

Colorado Horse Rescue



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We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.



Mission Statement: Colorado Horse Rescue is dedicated to saving the disadvantaged horse... one rescue, one human, one home at a time.

Please check below to verify your compliance with our non-discrimination policy:

√ Our organization does not discriminate in any of our services or programs on the basis of religion, race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, or country of origin, including people served and volunteers within our organization. (If you have questions please contact the Program Manager, 720-390-7910.)

Please check the most appropriate issue dealt with by your organization:

Children Elderly Hunger/Homelessness Disaster Relief **Animal Welfare**
 Health/Wellness Environment Human Rights Families Soldiers/Supporting Troops

About Your Issue Area:

What is the deeper issue behind your organization?

Colorado Horse Rescue (CHR) is a place of hope and happiness for horses and horse-owners in need. When someone runs into financial trouble and can no longer afford to care for their horse, CHR is there to take the horse and ensure that it finds a new loving home. We also take horses that are seized by Animal Control Officers; these animals are usually underweight and have not received proper veterinary care in a while. Regardless of where the horse comes from, we make sure it returns to a happy and healthy state. The horse is then put up for adoption to find a new loving home. The deeper issue here lies in education. Aside from

saving the horses themselves, we promote equine education in the community through classes and hands-on horse clinics. This helps prevent abuse and neglect from happening in the first place, and horses don't find themselves in bad situations moving forward.

What programs or services does your organization offer?

Surrender: CHR's surrender program is designed to help good horse owners who have run into some sort of life-changing situation. Many surrender applicants are going through a divorce, medical emergency, or they must move for their employment situation (for example). We cannot guarantee acceptance of all horses in need of homes, because we are always running at or near full capacity. Each surrender is considered on a case-by-case basis and we accept horses as possible.

Equine Crisis Assistance: Our equine crisis assistance program helps horses stay with their owners in the event of a short-term crisis (medical emergencies are a common example). Often-times we can supply funding towards hay or board, until the owner gets back on his/her feet again financially.

Foster: Qualified homes may foster a non-rideable horse at their property. This program is ideal for a family looking for a second companion horse to their existing animal. CHR fosters out ride-able horses on occasion, in exchange for equine training. Foster homes are financially responsible for the CHR horse during the foster period.

Adoption: The CHR Adoption program aims to get horses to their forever homes, which in turn allows us to help more horses. Potential adopters are carefully screened through an application and interview process to make sure the match between horse and human is ideal. Colorado Horse Rescue keeps ownership of the horse for a trial period of at least six months from the date of adoption. Ownership is transferred after two successful follow-up visits. During this probationary period, CHR monitors the well-being of the horse to ensure proper care and management at the new adoptive home. In some situations, CHR will bring a horse back to the facility if the adoptive home is not meeting the required standards of care.

Sponsorship: The Sponsorship Program aims to promote responsible horse ownership by allowing people to donate toward a specific horse's care. Sponsor horses generally have some sort of special medical need or health requirement which makes them more costly to maintain. Donors who choose to give at least \$50 per month for one year may visit their horse by appointment, thus building a relationship and learning some horsemanship basics at the same time.

Education: With a solid partnership with Colorado State University, we are excited and honored to promote responsible horse ownership to the community. This year, our education program has focused on classes and clinics around horse care, handling, and training.

Horse Training and Volunteer Riding: As horses are brought to CHR they undergo physical and behavioral evaluations. Once healthy, they are placed into our training program. This could mean a simple re-start, where the horse already has an education and just needs a few reminders. Or, this could mean a fresh start; the horse has never learned how to be around people, so we start with simple halter and groundwork. Horses are also exposed to trailer loading, obstacles, trail work, and riding skills so they are more adoptable to the general public.

Do you have an interesting story about your organization or clients to share with the students?

We were told his name was Happy Capote; he came to us through Jefferson County Animal Control as a forced surrender, a victim of starvation and neglect. Horses are evaluated on the Henneke Body Condition Scoring System; a numerical scale used to evaluate the amount of fat on a horse's body. This standardized, universal scale can be used across all breeds without specialized equipment. The scoring system ranges from 1 to 9, with 1 being extremely skinny and 9 being tremendously over-weight. The ideal range for most horses is a score from 4 to 6. Happy's initial body condition score was a 1.5 when he was discovered last August.



Prior to his arrival, our search for the name Happy Capote in Thoroughbred registries did not produce any results. After he arrived, however, we continued to research and were even fortunate enough to talk with a previous owner. We determined that just like in the game 'telephone', over time 'Capi' had become 'Happy'. Happy's true registered name is Capi's Capote and although not substantiated, it is claimed that at some point in his life he was purchased at the price of \$40,000. His great grandfather was Seattle Slew, who won the Triple Crown in 1977. His sire - Capote's Promise, and his dam - Alihi Express. Records state that Happy raced for about two years from 2008 – 2010 with total career winnings of \$9606, claiming 2 wins, 1 place, and 1 show.

Initially, Happy was well-taken-care of by someone who rescued him off the track. He then had several owners. One even found him on craigslist before Happy reached the lowest point of his life at age eight... a victim of starvation and neglect. We don't share these disturbing pictures often so please find comfort in the fact that he has now gained over 200 pounds, his current BCS is a 4, and with

continued care
as beautiful as
safe refuge, and
putting on
grass hay,
and beet pulp.
rigorous health
dental care. In
of love,
from our
Once we feel
weight, he will
pasture and go under evaluation within our training program.



at CHR Happy will be just
he once was. He now has
is spending his days
weight as he grazes on
alfalfa, grain, supplements,
He has been given a
check and received proper
addition, he receives lots
attention, and grooming
wonderful volunteers.
that Happy is at a healthy
join new friends in the

We share this story with you to express our deepest thanks for your support of CHR, for without it we would not be here for horses like Happy. Through your dedication of financial giving - YOU are making a difference for horses like Happy, providing him an opportunity to live a life consistent with his name.

At the racetrack, Happy had been taught that pressure on the reins meant to go and go fast. Like most race horses, the coping mechanism he developed to manage that pressure was to throw his head high in the air, flare his nostrils, and tune out into his world. Over time Happy learned to relax in the bit, and that there was more to life than going mock speed in a straight line. CHR trainers worked with a volunteer rider, Saliha, to help her teach Happy the enjoyment and relaxation that comes with riding with a partner. Sal fell in love with Happy, and aware of the challenges ahead committed to adopting him.

But the story does not end there! In order for one horse to be truly happy it needs the companionship of another horse. Saliha had also fallen in love with one of Happy's pasture-mates, although he had lameness issues and could only be ridden lightly. Smudge stole her heart, and with his soundness concerns in mind Sal committed to adopting both Smudge and Happy together.

On a beautiful sunny afternoon in August, the CHR truck and trailer drove down the long dirt road to deliver the two horses to their new home. They were welcomed by extended family who had gathered for the big day. It was a paradise of green pasture and a brand new barn, complete with warm water and side by side runs for the two companions. Happy and Smudge walked off the trailer and were turned loose into the expansive open space of beautiful green grass. They played like colts as they discovered their new environment.

This place was dream, and something the experienced Happy and eyes were what a happy like. In the eyes CHR volunteer, that led her to pressures of a saving money, construction had She had two members and to exactly, she said, making my true.” For Sal, Happy, and Smudge, they all learned that dreams do come true – for both horses and humans.



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How Can Students Help?

How can students help through group service projects? (What is useful to your organization and educational to students?)

CHR hosts groups of students (no more than 10 people) to help with various activities at the barn. All groups receive a tour of the facility which includes a detailed explanation of CHR’s mission, goals, and operations. Projects typically include moving hay bales, raking dead hay, general property clean-up, and outdoor painting. Summer and fall are the best times of year to volunteer, as the weather is ideal for outdoor projects.

Do you provide individual volunteer opportunities for youth? (If so, what ages, and what types of volunteer opportunities do you provide?)

Unfortunately all of our weekly volunteers need to be at least 18 years of age. Those 14+ may volunteer alongside a parent or guardian. We do take youth volunteer groups under 14 years of age; we require 1 supervising adult per three youth. Projects are similar to service grant opportunities, and include painting, moving and cleaning hay bales, and general clean-up. Opportunities to interact directly with a CHR horse are decided on a case-by-case basis.

How can students help through specific, tangible cash grants? (ex: \$25 feeds 1 dog for 1 month; or specific items/supplies that will benefit your programs)

- \$15 helps feed 1 horse grain for 1 month
- \$25 covers the cost of 1 hoof trim for 1 horse (horses need their feet trimmed every 6 – 8

weeks)

- \$40 pays to vaccinate 1 horse for 1 year

Are there opportunities for students to be recognized by your organization? (A Mention in Newsletter, Site Visit of Facility, Celebration and Mingling with Clients, etc.)

Absolutely! We would be happy to include some sort of recognition in our electronic newsletter or provide a tour, and we are open to other ideas.