



Blue Rose Ranch, Inc.

Horse Rescue & Adoption

*“Many have forgotten this truth, but you must never forget it.
You remain responsible forever for what you have tamed.”*

-Antoine de Saint Exupery

April 20, 2015

Dear Valued Friends and Supporters,

Windy spring is here in full force! Tumbleweeds have accumulated, forming mountains and even taking down fences. Despite tumbleweed and dust challenges, the first few months of 2015 have been great for Blue Rose Ranch. Several horses have found new homes and we have provided sanctuary for others in need. The opportunity for youth and seniors to enjoy horses continues to be an important focus for our organization. We would like to thank the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance for funding a complicated veterinary procedure and to the Unwanted Horse Veterinary Relief Campaign and Merck Animal Health for contributing valuable vaccinations to Blue Rose Ranch this spring.

Horse News:

Many new horses have come to live at Blue Rose Ranch. One of these is Gracie, a sweet horse who was raced until she broke her pelvis. She will spend the remainder of her days enjoying pastures and love at Blue Rose Ranch. Perdita and Catalina came to us via Harmony Equine Center and Rescue. Both of these mares fit into our youth riding program. Another recent arrival is Titan, a mighty 9 month old colt, who absolutely loves roaming the ranch as part of the Blue Rose herd.

Annabelle has been adopted to a wonderful home in Kansas. Her new owner volunteers as a 4-H leader and Annabelle is helping to lead trail rides. Annabelle will also have excellent care as her owner is an equine vet tech.

Moonwalker is looking for the right pair of sunglasses to match his new “star status”. He has been foster-adopted by Peoples Credit Union. Our community credit union is a great supporter of local non-profit organizations. The “*Moonwalker Savings Club*” will be a tool to encourage kids to start the habit of saving. Moonwalker has been to the bank to open his savings account, with a goal of saving “10 horse cookies and one bale of alfalfa” by the end of the summer! Moonwalker will attend bank outreach events to greet visitors. He enjoys having his photo in the newspaper, and will be available at Blue Rose Ranch for our youth and visitors who want to meet and ride him.

Youth News:

Two wonderful young ladies, Kaylee and Brittany, worked at Blue Rose Ranch through the winter months. They are from Minnesota and will soon return to continue their educations. The horses benefited from their attention and from being consistently ridden in months where weather is not always great on weekends when the youth volunteers are able to come to the horse rescue. Kaylee and Brit also helped our youth volunteers increase their riding skills. We will miss Kaylee and Brit, and wish them the best for all that lies ahead.

Blue Rose Ranch was accepted into the Equine Welfare Network in March, a prerequisite step to apply for grants from the Equus Foundation. This acceptance also gives our youth volunteers the opportunity to apply for scholarships from the Champion Program connected to the Equine Welfare Network. We are pleased that the hard work of our volunteers can also place them in a position to apply for these scholarships.

Our Annual Youth Horse Camp is scheduled for June 15-19. This comprehensive camp is designed to enrich and educate both the novice and those who are already experienced with horses. The camp agenda includes safety around horses, handling horses on the ground, care of horses, and of course, hours each day in the saddle. Guest presenters will include our farrier and our veterinarian. If you know of youth ages 9 through teens who would be interested in joining us for a true out-west horse adventure, please have them contact Blue Rose Ranch. The camp filled quickly last year; we already have several registered for this year's camp.

Baca County Imagination Library:

Our service to the community expanded this year when Blue Rose Ranch agreed to serve as the 501 (c)(3) platform for the newly formed Baca County Imagination Library. Under this program of the Dollywood Foundation, parents can sign up for free monthly books for children ages 0-5. When these young readers are older, they will be invited to join in our youth riding program. The Directors of Blue Rose Ranch believe that helping increase literacy for children is important to the community and within our scope of outreach to youth. Funds for the Imagination Library come from community fund-raising and are separate from Blue Rose Ranch.

From the Desk of John Webb: *Regarding Horse Adoption*

One of the most challenging parts of our work in horse rescue is the adoption process; the placement of our beloved horses into new homes. After years of mistakes and frustration we have, of necessity, made our adoption standards higher than ever. This reduces the number of placements but it guarantees that there is a high likelihood of success for both the new owner and the horse. Every time we have compromised our standards at all, even with good explanations, we end up getting the horse back. The key is understanding that people who know, love and want horses, may not have the money, facilities and maturity to successfully own a horse.

1. Adopters must own property suitable for horses. Borrowed or temporary horse property does not work over time. Jobs and friends, along with the loan of property, come and go and we have taken back horses for this reason.
2. It is fine if an adopter has an established relationship with a boarding facility and they make monthly payments to rent space for their horse(s).
3. We do not adopt horses to locations where the horse will be alone. Horses need companionship, they are herd animals.
4. Adopters must be able to afford the adoption fee and the excellent care of two or more horses. The least expensive part of horse ownership is the acquisition of the horse.
5. Adopters need to have knowledge about all aspects of horse ownership and care.
6. Adopters need to own

a high quality, well maintained horse trailer and an appropriate vehicle to pull it. 7. Adopters must have good, local references within the equine community. These are tough standards and wonderful people are sometimes told that they are not yet ready to adopt a horse from Blue Rose Ranch. Our duty is to the horses.

Cheryl adds: Matching a horse to the right owner is very important and can be a challenge. We recently had a wonderful family drive a long distance to Blue Rose Ranch to meet a potential horse for their daughter. We anticipated this to be a perfect match – great family/ great horse. We discovered that the ability of the horse and rider were not well-matched. The daughter was disappointed, but everyone involved was in agreement. Our goal is to find the best possible match for adoptive families and best forever home for each of our horses.

How you can help Blue Rose Ranch

-A small monthly contribution goes a long way. For example:

The expense of feeding one horse each month is \$100.00. If you contribute \$25.00 a month, you will be feeding a “quarter horse”!

-A foster parent contributes \$125.00 a month to care for a specific horse.

-You might consider a bequest to Blue Rose Ranch and leave a legacy of caring for horses.

-You can shop! When you shop on Amazon, through the “Amazon Smile” program, you can select Blue Rose Ranch as your favorite charity and they will donate a percentage of your purchase to our organization.

(see www.smile.amazon.com).

Blue Rose Ranch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and all contributions are tax-deductible. Contributions to Blue Rose Ranch can be made directly via check or donate via PayPal on our website.

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Catalina and Titan



Titan's baby picture with horsewalker Kristina



Annabelle with her new adoptive owner



Gracie gets TLC from horsewalker JoAnn



Youth counselors in a rousing game of “Goat Carcass”. Goal is for your team to score points by grabbing the goat carcass (bag of sand) and fighting through the defense to place the bag on the opposing team’s barrel.

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the following Foundations for their support:**

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Foundation

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Kaylee on Napoleon and Brittany on Lakota - Goodbye We will miss you!

Moonwalker's Adoptive Family



Depositing his first horse cookie



Moonwalker learns about the ATM