



Reaching Hands Ranch

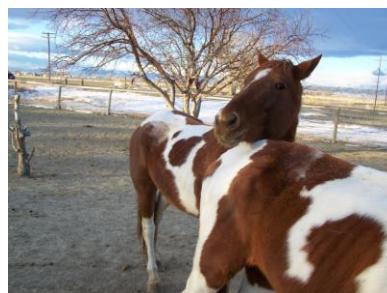
Winter News

Like most nonprofits, finances seem to get in the way of how much we can do and help. I often worry about the day when I have to respond to a desperate call with, "I'm sorry, we just can't take on another horse," knowing that I have quite possibly sealed their fate to auction, another bad situation or euthanasia.

One week before Christmas I received a call from Livestock Enforcement to ask if we could take a few more horses. Three paints in very sad condition were waiting in Riverton at the Auction Yard. Somehow...I knew we were about to get that call. Somehow...we always seem to be provided with a means. The very evening prior, out of the blue, we received a "save the day" gift from the Edgar and Elsa Prince Foundation. Without that gift, at that particular time, we could not have committed to taking more horses. Furthermore, the unexpected gifts that seemed to follow from many of you, are helping us ensure their speedy recovery and fund their full rehabilitation.

From the bottom of my heart I thank all of you who help us financially or with in-kind gifts, and for those of you who spend your time volunteering and supporting our programs. All of you have "saved the day" and together we do make a difference. So often I am told, "You can't save them all." I say "Look at all we have saved together."

New Horses



From left to right are Prince, Starlight and Noel. They were confiscated by the State and already they are improving by leaps and bounds. We have been able to work them up to a normal diet of hay with a small amount of grain. They have had many firsts thrown at them - feet trimming, worming and vaccinations as well. All three are kind and loving. Soon they will be ready to begin some light halter training and groundwork.



Before and After. Can you believe Daisy's progress? It is hard to believe she has improved to this extent in just two months. So much so, she was feeling a bit cramped in her run at RHR.

Nicole and Albert have generously taken her to their home where she can spread out with a smaller herd. Presently she is being acclimated to her new environment with the help of Jose.

E-News

We have finally begun updating the web page again! The newsletters/calendars will be posted under the Calendar page at www.reachinghandsranch.org. You will also notice the Facebook icon on each page. Click to see the Reaching Hands Ranch page that is updated weekly. If you are already a Facebook member, be sure to find our page and become a fan!

Northwest College Horseman's Club 2010 Horse Expo

Northwest College Horseman's Club is holding a Horse Expo at the NWC Equine Facility. The dates are February 13 and 14, 2010. The expo will feature many horse and riding related organizations and demonstrations as well as a sale extravaganza. Be sure to mark your calendars and take advantage of a great opportunity to learn more about horses and related activities. RHR has reserved a booth - be sure to stop by and see us!

Upcoming Program and Open Ranch

We have set dates for the next ranch hand program! Due to winter weather and hectic schedules, we will be starting on Saturday, March 13th. We will again be holding Open Ranch during program, so those of you attending Open Ranch will need to get a ride to and from. As we get closer to the start date, please contact Tracie, Gini or Jenny if you would be interested in car pooling with other families.



Christmas Photo's from Open Ranch in December

January 2010

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					1 Happy New Year! Happy Birthday Angelo!	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Open Ranch 10am-Noon
17	18	19	20 Happy Birthday Emmett!	21	22	23 Open Ranch 10am-Noon
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Happy Birthday Shelby

February 2010

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	1 Happy Birthday Jakob!	2	3	4	5	6 Open Ranch 10am-Noon
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14 Happy Valentines Day!	15	16	17	18	19	20 Open Ranch 10am-Noon
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