



Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue Foundation



Veterinary Care and Proper Nutrition Start Rescued Horses on the Road to New Lives!

With hay prices sky high and the horse market glutted over the past winter and spring, MHARF saw quite an increase in the number of humane cases involving emaciated horses. Luckily we were able to round up enough hay and foster homes to place most of the horses temporarily and nurse them back to health, those in the worst condition remaining at the MHARF facility, Tru-haven Ranch Rescue, and Siete Leguas Equine Veterinary Clinic.

Now that summer is upon us, several of these horses have been moved from the "rehabilitation" category into the "adoptable" category. Several have

also been entered into the 2013 Trainers' Challenge of the Unwanted Horse.

Many people mistakenly believe that rescues like



Quinn, a 7 year old gelding, was emaciated and had cracked ribs at intake. Now he's healthy and sleek!

MHARF mainly get old horses or those with

lameness or chronic health issues. Nothing could be further from the truth. A good number of the horses (and mules!) that come into MHARF are young and sound. Basic veterinary and farrier care and proper nutrition and kind handling is frequently all they need to start on the path to a productive new life!

When a horse comes into MHARF the first thing we do is a veterinary exam to assess health and soundness. If everything looks good, we then vaccinate, run a Coggins test, treat for parasites, have the teeth floated, and have the hooves trimmed. If the horse is in need of weight gain before training assessment, we develop a plan for that horse to either remain at the MHARF (cont. p. 2)



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Above: Edison, from the Fillmore County 55 case, barely able to stand at intake. After several months of proper care he's playing in the pasture with friends!



Just six weeks of proper nutrition made a world of difference for Ki, a Missouri Foxtrotter mare.

2013 Trainers' Challenge Students Hard at Work!

MHARF's 5th Annual Trainers' Challenge of the Unwanted Horse is well underway this summer! Sixteen trainers are busy teaching their equine partners what they need to know to become the perfect mount for some lucky adopter. The Challenge, which is MHARF's largest yearly fundraiser, will be held on Saturday, August 17th (see ad on

next page for complete info!). Admission is \$5.00 or a donation of item/s for local food shelves.

Throughout the event the horses will be offered at silent auction to pre-qualified bidders. If there is more than one bidder on a certain horse we close with a live auction. To pre-qualify as a bidder

please contact us at info@mnhoovedanimalrescue.org. To learn more about the horses (and mules!) and their trainers, visit the trainers' blogs at www.mnhoovedanimalrescue.org.

The Challenge is always a fun-filled day including a silent auction of equine art, the MHARF store (continued p.2)



Trainers and students clockwise from left Leanna Giles and Norma; Kristy Warndahl and Hurricane; Candy Phillips and Casey Tibbs; Sid Zacharias and Cash.

Rescued Horses Cont.

facility or be placed in temporary foster care. When the horse is in condition to be worked, we either place it with a trainer or it remains at the MHARF facility or in a foster home and is made available for adoption.

At MHARF we believe it is very important to have all of the initial veterinary and farrier care complete before sending a horse to an adoptive or foster home, even if it means an increase in our expenses. Having these things done not only gives the horse the best start possible to their new life, but also helps to set a good example for potential adopters and other horse owners.

Owner education and giving the horse the best possible chance for a bright future greatly increase the likelihood that the matches we make will be forever and that the horse will never again be abandoned, neglected, starved, or abused. That's why we depend so much on donations from the community. Your donations help us keep this important work going and make a difference in the lives of hundreds of horses every year! Visit us at www.mnhoovedanimalrescue.org to find secure and easy links for donating online!



Above 8 month old Esperanza was so weak when she came in we had to pull her in a sled. Below: Dr. Nicole Eller-Medina checks vital signs at intake; 4 months later Esperanza is a happy, healthy yearling!



Left: Merlin at intake in May of 2013 and again after just two months of proper care at his foster home!



Left: Rikki and Leo Precious Justice, both from the "Fillmore 55" case, at intake and thriving just 3 months later in foster care!

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Above: Esperanza's dam, Dolores, at intake in December, and in April at her Trainers' Challenge facility (photo credit Maria Schaal)

Trainers' Challenge Cont.

(offering MHARF logo items and t-shirts, gift items, and lots of new and used tack), food vendors, and a chance to meet trainers and pick up trainer information.

This year we are again very pleased to have judges Judy Jenson and Bob Johnson, along with special guest judge Ken McNabb!



Above: Trainers and Students top row: Katie Hembree and Trickery; Jenna Jarboe and Hawaii Phive-O; Aubreanne Dockett and Sparrow; Second Row: Jason and Amanda Eggerts with Wyatt; Melissa Norton and Roger Dodger; Sarah Smith and Porscha. Below: Tiahna Flemming and Flurry; Maria Schaal and Dolores; Brooke Teske and Kachina; Chris Walz and Ramona.



2013 Trainer's Challenge of the Unwanted Horse

Saturday, August 17th, 9:30 a.m.

Judging the event will be Judy Jenson, Bob Johnson, and special guest Ken McNabb



Admission is \$5.00 or a donation of item for local food shelves!

Leatherdale Equine Center

1801 Dudley Avenue, St. Paul, MN
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What is the Challenge? Untrained horses who have come to MHARF from humane cases throughout the state will spend approximately 100 days with qualified trainers. They will all come together at the Trainer's Challenge to compete for over \$10,000 in cash and prizes. Classes include: Halter, Pleasure, Trail/Obstacle, Freestyle Demonstration, and Veterinarian/Farrier! Following the event the horses will be offered at auction to pre-qualified adoptive homes. We'll also have the MHARF Store w/ logo apparel, quality used tack and other great items, a silent auction of equine art, and lunch available on site!

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Adoptable Equines at MHARF Come in All Shapes and Sizes (and Colors and Breeds As Well!)

After nearly twenty years in the rescue business, sometimes even we are surprised at the variety of equines that come through our gates. Though we don't always have information on the animals, especially those that come to us through humane cases, we usually have an idea of what the former owner's breeding program consisted of and can take pretty educated guesses at the rest.

Along with the more commonly seen paint and quarter-horse types, we also see Arabians, many gaited horses, ponies of all kinds, plenty of mules, minis, appaloosas, saddlebreds (of which we currently have several), thoroughbreds, warmbloods and warm-blood crosses, hackney ponies (of which we also have several at the moment), Haflingers, draft breeds and crosses, Friesian crosses, mustangs, and within the last couple of years even several Lipizzans.

In our experience, the breeding of horses for color has increased in the past decade. A number of humane cases from which we have received horses involved breeders with a large number of horses, breeding indiscriminately for color without regard for conformation or temperament. Cross-breeding horses that typically have a solid coat color with a typically spotted breed (such as a Friesian x paint) has also increased in popularity.



Clockwise from left: Princess, buckskin pinto; Thorn, bay pinto; Levi, palomino quarter horse; Thriller, blue roan quarter horse; Cochise, buckskin pony; Dynasty, leopard appaloosa (Cochise is currently in rehabilitation and not yet available.)



Clockwise from left: Costello, mini mule; Marin, hackney pony; Lady Flash, Belgian; Bristol Bomber, thoroughbred; JoJo, mustang, Raven, Oldenburg cross.

At MHARF we believe owner education about responsible breeding practices is important to controlling the number of "unwanted" horses. We also stress the importance of training young horses. A well-trained horse rarely ends up an "unwanted" horse. That is why our annual Trainers' Challenge is our most important event of the year!



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

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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.

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