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## ~FROM THE MANURE PILE~

### *Four Legged Orphanarium*

Mother nature you fickle beast, thunder snow ( 3") in may & 83° 2 days later. We'll take all the moisture we can get I guess, the calls have already started to take horses, & hay if you can find it will be like winning the lottery. We had someone come and re-do the whole Irrigation set up, so hopefully finally we can actually get the tiny bit of water they will send us this year someplace it's needed. Hay growers that have alfalfa are over run by aphids because of how dry it's been. We finally got a bid on a minimal pasture fence & unless someone bequests us \$26,000 we will be stuck looking @ all the nice grass in the pasture, but unable to use it unless we hand walk someone. ( really not time for that!) Still working on property clean up that never ends & wondering if we will ever be "presentable".

On the horse front Samuel for those who know him has always been lovely to be around, unless of course you're a horse. He has always gone out of his way to "display the pose" of bad bad stud monkey-attack & everyone takes a wide berth around where ever he is. (Samuel has been with us about 10 years & has always been this way)

**UNTIL Ridge** who loves everyone & is sure everyone loves him ( yes, we do) walked right up to him one morning & gave him a kiss & stayed there & didn't move away.....(camera where are you.) Samuel was dumbfounded & finally backed away, BUT it changed how he is now dealing with "The approach"-now he will stop



& visit with Ridge & Colton ( who also thinks he's a bad ass) & Jack & Woodrow & if you wonder why you hear me giggle it's the entertainment the different personalities provide- nothing like it!

Happy Spring

*~Diane*



### *Horsemanship Lessons Start!*



Shauna and Spirit

What an exciting few weeks we have had at the rescue. At Spring Creek we have a wonderful horsemanship lesson program for all ages, and we have been searching for the right horses to be a part of our program. We are so happy to welcome Spirit and Watchman to Spring Creek. Much of what we teach can be carried over to all aspects of life. Two weeks ago Kevin and I took the five hour drive to meet them both and see if they were the right fit for our program.

Spirit is almost a four year old Sorel gelding with a white strip on his head. He stands at almost 14 hands high. He was rescued when he was six months old from a kill lot in Texas. Since he has matured he has been used as a show horse for children in hunter jumper shows. He is such a lover and so willing to please! He is so much fun to ride! Watchman is a 23 year old warmblood. He is over 16 hands high and is light grey in color. He was also rescued from a kill lot. He had the words Therapy spray painted across his body because he has been used as a therapy horse. Watchman is a big gentleman, and when you look into his eyes you see all the knowledge and wisdom in them. He will make any rider feel comfortable and confident. They are both settling in quite nicely at their new home awaiting the start of the summer lesson program.



Left to right: Watchman, Spirit, & Asta

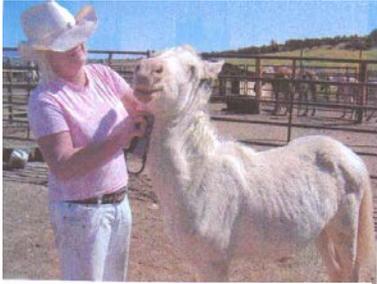
At this time we are also happy to welcome Asta, a 17 year old paint mare, who came in with a torn meniscus that probably happened 6 years ago, and was never attended to.

Asta will make for a great companion horse here at the rescue, and is already in love with Watchman (and him with her).

*~Shauna*



### *Happy Volunteer*



Bonus Before

Our family moved to Colorado in 2013. Previously we lived in Oklahoma, and my kids did not want to leave. I desperately needed to do something to get them excited about leaving friends and moving to a brand new place. The answer? Spring Creek Horse Rescue! We have been involved with Spring Creek for almost five years now, and it never ceases to be a rewarding experience.



Probably the most heartwarming aspect of being part of horse rescue is witnessing the nursing back to health of horses in dire need of love and care. I know those sweet eyes say thank you! I have also discovered that horses do, indeed, have unique personalities. They each communicate differently, and it is absolutely fascinating to observe how they “speak” to each other.

Rescue work can give those involved an awesome sense of purpose and belonging, too. It is truly amazing how putting together the countless skills, experiences, and knowledge of many people can be so incredibly synergistic.

If you haven't been out to see us lately, please come visit or volunteer. The horses definitely enjoy the attention and the carrots. You will leave with a charged spirit, guaranteed!

*~Susan*



### *Finding a New Passion*

More than two years ago a college rep from Fort Lewis was visiting my high school and was offering to waive the application fee if I sent him home with my application. I was originally planning to take a gap year, but figured, why not. I applied and got accepted

and before I knew it, I was speaking to an advisor about what I wanted to major in and what classes I should take. Truth be told, I really didn't know what I wanted to major in. In the fall of my freshman year I started coming the rescue. I was looking to do something different, and I had never been around horses and had no experience with them. It seemed like it might be a cool experience. Soon enough I had a routine and



Pacino looking handsome

was spending time at the rescue at least twice a week. At some point during my time at Spring Creek, I thought to myself, I really wouldn't mind doing this for the rest of my life. Before the start of my sophomore year, I made the decision to change my major from adventure education, to biology. I have my sights set on the DVM program at CSU, and I'm now taking the necessary steps to get myself there. I owe it to the Rescue, the Horses, and Diane for helping me discover a passion I didn't know I had.

Also, please take a moment to check out our new website that I put together.

*~Kevin*

*\*\*\*\*\* And please don't forget our Open House & Garage sale  
June 22nd & 23rd. \*\*\*\*\**

*As always, we run on donations. With the current drought  
conditions in Colorado we're looking at a rough summer and  
winter. We rely off the benevolence and kindness of our donors.*

*THANK YOU!!!*