

Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue **Foundation**



MHARF to Participate in 2016 ASPCA National Help a Horse Day with Special Event on April 24th

MHARF Newsletter Winter/Spring 2016

On Sunday, April 24th, MHARF will be collaborating with Truhaven Ranch to hold an event in conjunction with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal's National Help a Horse Day. The ASPCA, which is celebrating its 150th year, is awarding grant money to equine welfare organizations around the country who hold their own Help a Horse Day events in April. The University of Minnesota Equine Division is generously allowing us to hold this event at the Leatherdale Equine Center on the St. Paul campus. This special "Minnesota Help a Horse Day" event will give the public a chance to preview and meet the horses, ponies, mules, and miniature horses who will be competing in both the 2016 MHARF Trainers' Challenge of the Unwanted Horse and the 2016 Truhaven Diamond in the Rough Competition. There will be opportunities to speak with the trainers, ask questions about applying to train in either competition in the future, as well as to get information on adopting, fostering and volunteering for MHARF or Truhaven Ranch. We are also very happy to have Investigator Hanson from the Animal Humane Society speaking about humane case investigations and what to do if you suspect equine neglect or abuse. The Minnesota Horse Welfare Coalition will also be joining us with information about their available programs





for horse owners.

Other topics will include the importance of training (a trained horse is much less likely to become an "unwanted" horse!), dental care for all age horses, equine massage, proper saddle fitting, an animal communicator, and much more! There will also be a tack sale, as well as t-shirts, posters, books and other great items for sale! Entry is free with a donation to local food shelves. We will have more information coming soon so watch www.mnhoovedanimalrescue.org, truhavenranch.org, and our Facebook page for more details! The ASPCA is offering a \$25,000 grand prize, four prizes of \$10,000 each, and four \$5,000 prizes. Please join us to help MHARF and Truhaven qualify for one of these prizes! Can't attend the event but still want to help? Please make a donation to MHARF and Truhaven during the month of April! The more money we raise during Help a Horse Month—the better chance we have of winning one of the grants! Please see our websites or the back of this newsletter for information on donating! Questions? Please email us at info@mnhoovedanimalrescue.org. Thank you!

MHARF Alum Skip to My Lulu Inducted into USEF/EQUUS Foundation Horse Stars Hall of Fame!

At MHARF we couldn't ask for better ambassadors for rescued horses than a 12-year-old one-eyed miniature horse named Lulu and her devoted trainer Aimee Schulz. Lulu (registered as "Skip to My LuLu") came to MHARF in 2008 during a humane case. She was emaciated, terrified, and pregnant. She also had one eye that was severely injured that had to be surgically removed. Despite receiving gentle handling and care at MHARF, Lulu remained distrustful of people. In 2009, Aimee (just a young girl at the time) met her and knew they had to be together. Since then they have ter the circumstances (cont. page 3)

have dominated the AMHR show circuit (twice winning Nationals) and have been so successful together that last month Lulu was inducted into the United States Equestrian Federation/EQUUS Horse Stars Hall of Fame. Lulu joins the ranks of some of the most accomplished horses in the U.S. and is only the second miniature horse to receive this honor. The tribute paid to Lulu by the USE-F/EQUUS Foundation is truly moving: "When it comes to inspiring others to live life to the fullest, no mat-



It's Never Too Early for Your Young Horse to Have Dental Care!

The majority of horses we take in at MHARF show evidence of having had little or no dental care throughout their lives. Routine dental exams and floats are absolutely necessary for a horse's well-being. Not only does a routine exam and float detect issues that may be causing your horse general discomfort and trouble eating, but they can also greatly improve your horse's comfort while bitted, making him or her a much happier riding partner! Some people mistakenly think that very young horses are unlikely to have developed dental issues and don't need to have their teeth examined until they are ready to start under saddle. This couldn't be further from the truth. The most extreme example we have seen of this in the last few years is a young gelding named Coco. Coco, who is a registered quarter horse, came to MHARF in November of 2015 from a Crow Wing County humane case. He was emaciated, covered with lice, and loaded with intestinal parasites. Coco also had a foul smelling discharge from one nostril. Dr. Parks of Northwind Equine Veterinary Dental Services diagnosed the problem as a badly abscessed tooth with a retained cap. There was also a fistula along the entire tooth, causing feed to become impacted up into the sinus cavity. Coco was taken to Anoka Equine Veterinary Services for inpatient treatment. The tooth was pulled and a catheter was placed to flush and

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Above: Coco at intake



Above: Coco shortly after procedure w/ catheter

drain the sinus. Coco's mouth was also severely ulcerated and he may need more teeth pulled in the future. A routine dental exam as a yearling could have detected and prevented these issues. Now instead of having the mouth of a 3-year-old, this very sweet and stoic young horse has the mouth of a 20-year-old. Luckily for Coco he was able to get the care he needed and is on his way to recovery (with special thanks to Perguestrian Acres for allowing him to spend the winter recuperating in a heated barn!) Please watch our website for updates on Coco's progress!



Left: the impacted tooth that needed to be pulled.

Some New MHARF Intakes: November 2015 through March 2016



Foals

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A January 2016 Hubbard County neglect and abandonment case consisted of nine surviving horses, including 2 pregnant mares, 2 orphaned foals, a stallion, and 4 other mares.

Zamboni (below) came in on Thanksgiving night from a humane case.



Sally Forth & Patriot (above) came to us from a January 2016 ASPCA case in North Carolina involving almost 700 animals.

Topper (right) was an estray horse who was then surrendered by his owner.



Newton & Ready (above) came to MHARF when their elderly owner could no longer care for them.

For a full list of available horses please visit www.mnhoovedanimalrescue.org



Nashville (above), an emaciated 2-year-old colt came in in November during a Crow Wing County humane case with Coco (see Coco's story above).

2016 Trainers' Challenge of the Unwanted Horse

The date has been set for the 9th Annual MHARF Trainers' Challenge of the Unwanted Horse! This year's Challenge will be held on Saturday, September 17th, 2016. The U of M Equine division has once again welcomed MHARF to hold the event at the Leatherdale Equine Center on the St. Paul campus (special thanks to Kelly Vallandingham!). We have a diverse groups of "students" for this year's Challenge and have been happy to receive applications from many new trainers as well as many returning trainers! A list of trainers and student teams can be found at www.mnhoovedanimalrescue.org. You can also find all of the other event information there, as well as how to pre-qualify to bid on your favorite horse at the

silent auction on the day of the event. Once again all of the trainers will have Facebook pages that can be accessed through our website to keep everyone informed of the progress of the horses. You can also meet the horses and trainers at our "MN Help a Horse Day" event on April 24th (see article on cover page for more info!) This year we are again seeking sponsors, both corporate and individual, for the event. Many levels of sponsorships are available. For information on sponsorships (sponsorship info packets are available on request) or general questions please email info@mnhoovedanimalrescue.org. A link to the MHARF Trainers' Challenge Promotional Video can also be found on our website!



MHARF Equines to Participate in Two Training Competitions at Truhaven Ranch

Several horses and ponies that are currently in our program will be participating in two different training competitions at Truhaven Ranch in Winstead, MN, this summer! The Rescued Horse 60 Day Trail Competition will take place on Truhaven's outdoor trail course on 06/26/16. The horses competing in this event are adoptable horses that have already been started under saddle but could benefit from more training to help them find adoptive homes. The second competition is the Diamond in the Rough for Youth/Amateur Trainers that will take place on August 20th. This competition showcases horses, ponies, minis, mini mules and donkeys that are either too young or too small to compete in the MHARF Trainers' Challenge of the Unwanted Horse. For complete event information please visit www.truhavenranch.org.

Volunteer Opportunities!

MHARF is in need of volunteers for several special events this spring and summer, including our Minnesota Help a Horse Day on April 24th at the Leatherdale Equine Center on the U of M St. Paul campus (please see full article on page one for all of the event details), our annual Spring Rummage and Tack Sale (Zimmerman Civic Building, May 4th-10th), and our annual Trainers' Challenge of the Unwanted Horse, also at the Leatherdale Equine Center. For this event we need volunteers for set up on Friday, Sept. 16, as well as event help on Saturday Sept. 17. If you are interested in helping out at any of these events please email info@mnhoovedanimalrescue.org for more information!

We will be debuting our NEW WEBSITE DESIGN in mid-April! We are working to make this transition as seamless as possible but there may be delays in website updates from late March to mid-April. Any questions about events or horse availability during this time can be directed to info@mnhoovedanimalrescue.org. We want to send a heartfelt THANK YOU out to our long-time volunteers Todd and Tammie Eichmann who designed our original website and have been hosting and managing it for MANY years. Thank you so much to them for their years of service and for their help in making this transition! You will still find us at www.mnhoovedanimalrescue.org.

MHARF Alum Skip to My Lulu (cont. from page one)

not many horses come close to the abilities of a little one-eyed rescue horse named Lulu. Everywhere she goes, she touches lives and changes the world's view on horses and especially rescued horses—one small hoof print at a time." Since adopting Lulu, Aimee has also fostered, trained, and helped place several more miniature horses for MHARF. This dedicated young woman is definitely an inspiration to us all. Thank you Aimee and Lulu! Everyone at MHARF wishes you many more successful years to come!





FREE Admission: Please bring a non-perishable Food Shelf Item

TACK SALE

FREE 5 minute session with an Animal Communicator (please do not bring animals)



Goals:

- Educate Trainers
- Educate Adopters
- Preview 2016 adoptable equines in training
- Promote the upcoming training competitions and adoptions

June 26 60+ Day Rescue Horse Trail Program

Aug. 20 Diamond In The Rough Pony Competition

Sept. 17 MHARF Trainer's Challenge of the

Unwanted Horse



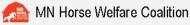
www.mnhoovedanimalrescue.org (763) 856-3119 Zimmerman, MN

Program Schedule:

10 am - Noon Trainer & Horse Coaching

Noon - 2 pm Educational Presentations

- Importance of Dental Exams for Young Equines
- AR STRONG Equine Massage
- Q & A With an Equine Attorney, Katherine Bloomquist



Q & A with Animal Humane Society Cruelty
Investigator

2 pm - 4 pm Trainer & Horse Coaching



Why is Training so Important?

An untrained horse is quite often an unwanted horse, many times abused and/or neglected.

Celebrating 150 Years!

ASPCA's Mission: "To provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States."



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Pick your Favorite Equine & Trainer for 2016 and Follow Their Journey as They Go From Unwanted to Fabulous!

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Help MHARF keep this important work going! Donate today! Please consider making a donation during the month of April. The more money we are able to raise during April, the better chance we have of winning one of the grants awarded for the ASPCA Help a Horse Day Event! (Please see the full article on page one for all of the HaHD event details)! Visit us on the web at www.mnhoovedanimalrescue.org for links for donating safely and conveniently online through Network for Good or PayPal. Checks can be sent to MHARF, PO Box 47, Zimmerman, MN 55398. Other items we can always use: small square bales of grass hay or alfalfa mix hay, bedding (shavings), and Purina brand Equine Senior feed. All donations are tax deductible!



For the most up-to-date photos and information about what's new at MHARF please visit us on Facebook!







Help MHARF Go Green! Our online newsletter is convenient, cost-effective, and better for the environment! If you'd like to receive our newsletter online in the future (and help us save much-needed funds!) please send your email address to info@mnhoovedanimalrescue.org. Please include your name so we can update our mailing list.

Thank You!



MHARF is an all-volunteer, non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, retraining, and re-homing of neglected, abused, abandoned and unwanted equines and other animals. Because some of the horses we take in need extended rehabilitation and some have serious medical needs, we are always in need of financial support from friends like you. Please consider joining the MHARF family by making a financial contribution. No donation is too small or too large!

All donations are tax deductible. We also accept gifts in- kind and gifts of stock.

YES I would like to join the MHARF fami-
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enclosed a check for \$.

Complete this form and mail it with your donation to: MHARF, PO BOX 47, Zimmerman, MN, 55398

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