



Spring Creek Horse Rescue
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Spring Newsletter, 2019

~FROM THE MANURE PILE~



Samuel, our ornery old man

Spring? Well maybe, no not yet, more snow/hail/rain, terrible winter but we made it through, horses are so happy to feel a little warmth, & then it's gone again & it's raining/snowing/hailing. Mother nature is so angry.

With so many "oldies" to worry about it's nice to be shed of the ice & snow & then the mud. Samuel turns 43 this year & has been very stiff, but still ornery & ready to go play, nibble on all the new grass, protect his ladies from imaginary suitors, & get belly scratches from passersby.

Candy looks MAGNIFICENT, demands her breakfast by flipping her feeder against the wall & making quite the racket.



Candy out in pasture

Tambara, our resident blind mare, has been having some problems. She has not been eating well, changing what she does every day. She wants to be with people, instead of her usual going out on the grass.

Sedona was adopted! Her new owner is already riding her on the trail, they seem to be a good match.

Everyone is more than ready for warmer, dryer weather & napping in the sun!



Tambara in pasture



Sedona looking nice n' tall

Don't forget our annual Open house/garage sale on June 28th & 29th, we are now taking donations of salable items.

~Diane



My name is Trish and I am a recent transplant from Maine. Before arriving in Durango and volunteering at Spring Creek Horse Rescue I volunteered for 12 years at a therapeutic riding center near Portland, Maine.

Many of the horse's that have arrived at Spring Creek Horse Rescue have already experienced a lifetime at a young age having survived dire situations or being abandoned. Remarkably though they can have enormous value. With someone who will take the time to listen and patience to hear them they can provide companionship or a partner for adventures to come.

Rescue stories are amazing not only because of the animals that are saved and the humans who help save them, but also because of the incredible transformation the animals go through on their way to recovery. It's remarkable to see a starving, neglected, or abused animal turn into his/her healthy, energetic, and happy self again. It's equally awe-inspiring to think that one being, who has suffered so terribly, still has such a will to live.

Two years ago I started volunteering with Diane at SCHR and am astounded at her unwavering dedication and love for her herd. Many days she is the only one there to care for 28 horses starting before sunrise. With sporadic volunteer support many of the chores beyond simply feeding are difficult to keep up on. There are corrals to clean, hay to unload, troughs to scrub, horses to groom and medications to dole out. With help from a few grant dollars, long hours, lots of attention and donations from the community she is able to keep the horses healthy while they await a new and hopefully a forever home.

Ruby was rescued from a feedlot at 3 months and is now 3 years old. She is a Polish Arabian filly with a gorgeous Sorrel / Flaxen mane and tail. In your pocket, easy to catch, does feet and loves to be handled. She loves people, has recently begun to find her confidence and is an absolute dream girl! Typical of her breed she will not be mature until she is about 5 & THEN will be ready to start under saddle. She is the last of the babies we have left! Waiting to find her forever home.



Ruby last week

~Trish



What a long winter! A complete polar opposite from the year past. It seems all anyone in Durango did this year was shovel, and then shovel some more, and then some more. Snow dramatically complicated our normal routine at the rescue. Much of our free time was spent simply trying to clear snow off the roads, dig gates out, and amuse attitudes, which there was no shortage of. However, everyone made it through, nice n plump, spoiled rotten! How nice it is to feel warm temps again, in between the rain and snow. This past semester was difficult and time consuming,

so I wasn't able to make it out to the rescue often, but when I did I got to work with one of my favorites. Lilly! She's holding strong, still spunky. When it came time to shed, it looked as if it was still snowing! Hair was everywhere!

~Kevin



Lilly sticking her tongue out



We've been getting a lot of donations for our **open house/ garage sale on June 28th & 29th**. All proceeds go to support the horses! Time to do some spring cleaning, anything that is salable we will take (except TVs, electronics, and mattresses).

