

# CMHR NEWSLETTER

## RESCUE, EDUCATE, REHABILITATE



## Dixie

a year now and is very stable and doing great. Her feet look wonderful and she hasn't displayed any ill effects from her founder for quite some time now. She does take supplements and follows a strict diet, but it is no problem at all.

Dixie does tend to be a "boss" mare. She is kept in a pasture (dry lot) by herself as she cannot seem to control her bossy side. She is wonderful with humans and has come a long way with being haltered and being on a lead. She is great for the farrier and loads, clips and ties great. She is a sweet mare and would make a wonderful horse for a child. She has never displayed any aggression toward hu-

mans or children, only other horses. Her diet consists of Horse Chow 100, first cutting grass hay, Remission, Cipex and Biotin 800 pellets. She is ready to go to her forever home. We have had some generous offers of help with transport fees, so if that is a problem please let us know.



Our foster of the month is Dixie. Dixie is a 13 year old black and white pinto mare that stands at approximately 40". She came to us thin and foundered, but has been in her foster home for over

## Ten

Ten is coming along just beautifully. He is now allowing his foster mom to pick up all of his feet. He loves to have his ears rubbed and he is really starting to enjoy human contact. It amazes me sometimes how quickly a horse will learn and be accepting of human con-

tact. Ten is a pretty big guy, but is going to make someone a really nice horse when he is finished with his training. He is in the perfect foster home and I will update as he flourishes.



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# Hilda

Hilda is another wonderful mare that has been in foster care for much too long. She is such a beautiful mare with a great attitude. She stands at 40" and is 16 years old. She came to us foundered and has had issues with founder along the way, but is doing well now and would love to find her forever home also. She plays well with others and loads, clips and ties well. She has the sweetest tem-

perment. Although she does have to be kept on a very strict diet and also given supplements she is a wonderful horse to have around. Hilda needs to be kept on a dry lot at all times. She was seeing the farrier every four weeks, but now is doing so well we are going to start every six and hopefully move to every eight before end of summer.



“Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”  
~Confucius

## Cushings Disease

Cushings Disease has been thought to only affect older horses, but there have been some cases diagnosed as early as 8 years old. Symptoms of Cushings Disease include a coarse, wavy coat that does not shed in spring, excessive thirst in combination with excessive urination. Cushings Disease is caused by a tumor of the pituitary gland,

which is the small gland at the base of the brain which regulates the horses endocrine system. As the tumor grows it puts pressure on the hypothalamus, which is what regulates the horses body temperature. This is believed to be the primary cause of the thick wavy coat. The good news is that Cushings is very treatable allowing the horse to return

to normal health. One successful drug used to treat Cushings is cyproheptadine, a serotonin blocker available in tablet form, which is easily absorbed by the horses system.

Credits given to equisearch where there is much more information about Cushings Disease in horses.



Jimmy has been in his foster home since January of this year. He is really a very sweet gentle gelding and is only 3 years old, so he has many wonderful years ahead of him.

This precious horse was one of the unfortunate horses that end up at slaughter auctions. Thankfully there was a kind

## Jimmy

hearted person willing to take him out of that situation.

Jimmy stands at just 32" and can be trained to drive. He has no physical ailments. He is perfect in every way.

Jimmy is being fostered in Kansas by a loving family but would love a permanent home.





## Grooming your horses

Grooming is an essential part of horse ownership. Most horses love to be brushed and fussed over. I'm sure that everyone is experiencing the "spring time" shedding. I try to groom my horses once a week and use a shedding blade to remove as much winter coat as I can. I then spray show sheen or infusium on their coats and brush with a soft bristle brush for softness and shine. Take a nice clean

warm wash cloth and wipe the face, clean the eyes and ears and trim a nice bridle path.

It is also a good idea to pick your horses feet **at least** once a week. This helps to keep them free of rocks and mud and other debris and also gives you the opportunity to find any problems.

Male horses need their sheath cleaned and this is easily done during a bath

with some Excalibur. It is not the most pleasant job, but is very important.

Every horse here gets at least one bath per summer and a total body clip. It makes them look so nice and feel better. When bathing please hook your hose to warm water. Well water is ice cold and horses do not like to be sprayed with ice cold water.

Happy Bathing and Grooming!



## Tina

Tina is currently being broke to ride. She is doing awesome and is going to be a great little riding pony. She is gorgeous. Striking black and stands at 42". She is five years old and has come a very long way in her foster home.

One of the most fantastic things about our foster homes is that they dedicate so much time to these

horses. Hours and hours spent handling and training



them so they will be ready

for their new lives within a permanent adoptive home. I want to take this opportunity to thank every single one of our fosters (past and present) for all their hard work and dedication. Without you these horses wouldn't have a second chance.

THANK YOU!

"Poverty is another word for owning a horse."

## Overfeeding and Founder

I would like to remind people to please not overfeed their minis. There are so many miniature horses that are foundered due to overfeeding and being obese.

We have such a hard

time placing horses that have foundered that we have had to stop taking anymore in until we get the ones already within our custody into new homes. If you are just a beginner and need to learn how to prop-

erly feed a miniature horse please feel free to contact any board member or visit the LilBeginnings horse forum where you can find a wealth of information.



## Chances Miniature Horse Rescue

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CMHR continues to thank all who donate to help the horses!

New Members Include:

Kitty Campbell

Nancy LeBaron-Kiley

Welcome aboard!

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[WWW.CHANCESMINIHORSERESCUE.ORG](http://WWW.CHANCESMINIHORSERESCUE.ORG)



## Horses Presently In Foster Care

Jimmy—3 yr old sorrel 32"  
gelding

Ten—2 yr old bay 48" gelding

Dixie—40" black and white 13  
year old mare

Hilda -40" bay pinto mare 16  
years old

Tina- 42" black 5 year old mare

Billy Bob—33.5" black and  
white pinto gelding, 5 years  
old.

Recently  
Adopted

Ms. Tennessee

Adoption Pending

Jasmine

Patty



JIMMY

