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SCHR Newsletter

## From The Manure Pile

Spring should be a time of sun, grass pushing through the dirt, and renewal. Instead we have 20 degree mornings, blowing snow and 50MPH winds.



Spring should be the time of joyful horses, warmer days, pastures are plenty. INSTEAD many horse owners are still not able to keep their jobs, homes, and animals. We are still receiving many calls from people not being

## Annual Garage Sale, Open House & Adoption Days

Please come meet the horses, volunteers, and make a purchase to support the horses.

Dates: Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

able to care for their horses and on our end the decision of which horses come to the rescue can be a hard one. Chico's owner lost her property after losing her job; he will be a beautiful guy with time and care and has the personality of a saint. Animal control brought us an older mare whose owner tried to care for her but didn't realize how important dental care can be for horses, especially the older ones. Her body score is a one, yet no one

bothered to call for help. Both of our new horses were much loved but still needed rescue due to lack of knowledge and fear to get involved. They were not "unwanted" horses.

Please, if you see a problem with your horse, call us for help.

Diane

## Happy spring from Spring Creek Horse Rescue!

We are busy this season. The horses are shedding, so they need a lot of grooming. When I go to Spring Creek Horse Rescue to volunteer I groom a lot of horses. If you love horses you would be very happy volunteering too. My favorite horse to groom is Samuel. He is a sweet horse. All of the horses at Spring Creek have a sweet side. After grooming and mucking you could help scrub and clean water troughs. You might even have to help give a horse some medicine. I LOVE to volunteer at Spring Creek! You would too.

Stella

Stella is 10 years old and has been volunteering at the rescue for almost two years.



## New Additions to SCHR

My name is Kelly and I am one of the newest volunteers at Spring Creek Horse Rescue. From the moment I arrived I knew this place would be my second home. I was amazed at the gratefulness in these large animals' eyes; they could bring even the strongest man to his knees. Every horse has a story, some have been saved from slaughter, some were severely abused, and some people just could not afford or just didn't have the knowhow of what it takes to care for these beautiful animals. What saddened me is a few of the horses won't let you anywhere near them, you can



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see in their eyes they want love but are just too scared to receive it because of what humans have done to them in their past.



Last week the rescue received a new addition. His name is Chico, his owner had fallen on hard times and she could no longer afford to take care of him. When he arrived he was a little shy and very submissive to the other horses, showing his respect in a new place. I noticed he was a lot underweight even with his winter coat. One thing we could tell for sure, he was a loving, sweet horse. As I watched him each day, slowly he came out of his shell and we can see his sweet personality. He is starting to become part of the family as he is feeling more at home. I am just so glad that he did have a wonderful place to come to. This place is a part of me now and I am as grateful to the animals as they are to me. One thing I do know is Spring Creek Horse Rescue need's more donations right now, because besides Chico who is going to need a lot of care, we now have one more starved mare from animal control and two more owner surrenders, besides

the 23 that were already here. Summer is one of the scarcer times of cash flow. Please donate; nothing is too small. It all adds up.

Thank you,

Kelly