



Spring Creek Horse Rescue
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SCHR Newsletter

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From The Manure Pile

Ahhhhh Spring, Really? The horses are all shedding, although the weather really hasn't made up its mind that spring is quite here. We were blessed with a muddy winter (if that's a blessing) and warmer temperatures than usual, except for the constant mud all the horses are coming out of the winter looking fat and healthy and waiting for everything to green up. Our "babies" are becoming Adult Horses (or looking that way) there is still quite a bit of entertainment on a daily basis with them still acting like babies, including a particular 16 Year Old Goof Ball named Tom, who now that the temperatures are warmer is back to dunking in his water tank, and letting all the new horses know without a doubt that he is boss and nothing that isn't approved by him is going to happen. From the human stand point I'm not sure they listen, but he does his best to reprimand any flirting or carrying on that he isn't involved in.

Bentley, our now 40 Year Old has developed a new strut and has been acting like he's a 4 year old with the ladies, this is quite new and pretty amusing, as they seem to REALLY like him better than some of the young boys, guess he's had many more years practice on strutting his stuff. Our sweet Tara is showing that she is maturing, not only in size (already almost 16 Hands) but with a champion cutting horse for a father there is no doubt it is in her genes to "cut" anything she likes which mostly involves Callie. We have been working on saddle breaking Jill, Tori, and Callie this winter, Tori has a ways to go, but Jill & Callie are ready for new homes. We still get many calls to take horses from people that are having a hard time financially and try to help as many as we can, we are in need of your donations to continue to help as many horses as possible. We will be having our annual open house and garage sale on Sat. May 5th from 9AM till 4PM, stop by and bring carrots.

Diane

Thoughts from Sheryl, Aspiring Veterinarian

I've been volunteering at Spring Creek Horse Rescue for about 2 months now. I came here with no experience but a passion to learn about horses. My friend from a local church had told me about the horse rescue and what good work they do. So I gave them a call and asked if they'd be willing to teach me about the horses and what a rescue is all about. Every person that learns what's going on right now in the horse world can help to pass the word about the cruelty that exists in our own back yard.

What I've seen at Spring Creek is a lot of compassion and love for the horses, a clean environment, fresh water, the best hay there is. For instance, a 16 year old Clydesdale who had a stroke and was then starved for 2 years and survived-he was headed for the "ugly truck" and slaughter in Mexico. As most people know only 2% of horses survive a stroke and it's amazing to see the fight it took this horse to come back. Most people would have just put a horse like him down, but here at Spring Creek they give horses a second chance no matter what their imperfections are. This Clydesdale named Tom is very lively and still has an awful lot of spunk for a horse that had a lot of issues. Seeing the gals at Spring Creek bring him back is truly a sight to see. Tom has a pasture mate named Ricky who is a 27 year old Thoroughbred and seeing those two together is like watching two teenagers play, and watching them learn to live and trust again is heartwarming. It really makes me want to learn as much as I can while I'm here so one day I can open up a rescue as loving and caring as this one.

Spring Creek still has many young horses that were taken in from the kill truck that had so many issues that are still being worked through. It just shows that there are still compassionate people out there to save these horses and with a little help from everyone we could one day save all these beautiful animals.

Thank You Spring Creek, For All You Do

By Jessi



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If you think people "just don't care" anymore; that no one tries to do good when everything is so bad, then you are mistaken. Spring Creek Horse Rescue is just one of many places here, yes, people do still care. And they give it their all every single day.

This is my third week as a volunteer at Spring Creek Horse Rescue, and I couldn't be happier with my experience so far. Well, okay I could. If only there was more room, more money, more help, more horses we could save. But isn't that the constant refrain of every well-meaning person, "If only?" All I can do is hold on to my belief that eventually things will get better. And even in hard times, there is still good.

At Spring Creek Horse Rescue, my day starts at nine in the morning. When I arrive, I spend a few minutes saying hello to Diane and all the "kids". Yesterday I got to meet our newest horse, a ten-year-old girl called Rainy Mae. She isn't quite sure what to think of us yet, but she soaks up attention and loving with gratitude. What a mild-mannered girl she is! And she'll make somebody a wonderful friend. I hope to see her personality blossoming in the days to come, at least until she is adopted. In the meantime, she and Gypsy have hit it off. I think Gypsy is happy to have a companion who won't bully her.

Yesterday, watching the boys running and playing, I am reminded of just how amazing these animals are. Not only for their unique grace, but also for the fact that these horses have come from such horrible circumstances, and yet are still brimming with a joy for life. I think some people could learn from that.

I know I have.