

WASATCH HUMANE'S SUMMER HORSE PROGRAM UPDATE

Hello all Utah horse lovers. Summer has been busy for Wasatch Humane's dedicated, growing team of horse-rescue volunteers: folks who devote nearly all of their free time around their full-time "real jobs" to help abandoned, neglected, unwanted horses and the people who love them!

In the last month we've taken in several more horses into our foster program, increasing our need for volunteer foster homes, transport volunteers, and donations to help pay for the ever-growing vet and farrier bills, hay, special diets and supplements, etc. Read on to learn more about some of our new horses...and updates on others.

Misti and Larry Seppi give generously of their time and their Parelli Natural Horsemanship Level 2 savvy to gentle and restart our sound horses, visiting every foster home on weekends to play with individual horses on a rotating basis. We need additional training volunteers who are experienced in natural horsemanship, especially if you're Level 2 or above! Volunteer Linda Schmidt conducts pre-placement visits of foster and adoptive homes; orders, stacks and hauls hay to keep all of our four-hooved fosterlings well-fed! Terry Carvalho volunteers as our Northern Utah Program Coordinator, making sure foster homes have everything they need. Wendy Reed and her students at the Utah Career College travel to all of our foster homes to vaccinate and deworm our horses regularly. And Barbara Stephan is our talented graphics design volunteer. Wasatch Humane's staff and board of directors are extremely grateful to these dedicated folks and to all of our volunteers who foster, train, transport, and play with our horses...from Tremonton to Park City to Bluffdale.

Thanks to Shanda Chase and her young nieces and nephews who foster and help to train some of our horses, like Hot Shot and Cherub, a little paint filly with impaired vision. The teens are learning all about savvy and safety around horses, while enhancing their confidence and leadership skills at the same time! They just graduated Parelli Level One! They're helping to raise money for our horses, too.

And thanks to Sue Hall, owner of Serendipity Stables in Holladay for fostering Jazzy, a cute 3 year old Paint Quarter Horse filly that just entered our program. She came from another rescue in Arizona as part of an exchange program we are trying to establish: to take sound horses that need rehab and gentling in exchange for elderly or injured ones who are best served by a sanctuary who can give them lifetime care. Our young volunteer Margaux Miller is determined to get Jazzy through Parelli Level One, enhancing her adoptability for some lucky family. At a one-day clinic at Serendipity, clinician Karen Scholl selected Jazzy to be the demo horse for the class; by the end of the day, after considerable but passive and fair persistence as Jazzy first crowded her space and erupted in several bucks, Margaux was able to gradually lay over Jazzy's back, swing her legs along her side, and get down, over and over again until Jazzy was completely relaxed and licking her lips. No worries here! Then she was riding her! Jazzy seemed to love the attention and inactive rewards that she earned from just being r-e-l-a-x-e-d. Yawn!

Jazzy is available for adoption.

Caption: Clinician Karen Scholl (L); Jazzy; ridden by volunteer Margaux Miller.

Thanks to Dr. Nicole MacLaren for the eye exam she performed on Cherub.

Thanks to Rachelle Heiner for volunteering to do the pre-placement property visits of new adoptive and foster homes in Tremonton and Logan.

Thanks to Elree Harris for transporting Lady Grey to her new foster home. Cammy Miller and Lindy Linford are to be thanked for opening their hearts and homes to foster horses for us in West Jordan.

Thanks to Terry and Clark Carvalho for transporting Willow and Shoni to their new foster home in Ogden.

Thank you to Dr. Kim Henneman for her comprehensive workup and treatment of Diva, getting her ready for adoption.

Thank you to Dick and Debbie Walter for donating the Parelli halters and hosting the fun PNH clinics at their fabulous Cover-All arena in Kamas.

Thank you to Dr. Charm Wright for her workup and treatment of Cherub and the donation of halters, lead ropes and blankets.

Spotlight Horse of the Month:

Meet Red Dog, a 14 year old GORGEOUS, muscled quarter horse available for adoption. Red Dog was released to us because his former owner said "he's too much horse for me!" Indeed, Red Dog had bucked him off twice, both on early spring rides, a habit we've since learned might have been part learned behavior/attitude and part pain from the mild navicular disease discovered by our veterinarian. Red Dog is a strong, big, athletic and willing horse, who needs his human to be a confident leader he can always trust to be firm but fair....or else he'll take the job if you don't. Corrective Natural Balance shoes give him the support he needs to stay sound. He lives well with other horses, and will submit to another horse who shows they are alpha, hands down. He enjoys and responds well to learning the Parelli 7 games. It's just important that you win the games. He's not for a novice, but not for someone who would want to use any hardware or force on him, either: if treated with a heavy hand, anger or impatience, Red Dog WILL retaliate. Red Dog knows how to push buttons and how to intimidate, but that just challenges you to be at your best, kindest, and most fair and patient game:

All good qualities to learn and perfect, in getting along with horses...and humans.

To meet and play with Red Dog, call Cheryl at 486-6210 or Misti at 434-714-1516.

Caption: Red Dog the Magnificent!

ADOPTED!

Congratulations to Keebler, Rosie and Pepper who all found their forever homes with wonderful new families in June.

Conversations with Brother Bear and Major

Major, the emaciated 4 yo Morgan cross we rescued from a good Samaritan who'd rescued him from a neglectful neighbor, is feeling much happier and livelier these days. According to the animal communicator Julie Morgan, Major said he felt like he was dying before Wasatch Humane got him two months ago. He also revealed that he was always told and treated as useless. He feels much better now, like a new colt, but still feels queasy and achy in his bones, weak from malnutrition and lack of calcium. He also apparently has been hit with a chain on his hind end and his teeth hurt, which makes eating exhausting and painful for him. We are feeding him supplements, grain, grass hay, even homeopathic herbals to help his bones, teeth, coat and hooves to get and stay strong, all made possible by your cash donations to our program. He wants a new name that honors his diminutive size. He feels he is a failure because he was supposed to be bigger like his parents. He is very smart and inquisitive, optimistic. In fact, it's only because of his optimistic nature that he survived the years of neglect. He wants a home where he will be part of a family with kids with lots of varied activities to try and do: dressage, trail, jumping, showing. But only after he feels better and stronger. He loves it when people say he is handsome and smart. He enjoys manipulating and moving things with his lips, discovering his own power to change things: picking up purses, taking sandals off kids' feet, picking pockets, taking hats and sunglasses), he's proud of himself for acting like a colt that he never got to be. Major needs a lightweight rider, and not until he is stronger. He also needs a new name.

PLEASE ENTER OUR "RE-NAME MAJOR" Contest, and win a Wasatch Humane Horse Rescue T-Shirt. Here are photos of him, both when he arrived in our program in May....and now. Email your ideas to Cheryl@wasatchhumane.org.

Brother Bear was not as talkative, he wanted to shut out his past experiences that were dark and sad. He confided to Julie that he has had a very hard life, was all alone for a long time, was not socialized with other horses. Remember, he is the horse that had been found in Utah County by animal-control, abandoned and covered with barnacle-like crusts that have now healed. He survived those weeks or months alone by eating his own feces, which he still does as a survival instinct, a habit he will eventually stop once he knows he has a constant supply of food. He says he always had to be on guard to watch his back since he was alone. Now he loves being able to rest and relax when a human is nearby to protect him. He enjoys walks through the neighborhood, but says it is kind of scary. He told Julie he is afraid of a small yappy white dog

(yes there is one that lives down the street that frightens him into wanting to scoot his backside around to face the scary thing, like a little old lady skirting away from a mouse at her feet!) Perhaps when he was abandoned, coyotes or foxes stalked and harassed him. He feels more secure in his fenced paddock. He loves it at his foster home, LOVES being petted and touched softly, but has an Eeyore type pessimism, dares not to hope that he might be able to stay, presumes he'll be leaving, wonders where he will go, hopefully not back to where he came from. Wants a home and family just like where he is at. He is very empathetic: with other horses, the kids, even the family's expectant baby. He worries when the kids are worried. He is gentle and friendly, but reticent (uncertain) about new people and new things. Wants constancy, stability, a quiet gentle human to bond with, to look out for and protect each other. He would be happy on trail rides. He is sturdy, self-reliant, a survivor.

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Brother Bear when he arrived in March (top)....and Look at Him Now!

Diva: Sound At Last!

When she came to us nearly a year ago, Diva the 12 yo Thoroughbred had arthritis in her hocks which resulted in both hocks now fusing. She is now perfectly sound and requires no more specialized care than any other athletic horse requires.

She was seen a couple of weeks ago by Kimberly Henneman. Dr. Henneman is a veterinarian who does holistic treatments, acupuncture, and chiropractic. She also does eventing. It was her opinion that although Diva's grand prix jumping days were over, she could be shown at lower levels of dressage, jumping and eventing. She could jump two feet without problems.

Diva is a wonderful horse. She loves people and loves attention. She wants to be the special horse for one person and get a lot of grooming, attention, treats, riding etc. After working with her in an arena, once you take her tack off, she will continue to follow you around like a giant puppy. She has been fostered with a large pen (1 acre) and the company of other horses and has thrived in that environment. It would be our preference that whoever adopts her provides her with space to move around, rather than in a stall.

Operation Horse Rescue!

Clark and Terry Carvalho, adopters and volunteers, have donated an older Ford truck to Wasatch Humane to use in our horse-rescue program! The **F-16 Technical Customer**

Support team is raising all the funds and donating the labor to refurbish and paint our new wheels. Thank you Clark, Terry, Hill Air Force Base, and UFC Aerospace Corp.! The goal of the Operation is to obtain donations toward the rehab of the truck and to purchase a trailer. All donations are welcome. For a donation of \$1000 or more, each donor will have their name prominently and permanently displayed on the truck and trailer as a supporter of Wasatch Humane horse rescue and adoptions. A traveling billboard for your company! If you would like your business to be a part of Operation Horse Rescue, please contact Clark at clarkcarvalho@uofu.net.

Upcoming Events

Look for us at the Parelli Love, Language, Leadership Tour event August 27-28, Farmington Fairgrounds. Wasatch Humane staff, volunteers and adopters will be there en-mass to learn, share stories and accomplishments, and be inspired! Get your tickets at parelli.com.

The International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (governing body for all certified veterinary acupuncturists in the world) is having an "Owner Day" with Allen Schoen, DVM. Dr. Schoen is one of the foremost authorities on acupuncture and has written two NYTimes best sellers, Animal Healing and Kindred Spirits.

Date: Sept 25, 2005 Sunday
Where: Yarrow Hotel, Park City, Utah
Time: 9:00-12:30 Companion Animals
2:00-5:30 Equine
Cost: \$70 for the entire day
\$45 for individual sessions
Contact: Dr. Kim Henneman, DVM 435-647-0807

HORSE SLAUGHTER BILL PASSES HOUSE!

Great news, animal advocates! In June, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Sweeney-Spratt Amendment, a measure that seeks to ban horse slaughter in the United States—by ensuring that no federal tax dollars are used to slaughter horses for human consumption. It now goes to the Senate for votes. For more info, visit ASPCA News Alert: news-alert@aspc.org.

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Please Donate Today: Help Us Save Horses

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