantly looking for that tiny crack in the stall door to stage an escape and go exploring. Despite her "large and in charge" attitude, we love her and she will always have the best of care here. Since Fancy is such a hard keeper, and since this is her third trip to the Rescue, she will now have a permanent home here to live out her retirement in a place where she will always get what she needs. Welcome home, Fancy!

- Jenni



*Neigh! Jenni said I look good in mud. It's my beauty treatment. Aren't I gorgeous??*

*Yes, Pony, you're very pretty. Now come here so I can give you a bath... - Jenni*

### **Sponsoring a Horse:**

All of our "permanent residents" could use sponsors to take care of their special feed, medicines, and extra care! If you have seen a horse in this newsletter (or on our website) that you would like to sponsor, please contact us at [springcreekhorserescue@yahoo.com](mailto:springcreekhorserescue@yahoo.com) and we'll set you up as one of our "Angels!" You will get updates on your sponsored horse and sponsors of \$100 or more per month are welcome to come visit their sponsored horse and feed them carrots or groom (if the horse is comfortable with grooming). Become a Spring Creek Angel today, and make a difference in the life of one of our sanctuaried horses! 100% of all donations go directly to the horses (though we convert them from cash into hay first! ;-)) - everyone who helps at the Rescue is a volunteer. Each and every donation, large or small, is appreciated by our horses! :-)

