

Holiday 2020

~ From the manure pile ~

Sorry to everyone for no fall newsletter, the rescue has been on horsey covid detail for almost 5 months now. Raven & Robin brought "the kill pen covid" with them even after 45 days quarantine. Robin has gotten better, but Raven seems to be the carrier, still has a snotty nose 4 months later. It has been hitting one horse at a time (can't everyone get sick & get it over) & when they get over it someone else comes down with it. Some are trying to get it twice. So we have been on quarantine, no horses in or out. Raven's baby is growing amid all this, and we are praying it will be healthy.

Pretty sure it will be born on the coldest day we have this year! We want to wish everyone

the best holidays in these strange times and hope for a better year! ~ Diane~



Winter is here. 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.



Raven's baby is growing and so is our excitement!

~ Lost and Found ~

Last year my life took a sharp turn, a U in fact. I lost my job of 14 years as a psychiatric nurse unexpectedly and at the same time my only child, left home to attend college. The combination of these losses, nursing identity and soccer mom were devastating at the least. I was lost, my confidence, my motivation, my goals....all vanished. My heart was sunk, "what was I to do now?' I've lived in Durango for 28 years and have professional and personal networks established. Yet was unable to utilize these and get back on my feet. I spent a year looking for

work and trying to create a new purpose, my heart was broken. I'm not sure what it was that got me to the Spring Creek website, but there I was thinking "I've wanted to visit this place for 20 years and haven't gone out there", I emailed Diane. She replied with speed and had me out in a day.

My first day there changed my life! Driving into the ranch was like driving through a portal, into another world, a beautiful, magical world that is



Even when it's frigid outside, the wonderful Dr. Ben comes to care for Winslow's injured foot. Kris feeds Winslow treats.

immaculately clean and neat with healthy, happy, sweet animals waiting for your arrival. I found Diane in the barn and she welcomed me and put a rake in my hand and had me cleaning stalls within minutes. She has a way to gently escort you into her rescue world so smoothly that you feel as though you've known her and all 30 horses for years. Before the day was over, I knew all the rescue stories and had met each of her sweet, kind horses and donkeys. The work was hard, raking, lifting, twisting and brushing all day. I was both exhausted and excited and my body and heart was full. The hard work, the loving souls of the horses and Diane's ability to get people to open up and share THEIR stories and heal THEIR hearts has given me purpose, support and meaning back in my life. Thank you Diane!

~Kris~

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