

Reaching Hands Ranch



March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 No Open Ranch Today
8	9	10 Happy Birthday Cole!	11	12	13 Cody - Early Release Powell - No School Happy Birthday Heather!	14 10am-Noon Open Ranch Happy Birthday Dakota! Happy Birthday Tyler!
15	16	17	18 3:30-5:00 Program	19 Happy Birthday Bunny!	20	21 10am - Noon Program and Open Ranch
22 Happy Birthday Lauren!	23	24	25 3:30-5:00 Program Powell - Early Release	26	27	28 10am - Noon Program and Open Ranch Happy Birthday Kyla!
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Buzz From The Barnyard

Adoptions

Our lovely "Rain" has been adopted and welcomed into a wonderful family of her own. She has two great little boys that she will be teaching all of the ropes to as they grow up. The Bauer's have a few other horses and wanted a smaller, quieter horse for the boys to learn with and gain confidence.



Partner Adoption

We still have 15 Pryor and Pryor cross mustangs that need homes through our partner adoption. Adoption fees are \$75.00. They are beautiful, sound and very trainable, as demonstrated by Mike Huston in the last two newsletters with the two he has adopted.

Their owner is getting concerned and will be running out of pasture and hay at some point this spring. She also has some younger Quarter Horse and Grade mares that need trained who are available for adoption. Please help spread the word! Thanks!



A Few of the available Pryor Horses

February Financial Supporters

Edgar and Elsa Prince Foundation - Holland, MI, Dave and Amy Tardiff (Antler Shed) - Cody, WY, Loren and June Tope - Cody, WY, Kathy Coulter-Corona, CA, Geri Silveira - San Dimas, CA, Poor Boy Feeds - Powell, WY,

THANK YOU!

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Book

The book is off for a final edit, the illustrations are finished and we are getting so close to print! Napoleon's own page on our website is started and he can now be reached by email. Be sure to check it out for yourself and send him an email. He is very excited... however we really need to work on his typing skills.

Ranch Hands and Open Ranch

Weather has begun to cooperate and we were even able to ride this month. Cupid made a visit on Valentines Day, with the help of some creative ranch hands that made a great costume and dressed up Napoleon.

Please note that during March and April, open ranch will be during program time. Due to limited seating, those of you attending open ranch will need to get your own transportation to and from. This may be a good time to carpool with others in ranch that you may know.



RHR's very own Cupid - and yes, those angel wings have been earned!

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All of the applications are in! Now we have the very difficult task of choosing which of you we can accept for this year. We will be making a final decision within the next two weeks and will notify all of the applicants at that time.

Upcoming Ranch Hand Program

The next program will be starting on March 18th. It will be on Wednesday afternoons and Saturdays as shown on the calendar. We have a great group this session and we are looking forward to bringing in a new group of Ranch Hands!

Neglect Case in Local News

I'm sure many of you saw an article or heard of a recent case of neglect right here in Powell/Ralston area. 38 horses, the owners unable to afford feed and care, yet continuing their breeding program. For some I believe it is a kind of illness and they cannot see the wrong they are doing. In some cases they need educated as to proper horse care, and for others, the abuse seems quite intentional. Any case is a reminder that it does happen in our little corner of the world and we should all be aware and do our part if we witness neglect or abuse.

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How can RHR help? We receive many calls each year regarding neglectful and abusive situations. We have developed an effective method in finding the owners and approaching them in a helpful and educational manner. At that point, we can usually determine the problem and whether law enforcement should be contacted. Educational literature is always offered and follow up calls and visits are usually required. If there are young members in the family, they are invited to enroll in the Ranch Hand program. There are always cases in which there is an apparent problem building, but State law enforcement feel they cannot yet intervene and make a solid case. In those instances, RHR monitors the situation, keeping records and pictures and forwards the information to the State Livestock Investigator for our region, located in Riverton. We recently learned how to handle abandonment cases by helping a local Powell woman who could not afford to care for 7 horses being boarded on her property when the owners were not providing feed and care for them. We researched with our State Enforcement and were able to help her file a lien with the Secretary of State and assist her through the process.

What should I do if I see abuse or Neglect? Call us. *Do not approach or enter the property for safety and legal reasons.* If you cannot reach us and the situation is an emergency, call the Sheriffs Department if outside city/town limits or local police/animal control if within city/town limits. Remember to get as many details as possible pertaining to the horses and their location. Number and descriptions, conditions and injuries noted, hay or water in area, location and address of the property. The more information the better!

It is my neighbor or someone I know - Can I remain anonymous? Your name is held in strict confidence by RHR and not disclosed to the horse owner.



Please do the right thing and call. When in doubt, remember Traveler.
Had we gotten a call sooner, he may have recovered.