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Summer Newsletter, 2023

From the manure pile

Late again with our newsletter, sorry all. I was in the hospital after breaking up a dog fight with a new dog we were asked to take in. Had never lived with other dogs & lit into our pup Gracie serious stuff there & I was the loser. Got knocked over & seriously injured my right knee/leg, blood clots developed & an ambulance was called. 3 weeks in the hospital & still not quite healed, blood thinners (terrible stuff) for 6 months. Not quite up to myself yet but will get there! Currently really needing some horsey volunteers to help with daily chores, LOTS to catch up on! In the interim Jack has been “not well” & fading. 2 Vets have been called & not an idea of what he is suffering from has been decided. He is on medication in the hopes we can make him better, not being able to help him & watching him go downhill has been rough. Say a good word for him to get back to health (& myself!) Jack passed away on July 17, 2023.



Builders first donated the materials we needed to rebuild the structure that the snow brought down last winter. **NOW WE NEED CARPENTERS TO PUT IT BACK TOGETHER!**



Volunteer Stories

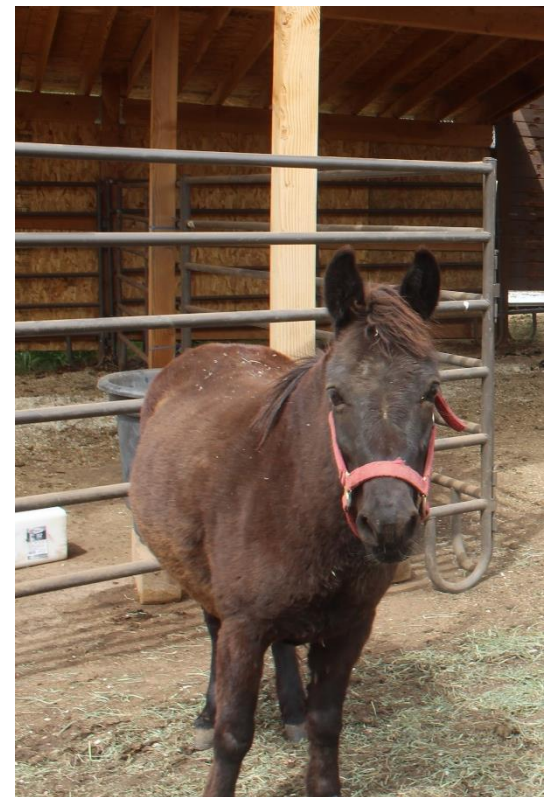
-Kari

I started volunteering last week. I lost my job of 18 years and am not in a hurry to find a new one so when I heard about Spring Creek I thought it would be perfect for me. Let me tell you, it is. It is also hard work and enjoyable at the same time. I had no idea what to expect and now when I'm not there I think of things I want to do to help. I always say horses are good people. Sounds silly because they aren't human but they all have their own unique crazy quirks, habits, personalities, languages, etc. So tell me that doesn't sound like every human you know. I am amazed at how Diane knows all their quirks and personalities and how to take care of each one. They are all healthy and loved and when you hear their stories you know they didn't come to Spring Creek that way. If I had to talk about my favorites, it changes everyday. My first day it was Loot because he is the first horse that I had close contact with and was so adorable. My second day it was Newt because if you have ever met Newt you would know. He comes barreling out of the gate and heads straight for the ladies. I'm sure everyday it will be a new one until eventually I will have a story on why they are all my favorite. Today I got to hang out with Comet and Sebastian. They aren't really a fan of people but I was patient and eventually all three of us were hanging out. I'm sure Diane was thinking "come on, we have piles of poop to pick up" but she let me just hang with them. The grain and carrots probably helped win them over. My ultimate goal is to get Gypsy to trust me and let me get at least 4 feet from her without giving me the stink eye.

I now know that there is a lot of work and expense that goes into running Spring Creek and Diane will not give up on these horses. They are all beautiful. I think/hope Diane is dreading the day that I find a new job and don't tell her this, but so am I.



Sebastian & Emma



Gypsy



-Anne

I moved to Durango last summer and had been yearning to find a place to volunteer once I got settled in and had some time on my summer break from teaching to get started somewhere. I had hoped that I would find something that involved horses, as I had spent most of my life riding horses prior to my move to Colorado a decade ago. I searched out local horse rescues and after reading all the stories of the horses at the rescue I knew I had to volunteer there. Boy am I happy I came across Spring Creek Horse Rescue! After my first day of volunteering, I knew that I had found the place. I have loved getting to know Diane and each of the horses, mules, and donkeys and all of the history of the rescue. There has been a lot to learn and so much work to do but knowing that all of that work is to help the horses live a more comfortable life after going through so much makes it all worth it.

Right now, I'm currently finding humor in the "babies" Peanut, Ashley, and April. The minute I walk into their pen they are interested in whatever I am doing and get as close as possible. They clearly don't know what personal space means and are a curious bunch! If I am cleaning out their water buckets or mucking their pen, I'll occasionally feel someone tugging on my shirt or smelling my hat. When the water is filling in the water bucket Peanut likes to pick up the hose with her teeth and splash the water around and April likes it when I gently splash the water and rub some on her nose. In the end, they are playful just like all babies and looking for as much attention as possible...which I'm more than happy to give to them and receive from them in return as that can be hard earned at a horse rescue. With so many horses at the rescue not knowing what it's like to trust humans, it makes me happy to know that these horses will have a safe place to learn what healthy human to horse bonds mean and it makes me even happier to be a part of it.



Summer & Comet



Peanut

