



Reaching Hands Ranch

Fall Newsletter

New Horses

Mattie is back! She was adopted out two years ago, however her owner is now moving and unable to keep her. *Mattie* is 6 years old and has a solid foundation of training and experience. We haven't had the opportunity to completely re-assess her yet, but we feel we will be able to find her a great home soon.

Frank is a 16 year old paint gelding with a wonderful personality. He suffers from permanent nerve damage after being caught in a barbed wire fence. His family found him tangled in the wire after apparently being there for a few days. They were able to free him, but he couldn't stand. As they went to make the call to end his suffering, they were amazed to see him slowly limping down the hill of the pasture to the barn. At that moment, they knew he had the will to survive. His front left hoof was nearly severed and his shoulder still bears a mysterious injury resembling a dent. His family began the long and painstaking process of treating him with the help of their veterinarian. It has been over one year since his injury, but he is no longer able to be ridden. His owner Jackee is off to college and her family unable to keep him. *Frank* is very gentle and will surely be a favorite for our ranch hands to dote on.

We have our first truly abandoned horse case. A local brand inspector contacted us regarding a horse that had been roaming a subdivision near Cody for several weeks. He is young (we are guessing 3 -4 years) and is warming up to us very nicely. His right hind hoof was extremely long, but *Auggie* was able to get it trimmed for us and he is moving much better. Our new volunteer *Devan*, who attends NWC Equine Program has been spending considerable time doing ground work with him and he is responding very well. He is a little thin, but with some quality feed, he will soon be looking great!



Adoptions

Maggie has been adopted! The Boyle's have been so generous in fostering her and they were a tremendous help in finding her a new home. *Maggie* will be living at the Hideout in Shell, where *Stewart*, the Barn Manager will be transforming her into a horse that teenage guests will be able to ride during their stay. Throughout the off season she will be turned out with the herd of horses and enjoy life as much as she did as a BLM mustang. We feel this is a good fit for *Maggie* and The Hideout. She is a very special little horse and I know she will be enjoying her new life.

Other Horse News

Hope and *Ivy* are in foster care with the Franks! They are getting the one on one attention and schooling that they need. Our great volunteer *Dean* has progressed *Ivy* to the point that she is ready to move forward with her training and we are certain they will do well

with Terry and Sue. Thank you!

The Amarillas family has taken in Cheyenne, Jo and Jynx to their lovely home and tummy deep grass pasture. They are fostering as they currently do not have horses, but are willing to help us by feeding and caring for them. Thank You!

Leo had his second surgery and is doing very well. We are out long trotting him, leading him horseback or from the 4-wheeler every night and he is quite the little trooper. I know he will make a total recovery and we will be able to find him a home that he deserves.

4-H and Fair

It was a successful year of 4-H! The kids did a fantastic job of working with their horses and each other. Everyone learned new skills and demonstrated good character throughout the summer. Ribbons were won by all, including beginner leadership award to Emmett, most improved beginner to MiKayla, Herdsman individual award to Naomi, and Herdsmanship group award to our club the Rocky Mountain Rustlers. Great job to all of you!



Emmett and Barney



MiKayla and Jacko



Haley and Roger



Sara and Hudson




Naomi and Dust Pan

Open Ranch

Remember to check the enclosed calendar for Open Ranch times. We are moving to Saturday mornings 10am - Noon. Please be sure to call Jenny at 272-9437 or Tracie at 250-0511 if you would like to attend. Space is limited to seats with seat belts so call if you need a ride! Also remember that we are heading into colder weather and to always bring along a coat, hat and gloves.

October 2009

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November 2009

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