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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!



President's Message

Happy New Year to all! The New Year has already brought 6 new horses into our rescue. 3 stallions (will be gelded right away), and 3 mares. They are all in good health and will be placed up for adopted as soon as their 30 day evaluation period is over. Please watch our website for photos and descriptions. It is with sadness that CMHR has decided to not take in any more ponies. We must stay focused on rescuing the miniature horse.

We are currently in need of foster homes in every state. If you or someone you know can find room in your heart and barn to help foster a horse or two please visit our website and fill out a foster application and read over the foster policy. We also have a new foster handbook which should be ready to be sent out very soon.

I wanted to personally thank each and every person that continues to support CMHR. Without all of you we would not be able to help the horses.

Our Thanksgiving CMHR \$3.00 Mission Of Thanks was a huge success in 2010 and brought over \$7,000.00 into our treasury! A huge thank you to Carolyn Pope for heading up this fundraiser for us once again. I would also like to thank AMHA for being so very supportive of us.



Our Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Great thanks are in order yet again to Carolyn Pope of Tennessee, for single handedly running yet another fundraiser for CMHR. For the past several years in November, Carolyn has gone to the Lil Beginnings Forum on our behalf and asked for donations in a special thread that she posts.

Because of Carolyn's efforts, she raised over \$7,000 for CMHR. This is by far over the top generous from the LB Forum members. We never in our wildest dreams thought that huge amount of money would be raised especially in this economy. Carolyn is also the owner of Little Miss Tennessee who you

will remember as the little filly found dying with her feet mutilated by a hack saw, emaciated and lay bleeding in a pile of rubble in the foothills of Tennessee. Carolyn submitted her adoption application the minute she heard about little MissT and they have been living happily together ever since. Carolyn, you are one special lady and we love you!

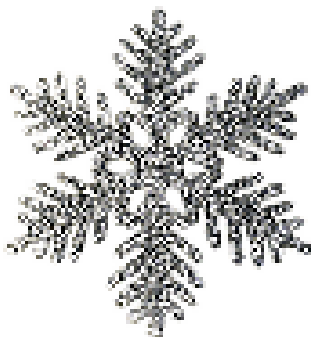
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HOLIDAY ADOPTIONS

We are sorry to say, our Holiday Adoption Promotions did not go well. We did have a few inquiries about some of the horses, but there was not the large response we had hoped for. Maybe it's the economy or maybe its this new world of video games, iPods, cell phones and high tech stuff now a days, but seems like not every kid or every household is wishing for a horse to show up under the Christmas tree anymore.

The good news is that we did have one successful adoption. Rocky II, a sweetie from the

Kansas seizure was noticed by a lovely lady who said she took one look and knew he had to become hers.

By middle January, Rocky II will be on the road headed to live with his new mommy Petra in Arizona. Petra is so excited and no doubt is counting the days of Rocky's arrival. We are counting down with you too Petra!

Congratulations!



RIPLEY

In December, Ripley's foster mother Dianne emailed with the most fabulous little video clips of Ripley's new talent. Dianne has taught Ripley some of the cutest little tricks such as shaking both hands and smiling along with other adorable learned behaviors. Ripley has taken to training like a duck to water. There is no limit to what Ripley can do as willing as he is. He is young, talented, and very pretty and would certainly do well in any event he is trained for. Unfortunately the video clips are unable to be formatted to share, so you will have to take our word for it that Ripley is going to make someone a wonderful horse. Thanks to all the time you have put in with Ripley, Dianne!



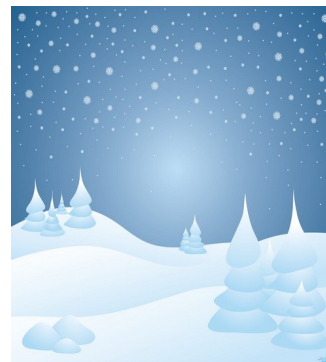
NEW FOSTER CARE HANDBOOK

A new handbook has been written as a complete guideline for our Foster Care givers. We have found that there were some "grey" areas that needed to be addressed. Granted, every case is different, but many things still remain in common when it comes to fostering.

We think that this handbook is going to cover a lot of those grey areas and take some of the guess work out of day to day

dilemmas that our foster homes can be perplexed with. The "Now what should I do" will be covered in the handbook and of course, a case worker will always be available 24-7 to help.

We will be tweaking this handbook this week and should have it ready to post on our website in a week or so. Do keep an eye out for it on our website.



CMHR cannot seize horses. Please report animal abuse to your local authorities.



NEW RESCUE HORSES

Here it is only the first week of a brand new year and already we are taking in six new horses. Our newest little horse entering our program is from Ohio. This little guy was seized by the Animal Protective League in Ohio who contacted us to take him in. At the moment, he is known only as "Mini-Me".

Mini-Me is a 3 year old grey stallion and is said to be as personable and sweet as he can be.

Mini-Me will be fostered in Michigan where he will be gelded and go through our 30 day evaluation period and then put up for adoption if everything looks good. He is measuring in at about 34". Keep checking our website for his details.

We also have four horses coming into our foster care program from California. There are three double registered mares and one stallion who of course will be

gelded asap.

As soon as all these horses reach their assigned destinations within CMHR, we'll let you know all the particulars. Keep an eye on our website and for our spring edition of this newsletter for further information of these new arrivals.

FOSTER HOMES-THE UNSUNG HEROS

This Board of Directors never go a day without thinking of our foster homes who are truly the heartbeat of CMHR.

We want to thank each and every foster home once more, yes, again and again for opening up your heart and your barn to a horse that needed you. You don't ask for praise or recognition but you deserve it every single day. You did not need that extra horse to take care of, that extra stall to clean, that extra vet-appointment to be there for, but you still found it in your heart to become a part of it all. For the foster homes that are

approved but are still without a horse, always be ready. A time will come when your phone will ring.

The reason that you may not have been contacted to foster already is because when we take in horses, we try to find the closest available foster home, and you may be across the country. This is because we do not want him to have to travel too far which is not only very expensive, but also we do not want to cause him any extra stress being on board a trailer for a long period of time. So newbie foster homes, not to worry, you will be contacted eventually.

And as always, we lack foster homes in many states so if you feel you can take on a CMHR horse to foster, please by all means contact us. The foster applications are on our website. All you have to do is fill one out and remit it to Shannon our secretary. She will pass it in front of the Board of Directors for review.

Thank you all again once more for what you do.



NEW TEE SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED!

Look what Gini has for sale at the CMHR Store! Check them out! These are great! Nice new tee shirts just in time for spring in all the fun colors you have wanted. These are made of high quality, 100% cotton with the CMHR rescue triangle on the back and the official logo on the front left chest. Available in S, M, L, XL and XXL.

These would be great to wear to horse shows and your local

horse club meetings and just about anywhere you go.

They are very reasonably priced only at \$12.00. And don't forget: Tough Guys Wear Pink!

You'll find them at our sales barn on our website.

Have you called Gini yet?



People are notorious for starving their horses during the winter more than any other time of year. The suffering continues every day. If you see a horse in trouble, please report it to your local authorities.

WINTER HORSE CARE

I'm sure you have all seen pictures of horses frolicking in the snow. Maybe your horses are doing that right now. Just be sure you all know when a horse isn't having fun anymore and is freezing. Here's a few tips:

Be sure your horse has access to a shelter at all times. If he is refusing to go in it, use your judgment. If the weather is hazardous you may have to insist he go inside.

Frozen water such as creeks and ponds or snow are not adequate water supplies. As a matter of fact, a horse can colic from drinking frigid water. Horses should be encouraged to drink so for those without heated buckets and troughs, provide warm water on those terrible freezing days by bringing him some warm water from your house. Guaranteed, he is going to drink that water right down

and love every bit of it. A horse that drinks well is much less to colic than one that doesn't.

You can tell if your horse is too cold by feeling his ear. If his ears are cold, or if he is shivering, he is. Bring him inside, be sure he is dry, and offer him hay, warm food such as soaked beet pulp, and warm water. That should help him in about 30 minutes. If it doesn't call your vet.

Keep your horses out of the winter's gusty winds. The winds are one of the top 5 reasons horses become sick during winter.

Your horse can easily pull a tendon if having to struggle through deep snow drifts. He can slip on the ice, bow a tendon or break a leg. Be very aware of all winter conditions before turning your horse out to play and you will all have a good safe winter.



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Make all checks payable to CMHR

Congratulations to Gini on the birth of her adorable great granddaughter Amy.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy goes out to two of our Board Members who suffered personal losses this holiday season.

Shannon Hobbs our secretary lost her beloved Grandmother in January.

Mary Bennett lost her father in late October and her mother in January.

Our hearts have been with you during this very difficult time.



WHOOPS THERE HE IS!

This is “Mini-Me” who we have re-named “Smokey”. Smokey was part of a seizure in Ohio who was turned over to us by the authorities. Isn’t he absolutely the coolest little guy??? He is only 3 years old, needs some hands on training but he is gentle and personable as can be and has a very kissable muzzle! He is located in Michigan and would love to be adopted very soon!



Please stop by our Sales Barn for a great Valentine gift!

