



Spring Creek Horse Rescue  
2888 County Road 234  
Durango, CO 81301

SCHR Newsletter

September 2015

## From the manure pile

And here we go again.....

But not really, because this will be the last time we move, the last time we rebuild someone else's fence for our horses' safety, the last time we clean up someone else's mess!

A VERY KIND PERSON HAS PURCHASED A PROPERTY FOR THE RESCUE. Halleluiah!

We are moving to: 2888 County Road 234/Durango. We have acquired 35 irrigated acres, a barn, new fences going in, and permanency. We could use help with running water lines and power to our new pens, and general labor to help get squared away. This will allow us to help many more horses in the future. And a BIG thank you to people who care about what we do!

-Diane

### Thank You

Thanks to all of our staff and volunteers:

Becca Steinbach  
Susan Fischer  
Mac Burkett  
Scott Kadera  
Stephanie Dean  
Bailey Thers  
Jaydanne Oswald

### Donations

Please mail donations to:

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## What I learned about Spring Creek Horse Rescue

As a volunteer of seven years at SCHR I have observed many horses. When I first began to work at the rescue, I met Bonus, a Cremello Filly whose coat gleams in the sun.



Diane brought her to SCHR as a 4 week old orphan baby, a real horse baby, in the front seat of her truck. She was fed goats milk, she was a "bottle baby". When I met Bonus as a yearling, she was a real bother; she ate the seat of the Gator, the SCHR vehicle for mucking, and was always in the way. As she became older she was quite unruly - much as a toddler is.

As Bonus grew and became a filly she would balk at directions. When she needed a wash, she would rear, protest as a teenager does. I wondered as Bonus grew and became an adult if she would be what I would call civil.

Years have passed, Bonus is now seven. Yesterday I was asked to halter Bonus and lead her to a far corral. And Bonus, a beauty, stood patiently while I put her halter on and adjusted it. With a lead rope, she stepped carefully at my side as we walked together to the corral.

After I had volunteered a few years, I met Storm, a bay filly. Storm was brought in with 6 other horses, all left to fend for themselves without human contact. Storm was very shy and hid behind Stiltz, a two year old quarter horse that was very tall and very thin. As Storm matured, she remained shy with people, I could not touch her. In her 5 years at SCHR, Storm responded to training, but yet seemed not to quite become connected to people. Then one day last week I went to muck her corral and she came up to me and looked at me with big, beautiful, soft eyes. I noticed how she had filled out, how wonderful her head was, and that she relished attention from me- a person!





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Storm wants to be with people, finally and will make a very nice riding companion for someone. This is what SCHR does, takes a horse from a sad, scary situation and builds trust through caring, kindness, training, and close human contact.

-Becca

## Moving again: THIS TIME FOR GOOD!

Thanks to the kind heart of a generous benefactor, Spring Creek now has a place to call home!! We are in the process of relocating to our new permanent home; a place where we will have all the room the horses need to thrive. No more worrying about where we're going to be, just looking forward to all the places we'll go.



While it will take a lot of time and effort for us to get the new property ready, we can take comfort in knowing it will all be worth it to have a forever home for the rescue.



After being bailed from a kill-sale, Woodrow- a 9 year old paint, is one of the newest additions to the family; he is as beautiful as any could be! He has been brought back to a healthy weight, and seems he will do well under saddle... when he lets you catch him. We just pray we were not too late... he is suffering from severe colitis. We hope to get him through this, because he would make someone a WONDERFUL horse.

-Jaydanne

As always, we appreciate all of the help that we receive from the staff, volunteers, and kind benefactors that are willing to do whatever they can to help ensure the horses always have the best care. Too many horses are mistreated, abused, neglected, and left for dead; we do everything we can to help them. We're dedicated to saving the world... one horse at a time.

Spring Creek horse rescue has been operating in La Plata County for 39 years; and it would not be possible without all of YOU!

-WE DO IT FOR THE HORSES-