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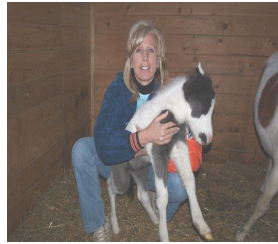
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Message from the President

Hello To All and Happy Spring! Although it doesn't look too much like spring here in Michigan with all this white stuff still decorating the ground. I always like to begin by thanking all the generous folks who support CMHR. Whether it be fostering, adopting, memberships, donating funds or supplies you are all much appreciated. It takes each of us working together to make this rescue the success that it is! We currently have 19 horses waiting to be adopted. We are also expecting three foals very soon which will bump that number up to 22. It would be wonderful if each of them could find their forever home soon. Faith and Hope have been with us far too long. If

you or anyone you know are able to provide one of these wonderful ponies with a loving forever home, please visit our website and fill out an adoption application. We also have a wonderful person whom is donating \$100.00 towards the shipping fee for any horse adopted through April. Shannon does a fantastic job of keeping our website current, so please check back often for changes and updates as the horses progress. As the weather breaks I am very hopeful that all fosters will have an opportunity to bathe and clip their horses and take some real nice photographs of them. We will be placing them on the website as they come in. Until next time.

Connie Parr, President



Two More Adoptions!

We are happy to report that Cloud and Ripley have both been adopted!

Thanks to Nancy Witt and our own Gini Acton for fostering Cloud. Gini's neighbor Kate took one look and it was a done deal. Cloud now resides across the road from Gini in Arizona where she can visit him just a few yards

from her porch!

Foster mom Dianne Presek needs a huge round of applause for all she has done with Ripley. In such a short time, Dianne had Ripley looking perfect and taught Ripley many cute tricks that caught the attention of his new owner Richard. Ripley now resides in New York.



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CUTENESS ALERT!!!



My, my, my, would you take a look at this boy!!!

This is Sonny. His story is pretty sad. He was the apple of his owner's eye; a very sweet gentleman who loved him to pieces but passed away leaving no one to care for him.

Sonny was also the only horse there and

had not seen another horse since he was a baby himself. Needless to say when he entered foster care and saw horses for the first time, he became the happiest little guy ever and has been showing off for them ever since. Sonny is 14 years old and about 32" tall. We had him gelded

and all vetted up in March. He is located in Illinois with his foster mom Teresa who works wonders with our horses. She says he is a bit of a handful, not mean, just spoiled and full of himself. Let us know if you would be interested in adopting Sonny.

OUR MATERNITY WARD



Our maternity ward is heating up! We are getting ready to have three new foals born in CMHR custody for the very first time ever. As you can imagine, we are over the top excited for Zippy, Remy, and Lacy and pray all foals will arrive safe and healthy.

The foals are all due at various times during the month of April so keep an eye on our website for details.

Mares with their foals will be

available for adoption after the foals are a full one month old as long as the veterinarian's on the case deems it would be safe to move them at that age.

For those that always wanted to raise a foal, here's your chance.



EVERYTHING BUT THE KITCHEN SINK AUCTION



Our beloved treasurer Gini, aka "MoneyBags" is at it again. Gini is holding an online auction via Lil Beginnings "Little Horse Barn Auction" in June. She is taking anything and everything you have not nailed down and will auction it off to the highest bidder so bring forth your good stuff and your junk! Remember one person's junk is another person's treasurer and it does not have to be horse related at all.

For further information on this auction, contact Gini directly at giniactin@chancesminihorserescue.org



You can find us on YOUTUBE by typing in a search for Chances Mini Horse Rescue. Any YOUTUBES under the name of Gini 1944 have been made exclusively for CMHR

A WORD TO OUR FOSTER HOMES

Special Greetings with lots of love to all the Beautiful People out there who are fostering for us.

We are so sorry to say that although we have had many hits on all our horses, mostly all of them have fallen through. I guess its mostly when people find out we have a "no breeding" policy or that they cannot re-sell the horses that is turning some people away. But not to worry, there will be homes for all the horses somewhere eventually with your continuing help.

At this point, we feel it is imperative that everyone pull out

all the stops to get our horses adopted and go the extra mile. The Board is asking each and every foster home to please do anything and everything you can think of to promote your foster horses in your area. Putting up flyers in the local vet's office, feed store, wherever you can might just stir up some activity. Its horse show season so perhaps you can ask your local saddle clubs to announce information over the loud speaker about adopting. Appealing to the big horse people at your local open shows may have merit. Maybe you can bring your horse to a show to mingle with people.

And of course, you can always enter your horse in any appropriate class such as grooming and condition, color, showmanship or whatever the case may be. Just be sure to contact us first, ok?

In addition, as soon as the weather suits your area, please, please, engage your clipper blades and do a great beauty makeover on your horses. Use any miniature "show horse" pictures to guide you if you are in doubt of how to style a mane, bridle path, or what-have-you.

Then take a lot of pictures!

We realize this is a lot more put upon you so by all means, if anyone needs a clipper blade or a bottle of show sheen or even help with a bag of feed, do not hesitate to contact Connie. Our thanks and hugs to you all!



THE SALES BARN

Hey Folks! Have you called Gini yet? Canter on over to check out our sales barn!

We have a lot of new tee shirts in all fun colors perfect for spring and summer. They are more than perfect to wear to your horse shows too!

Also we have a large variety of fun halters with matching lead ropes for all occasions in patterns that are more than fun! There are paisleys and daisys and

stripes in every color of the rainbow and more more more! And to make it even more exciting, we have matching dog collars and leashes too! These would all make super nice gifts for birthdays and Christmas for your friends so hop on over to the sales barn and don't keep Gini waiting!



SUGAR



SPRING HORSE CARE

Just a quicky reminder about new spring grass growth. Spring grass poses a definite threat of laminitis and founder to all horses no matter what size. Laminitis is the disease; founder follows if the laminitis is not stabilized. Please monitor your horse's intake on grass during these next couple of months and don't allow over exposure. Some may say they have never had a problem with it before but we

can assure you, that's playing with fire. Founder is very real and the major cause of it happens right now during each spring. For further information please refer to www.safergrass.org

Let's not forget our spring vaccinations and de-worming and have your horses in tip top shape for 2011!

HOW MUCH LONGER BEFORE THEY FIND THEIR FOREVER HOME?

This is nothing less than a shame these beauties have been in foster care so long.



To surrender or adopt a horse contact:

Connie Parr: connieparr@yahoo.com

To submit applications or any paperwork
contact secretary:

Shannon Hobbs: shannon_@msn.com

To make a donation or sales barn purchase
contact:

Gini Acton:

giniacton@chancesminihorserescue.com

Make all checks payable to CMHR



CMHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At time we regret to announce that Paula Gower has resigned as a member of the Board due to personal responsibilities. Paula has been invaluable to CMHR in many ways and we will miss her input as a Board member. Paula will remain with CMHR as a member and a foster home. Thanks Paula for all you have done and don't worry, you KNOW we're going to call ya! Big hugs. We love you!

Welcome to the Board is in order for Rebecca McNeil and Tammie Miller. Rebecca is a foster home located in California and Tammie is also a foster home located in Michigan. These lovely gals have been doing a great job in their short time as members of the BOD and we look forward to working with them in the future as CMHR continues to grow and expand throughout the United States.

EDITORIAL: OUR HORSES WITH ISSUES

Yes some of our horses have issues that aren't so good. We have addressed them in the best medical way we can and faced it head on. We will not withhold any information at all about any of our horses or sugar coat any of it either. It is what it is.

They don't come any more stately and striking than Trooper but unfortunately he has had a battle with founder. Fostered with Julie, her Natural Barefoot Trimmer has had him stabilized for quite some time. Yes he can relapse but with on going care, and the watch eye of Julie, there is also a chance he may not.

Percy has a collapsed trachea. She can never live comfortably in a state such as Florida or Arizona and pretty much no where in the south where humidity is a

danger. She should not be turned out with any horse that will "make her run" and exert herself. But she does well as a companion horse and makes for very pretty yard art.

Davy is 20 and Pocket will be 30 before you know it. They are handsome old ponies that didn't ask to end up in a rescue situation but yet that's the hand life dealt them.

Now mind you, if any of these horses with their negative baggage were in any pain we would not prolong it. But as long as they are in good condition, we are willing to stand behind them and hope the right person will eventually come and adopt them.

When I had my former training stable in Florida I took in horses like these just to teach newbies

basic handling and I was happy to have them. A horse that will stand there and let an awkward, loud, or over zealous little kid grab their feet and be led around or stand endlessly for ribbons being tied in the mane while being forced to listen to "Itsy Bitsy Spider" a hundred times in are worth their weight in gold. Horses like these are very forgiving towards the fumbling and bumbling mistakes of any little kid.

So yes, Trooper, Percy, Davy and Pocket have their issues but in the grand scheme of things, they also still have a very valuable place in this big ole world of ours somewhere. Just saying.....

~Marty Garrison
Editor

TROOPER

