



Chance's Mini Horse Rescue

Sweetheart Valentine's Issue



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BREAKING NEWS! THEY'RE BOTH BACK!!!

Connie & Jess return to CMHR!

So how did this happen you ask?
With a LOT of luck!

As you know, Connie resigned as CMHR President December 1st, 2011 to help her husband organize and run their new business. She also wanted more time with her family, and with the riggers of running her own farm, a change had to be made.

The Board of Directors wanted Connie back and she wanted to come back. In order to do so, Connie hired an employee and put herself on a schedule which enabled her to return to free up some time.

Jess Freer resigned from his CMHR Presidential position due to health problems in 2009. Jess was an invaluable asset to CMHR. He traveled out of state and made some farm visits to check on our horses, worked at our

booth at Worlds, and got the ball rolling involving new guidelines for CMHR. As an extra added attraction, Jess appeared in our Christmas presentations as our official Santa Claus.

Over the past year Jess's health has steadily improved and he expressed an interest in returning to CMHR also.

In January of this new year, elections were held and Connie was re-elected as President and Jess was elected to return to the Board of Directors in the capacity of an "At Large" position.

This Board of Directors is thrilled to have them back in CMHR. Welcome back Connie and Jess!



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New Stuff

New YouTube Channel



CMHR has a new YOUTUBE Channel. Just type CMHR2011 in the YouTube search box and our 2011 Christmas video should show up. We will be adding more videos to that channel as we can.

New Website

WWW.CHANCESMINIHORSERESCUE.ORG

Our website is under construction getting a brand new look. The web address will remain the same so not to worry. Shannon has been burning the midnight oil working on it and we're so excited. It will have a whole new format and be more user friendly to help you navigate. There will be new general information and frequent updates as time allows. This is going to be a time consuming work in progress so we appreciate your patience. Thank you Shannon for your hard efforts for taking on this project.



Happy Valentine's Day!



About Re-Homing Horses

Re-homing horses has become an issue for thousands of people and also for us at CMHR. Sometimes a day doesn't go by when we are asked to re-home someone's happy, healthy, and beloved horse for any number of reasons, usually financial. This is heartbreaking for people to be forced into relinquishing a horse that may have been in their family for years.

CMHR is very sympathetic to what is happening throughout the country; therefore, we are offering outreach help by educating and providing information how some people may help re-home their own horses them-

selves.

Some information which we provide would be a list of places to advertise, making up flyers to distribute in their vet's office and feed stores, horse shows and encouraging the use of pictures of the horses looking their very best. Shannon will be making a page on our website with more information and helpful links for people who find themselves in this situation.

We are happy to work with anyone to review the options to find an appropriate solution for the welfare of their horse.



What's New at the CMHR Sales Barn

For those of you who haven't dressed up your horses yet in our designer halters, now is a great time to do just that. How fun it will be to show off your horse in any of these fancy designs while waiting for your class to begin at the show. Don't forget we can match up a dog collar and leash with a halter and also get halters in big horse sizes too. And for you parade goers, these fun halters make a great fashion statement!

We have ordered some new people clothing for the barn that we hope you will like. We have some new caps and sweatshirts on the way to the barn. They will be embroidered with our logo and will be perfect to wear at any equine function you attend.

If anyone needs help at the Sales Barn please don't hesitate to contact Tammie.



Ten! Wow! What an Update!

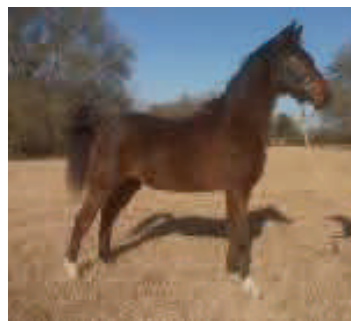
You may all remember Ten, the sad and skinny little pony that we took in as a yearling. We placed him in Oklahoma in the loving foster home of Kitty Campbell and her daughter Kelly Taylor where he thrived. At the time, we didn't know what exactly Ten was going to turn out to be, but we knew that we couldn't leave him behind just because he may go oversized. We got a little bit of flack for that but how do you haul off with a load of horses in need but leave one behind because he appears a bit too big?

Reports from his foster home kept coming in about what a delightful character Ten was and also how he kept growing and growing and growing. It was finally decided due to his conformation and overall movement that he was pretty much a Hackney Pony.....or more!

It took a couple of years but Ten finally found his super home with Judy who is head over heels in love with him.

Judy has placed Ten with her trainer who is teaching him to drive. He has

only been with the trainer a very short time and he has already been hitched. To say Judy is thrilled would be an understatement. I think its pretty safe to say that Ten is every inch a Hackney Horse now who fooled us all, but we are so happy to have known him and been able to come to his rescue. We are looking forward to more updates and pictures of Ten's progress to share with you.



**Find your CMHR
Valentine Horse today!**

The Best News Ever About Trooper

When Trooper came into CMHR he was in pain limping on the worst feet you could have imagined. We listed him as foundered and were prepared for the worst. We had X Rays taken and sent off to a group of equine specialists in Kentucky. They told us that the X Rays were showing a combination of serious issues. They encouraged us to work with him because they believed he could rally over the course of a year. Everything that was wrong with his feet was derived from outright neglect which caused all of the pain this horse was enduring. Trooper was in the hands of

Julie, a very capable foster home who tended to him diligently. We pulled out all the stops and supplied Trooper with a variety of supplements for Julie to administer. She had Trooper under the care of her Natural Barefoot Trimmer where he received trims at frequent intervals at first. It was touch and go for the first few months until he finally stabilized.

Today we are excited to report that Trooper's feet are in very good shape and he is feeling great. He is not lame and is pain free and on a normal trim schedule. The vet and farrier are thrilled with his improvement.

We have Julie to thank for pulling this horse through a tragic time in his life. This case shows how important keeping up with proper hoof care is. Trooper is looking for that special home where he now can live a normal life. He does love kids and can be lead-lined if the child is small enough. Trooper is 12 years old and 39" tall. Contact us if you have a home for Trooper.



Horses Adopted in 2011

We are sad to report that adoptions were down in 2011. Only a few horses out of so many found their way into a loving home. Here is a list of the lucky ones who found forever love:

- Jasmine
- Smokey
- Faith
- Lollypop
- Winnie
- Lyon

- Wyatt
- Lacy
- Rocket

On a very good note, we are happy to report there were no lives lost in CMHR during 2011.



All inquiries are important to us. Please don't hesitate to ask.

Financial Help Transporting Adopted Horses Available

If the cost of shipping has prevented you from adopting your forever horse, worry no more. Now is the time to adopt. For the month of February, we are offering a \$300.00 Valentine Love discount towards shipping. Three anonymous benefactors have come forward and are offering \$100.00 each towards paying a shipper for you which gives you a grand total of \$300.00 to work with towards

your transport bill. This is a wonderful and truly generous offer which we hope will inspire you to adopt that special CMHR horse you've had your eyes on.



We answer all e-mails promptly



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Late Breaking News

Kody has just been adopted!



As this newsletter goes to press we have just learned that Kody has found his forever home. During the last week of January, Christine from Wisconsin drove to Teresa Hanks foster home in Illinois to meet Kody in person. Kody turned out to be everything Christine has wanted. Christine wrote:

"I think Kody is a gorgeous boy and has exactly the kind of temperament that I was hoping for. It was great that he let me touch him all over (ears, belly, tail, feet, etc.) and didn't seem to mind a bit. And watching him go for a spin around the pasture took my breath away! Teresa mentioned that his larger size may have been an issue for some potential adopters, but he seems perfect to me. I also liked the way he interacted with the other horses ..."

Christine submitted her adoption application as soon as she returned from her trip and it was approved right away. As you can imagine she is so excited and can't wait for Kody to arrive so he can begin his new life with her.



We have Teresa to thank for working with Kody for so long as well as our other horses in her care: Billy, Romeo, and Sonny. We are sure she will miss him.



*These sweet ones
are still looking
for love!*

Thor Has Been Gelded

Please take a good look at this pretty palomino colt. Thor was foaled while in our foster care last summer. He has been worked with and is halter broke and socialized. Melinda, his foster care giver, tells us he is a sweetie with lots of potential. Thor has everything it takes to be a nice family pet or a wonderful youth horse for 4H and to take to your local show. He is sporting the cutest little appaloosa fanny pack and is guaranteed to brighten up any pasture.



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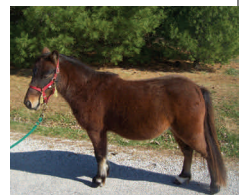
Special Needs Horses

Please keep in mind our special needs horses, Zippy and Fawna.

These girls have been in foster care now for years. They are both partially blind but do very well together. For this reason, they must stay together. Because of their blindness, they do not require large pastures or a lot of space. They are both friendly and sweet as can be and love to be worked with. Although we refer to them as special needs because of their limited vision, they really do get on quite well with normal care. They are cute as can be.



Billy



Romeo

Hope

