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SCHR Newsletter

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## From The Manure Pile

No rain here in 40 days; while California burns, other states are being washed away. Our new ditches are in, and we have water everywhere, to the chagrin of Cruz who is still a desert rat and has never had water (or grass) to deal with. He and Cal are quite the cards: they walk the ditch like it was the grand canyon, look for the narrowest part, and then speed across. They do enjoy the grass though, and are both looking so healthy and happy. They have both put on weight, and look like western horseman poster boys! Cruz refuses to get dirty, such a prima donna he is, almost always looks like he just had a bath. Calvin, on the other hand, loves to find a nice mud hole and wallow, and always looks like he's been pouring cement all day. Quite the pair, our HYPP boys.

Sadie is now healthy, and has put on about 300 pounds. Her malnutrition still shows in her mane, but it is growing new healthy hair. She shines like a freshly waxed table, nickers in her deep throated voice to let you know not to forget she needs a little scratch too. When it's her turn to come in from the pasture she gathers herself like an athlete and will trot to where you are. THIS IS WHY WE DO THIS!!!!!!!

New this month are Strawberry Shortcake and Friar Tuck, both yearling Appaloosa, sick with colds, worms, and very thin when they came in. They are now running, playing and chasing each other, crying for more of everything life offers them.

We adopted Bogie and Bacall (Tuck's Mom & Dad -- Bogie is now a gelding). Bacall foaled (Jazz) 2 days after we moved her. Jazz is a cute little sorrel colt with white spots, healthy and all good. Bogie was adopted by Chris Crump, Archeleta County Animal Protection, and he plans on doing search & rescue on him.

We just finished a new turnout for the little ones to stretch their legs, play, and eat grass. Colton and Attie parade out and strut their stuff, both doing wonderfully, healthy and growing. They look like "real" horses, but we still call them "our babies".

We are so blessed to be able to watch the amazing transformation to health, and witness the babies growing and learning, and yet people still want to know why we do this. We still need your help to be able to continue our mission. The price of hay and grain is now higher and we still have about 25 acres to be fenced in order to be able to save more horses. Adoptions have been down, but the number of horses needing help has risen.

Special thanks to Rich & Gary at SW Ag for loaning us a manure spreader & RTV...life has never been this good!

Gale has donated a round pen, (and also adopted a horse--Fire2) so now the less experienced riders will have a controlled environment to ride in. Thanks to Jan at Wilderness Trails Ranch for the silent auction funds, we appreciate your support.

We will be holding a Gymkhana/ Fund Raiser on Saturday Aug 23rd at La Plata County Fairgrounds with an auction at noon, & lots of activities for everyone.