

Chances Mini Horse Rescue

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2010! We hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday and spent lots of quality time with family and friends.

CMHR has acquired another new friend already this year. **Frodo** is a two year old sorrel gelding with a big blaze. He is 29" tall and was transferred to CMHR from another rescue. He is a very sweet little horse according to his foster mom.



We are currently preparing State Coordinator packets for all of our State Coordinators. These will include a list of all the foster homes in your state and also a CMHR handbook along with some brochures and past newsletters. Remember you have to be current on your membership dues to hold your position as State Coordinator so if you haven't taken care of your dues we would appreciate it if you would take a moment to send in your annual membership dues.

Thank you so much for your continued support of CMHR.



LIBBY AND HOPE

Update:

We did not place a memory tree on our website at Christmas time as the board felt that it was just too soon after the \$3.00 mission of thanks that was held on the LB Forum. Once again, a HUGE thank you to everyone that donated!

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Feeding a starved horse

If you find yourself trying to rehabilitate a horse that has been neglected to the point of starvation it is vitally important that you do not just start pouring the food to him/her. Start out by having your veterinarian check the animal over and give it a body score,

1 being starved to the point of death and 10 being obese to the point of dying. Also have them checked for parasites/worms. Please begin by feeding your horse alfalfa hay—no grain at all. NONE. If you feed grain you risk killing the animal. Once the horse

begins to regain their appetite worm them with a safe wormer for five days—preferably safeguard or panacur. As the horse begins to gain weight you may then start to include little bits of grain at a time.

CMHR Needs Foster Homes In Every State

We get contacted daily about horses in need. We are always trying to help other rescues and also network to locate safe places for all big and small.

We have a true shortage of foster homes out there. Without foster homes we cannot help nearly as much as we would like to. We have been contacted by many lately with an over abundance of horses. We never want to over load any one foster home and we certainly do not want to turn away horses that are truly in need.

We ask everyone to consider becoming a foster home. It is very gratifying.

If you think you may be able to help out and foster a horse or two please visit our website and fill out a foster application.

Remember you must be a current member of CMHR to foster.

There may be long waiting periods between the need of foster homes in your particu-

lar area, but it is always nice to have people already approved so if a situation arises we are not scrambling trying to find secure foster homes.

Please ask your friends and neighbors. Together we can make a difference.

Thank you so much!



Saying Goodbye To A Friend—RIP Alex

Alex came into CMHR in late October 2009. He was displaying a limp at that time and we had his foster home have a veterinarian exam/x-rays done. The results were not really that good, and we decided to get a second opinion. Unfortunately Alex had such severe problems that the vet requested that he be hu-

manely euthanized.

This is always very difficult for us and it has made each of us shed a tear.

I would like to take this moment to thank Theresa Hanks and her husband for fostering Alex for us and for showing him love and compassion during the final days of his life.

"My treasures do not clink together or glitter, they gleam in the sun and neigh in the night"
~Arabian Proverb~



Winter Care

Horses need extra feed in winter to help them hold their body temperature. Now is the time to bump up the hay that they receive and also be sure they have plenty of water. Warm water is wonderful as it encourages them to drink. Colic is a common ailment in winter as horses tend to not want to drink as much water as they should. By offering them warm water it helps to keep things moving.

Fauna



Zippy



Pregnant Mare Care and Causes Of Abortion

Mares deserve to be treated like royalty while carrying their foals. They should be kept at a healthy weight and be moderately exercised.

Some things that can be the cause of abortions are:

Rhinomunitis— you should vaccinate your mares with Pneumabort K at 5, 7 and 9 months of pregnancy to give extra protection from abortion due to rhino. Do not use the “regular” strain of the rhino vaccine as it does not prevent abortion.

It is imperative that mares do not ingest fescue grass or hay during the final 60 days of pregnancy as fescue carries a spore that causes abortion, difficulty foaling and no colostrum.

Black cherry trees and webworm are also another culprit of abortions. Please be sure to keep your horses away from these.

Feed well

Give a supplement (ie Mare Plus)

Rhino shots at 5, 7, 9 months

Pull mare off fescue

Vaccinate 30 days prior to due date

Worm 7 days before due date

Happy Foaling To All!



In Loving Memory Of Sarah



Sarah came into CMHR in the fall of 2007. She was a great little gal, but was foundered.

Sarah and

her daughter Chocolate came in together and were fostered here by me (Connie Parr) until they were adopted by a wonderful woman by the name of Melinda Norris.

Sadly Sarah has passed away.

Chocolate is still doing very well!



CHOCOLATE

Billy



The Dangers Of Frozen Ponds

If you have a pond on your property it is a really good idea to NOT place fence around it. There have been MANY cases of horses falling through the ice in the winter.

Although a pond can be a

source for drinking in the summer the hazards of the winter should be taken seriously and horses should be removed from any pastures that include a pond.

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Happy New Year to one and all! Thank you to every supporter of CMHR. You are all truly valued.

New Members Include:

Denise Clark

Mary Eustice

Jen Kalb

Joyce Maxwell

Judy Moore

Welcome Aboard!

Thank you so much to Nita Horn who generously donates so often. We appreciate you!

Horses Currently In Foster Care

Zippy—formerly Zappa—7 year old chestnut pinto mare, 36”

Hope—formerly Dixie, 8 to 9 year old mare, buckskin pony

Liberty—Yearling pony mare, palomino, approx 42”

Caspian—Adoption Pending

Faith—22 to 24 year old mare, silver pony

Fauna—11 year old mare, silver, approximately 42”

Billy—5 year old bay gelding—36”

Frodo—2 year old sorrel gelding with blaze—29”



Liberty settling in to her new foster home. Thank you Kitty, Kelli and Glen for opening your home to her!

We are also in need of State Coordinators. If you think you may be interested in volunteering for this position or helping in any other way please feel free to email any board member.

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