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Fall 2011

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2011 Rainbow of Hope Member Recognition & Volunteer Appreciation event brings nearly 100 visitors

The 2011 Rainbow of Hope Member Recognition & Volunteer Appreciation event was a great day!

With nearly 100 attendees, the ranch was bustling with plenty of activity. The afternoon had two concurrent clinic sessions going at the same time. Clinic topics included equine massage therapy with therapist Val Kluge, LED light therapy with Equine Performance Therapy, "Baby Steps" with Karen Everhart, and a three-session colt starting clinic with Scott Daily.

The younger attendees enjoyed a fun Kids' Korral and everyone was refreshed with delicious food and drinks by Truffles Catering. There were multiple ranch tours, a parade of rescue horses and plenty of great rescue items for sale. The day ended with the presentation of exclusive volunteer t-shirts to all Rainbow Meadows volunteers present and the unveiling of the 2011 Rainbow of Hope, well on its way to completion.

Thanks to everyone who made it such a great day!



Above: Clinician Scott Daily displays the trust built between himself and Rainbow Meadows rescue, Zatar, in his colt starting clinic.

Below: (Left) Karen Everhart teaches "Baby Steps" with Rainbow Meadows rescue, Charity. (Right) The 2011 Rainbow of Hope is unveiled.



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Hoof Beats

with Karen Everhart, Executive Director

WE DID IT!!!

The board and executives of Rainbow Meadows are very proud of the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) Verification that was recently awarded to our organization. At this time less than 15 equine rescues from across the United States are listed on the website (www.sanctuaryfederation.org) as Verified or Accredited by GFAS.

Meeting the criterion established by GFAS is an important step in our quest toward sustainability. Rainbow Meadows plans to be here well into the future. We do not see our work ending until there are no horses needing our assistance. Sustainability speaks to the commitment and dedication of the board, staff and volunteers. Sustainability means that we must establish support which will see us through 2012 and beyond.

The board understands that for Rainbow Meadows to be sustainable into the future, we must reach the point where we can hire staff. Too much responsibility rests on the shoulders of the founders (David and I). There will come a day when we can

no longer carry the load and finding volunteers to assist on-site has been difficult. Becoming an employer is a huge step forward. It is unsettling for an organization which has prided itself on being wholly volunteer, but it is necessary.

Your continued support is critical to our sustainability. Here are some ways you can assist us towards this goal:

1 - Join our 2012 Rainbow of Hope. This is our most financially impactful fund-raising effort. We hope to raise more than \$25,000 this year and we cannot do so without your help.

2 - Purchase a 2012 Rainbow Meadows calendar. The \$20.00 you spend for a calendar will buy one bag of Thrive for the rescued horses as we approach cold weather.

3 - Order some of our Benefit Wines. Every bottle means you are donating \$9.00 to the horses while you enjoy some wonderful Chilean spirits.

4 - Attend our "For the Love of Horses..." Gala on February 25, 2012 at the Midian Shrine Temple in Wichita.

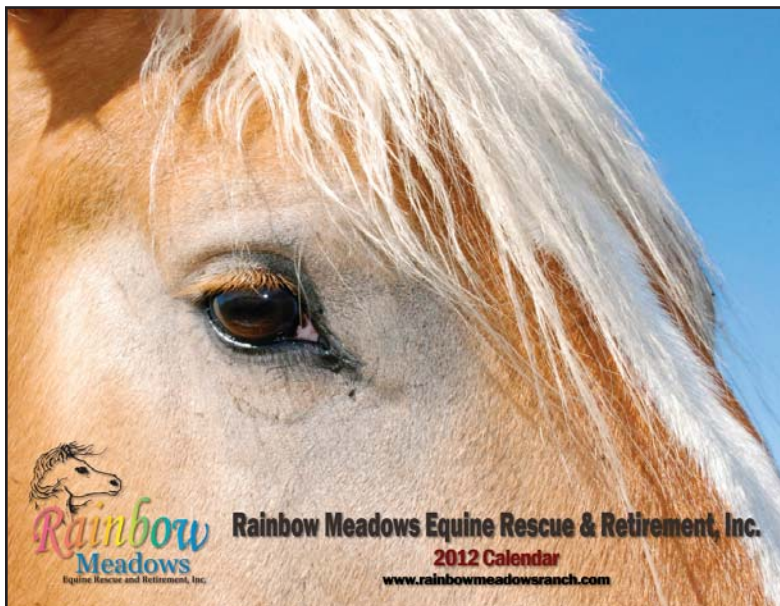
Karen with Indi, daughter to Lexi, rescued in 2004.



5 - If you have horses, start purchasing Thrive for your equine friends. We are convinced that Thrive is the very best nutritional product available. In addition, every bag purchased through Rainbow Meadows provides approximately \$2.25 of profit which is directed back to feed the horses.

6 - Establish a financial legacy for the horses in the event of your death. Talk to your family and your attorney and leave a tax deductible gift for the horses.

These are just a few suggestions of ways you can help us help the horses. We are always open to other ideas as to how we might ensure our ability to help the horses until they no longer need us.



Order your 2012 Rainbow Meadows calendar today!

Just in time for Christmas - a perfect gift for the horse lover in your life!

\$20 each

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www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com
for more details!

Claythorne fundraising sporting clays shoot brings in more than \$8,300



It was a great day at Claythorne for the first Rainbow Meadows sporting clays “Fun” shoot on October 15th! A beautiful fall day, there were plenty of targets to break, a delicious pulled pork lunch and lots of good friends, both old and new.

Team Brake came in first in the Championship division, followed by SEK Professionals and Team Rainbow (shown below). The B division was won by Team Baker and Team PFI came in second.

We want to especially thank our key sponsors: Freedom Farms and Bill & Louisa Wiener, as well as all our station sponsors: Flint Oak, Commercial Bank, Wood-Duloherly, Farm Bureau Financial Services, Duck Inn – Chetopa, Buzz & Katie Lukens, Rob & Gail Kimery, Jones Realty, Ed Dosh, GP Traps and Honey Bea Farms.

In addition, we thank Carl Hoskins, Glen Corn, our cash and prize contributors and Sam & Frieda Lancaster, who donated the lunch. Most importantly, we thank Bob Rizza for organizing the event!

Thanks to their support, along with our shooters, the shoot brought in more than \$8,300 for the horses!



A birthday to remember...

Submitted by Jackie Head



The number 13 is magical, especially if it's a birthday you are celebrating! On July 16, 2011, Aubrey joined 20 friends and family members to celebrate her birthday with a Scavenger Hunt at Kansas Country Store in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Kansas Country Store is owned by Don and Sherry Brown, two very special people in the Leavenworth horse community that love to support pet owners and local horse events. They opened their doors and their hearts to let Aubrey and her horse loving friends, scavenge for items to help equine friends at Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue. Each friend was given a card to read with an item to scavenge for and a brief tip on how to better care for horses.

Party snacks, repurposed decorations (bandanas, homemade lassoes, borrowed country home decor) and favors were kept simple so that the majority of the budgeted party money was spent on “favors” for the horses. Aubrey and out-of-town friends spent an evening making bridle charms to share with the other party guests as their party “favors”.

The smiles say it all, it was the best party ever and guests of all ages enjoyed searching for the items that will be delivered to Rainbow Meadows.

Thank you to Aubrey and all her birthday guests for the wonderful items delivered to the Rainbow Meadows rescues! What a special birthday indeed!

Our newest additions

HORSE DESCRIPTION LEGEND CODES:

DOB: Date of birth

G: Gender

HT: Height

CO: Companion only

WT: Weight (lbs.)

ST: Saddle training

RE: Riding experience needed

PR: Personality (1=very calm/laid back, 10=sensitive/reactive)

TL: Training level (1=green, 5=very experienced)

Miss Pairadise (a.k.a. Cheyenne)

DOB: May 10, 2007 ~ G: Mare ~ HT: 14h2.5 ~ WT: 900

PR: 3 ~ ST: Yes ~ TL: 1 (due to age) ~ RE: Intermediate (because she is young)

Registering organization: American Quarter Horse Association (#4947300)



Caught in a “he said - she said” dilemma, Miss Pairadise (a.k.a. Cheyenne) needed safe refuge from threats to do her harm. Her owner believed he had made arrangement for her care. The caretaker believed that she had been taken advantage of and that no financial support had been provided for the care of the mare. Regardless of the “truth”, Cheyenne was at risk and Rainbow Meadows stepped up to save her from possible abuse, or worse. Sold as a weanling from a Kansas breeding operation and sold again as a 4-year-old, Cheyenne has been lightly used in ranch work, having been started shortly after turning 4-years-old in the summer of 2011. She needs continued education and experience but is a sweet and friendly mare. She will be slow to physically mature, expected to reach her prime in her fifth year.

Wynne’s Molly Higgins (a.k.a. Molly)

DOB: May 6, 1996 ~ G: Mare ~ HT: 15h1 ~ WT: 1100

PR: 4-5 ~ ST: Yes ~ TL: 1-2 ~ RE: Intermediate

Registering organization: American Quarter Horse Association (#3507507)

DNA tested 98.4% foundation bred

This beautiful foundation bred quarter horse served as a broodmare for a few years before she found herself in need of a new home. An independent mare with an aloof air, Molly is hard to catch unless she is allowed to approach on “her own terms”. That personality quirk proved to be hard on her owners who decided that she needed more than they could provide. Rainbow Meadows was asked to step in and assist in finding her a forever home. Molly is broke to ride but has not been under saddle but a couple of times over the past 6-7 years. She needs someone willing to refresh her skills and patiently help her develop her willingness to be caught in the pasture.



Scout

DOB: Approx. 1997 ~ G: Gelding ~ HT: 15h1” ~ WT: 1100

PR: 5 ~ ST: Yes ~ TL: 3 ~ RE: Intermediate

Abandoned at a northeast Kansas veterinarian’s office by his owners after a diagnosis of a mild lameness, Scout was immediately admitted by Rainbow Meadows. It was apparent upon arrival that Scout had not had proper foot care for years. Routine hoof trims remedied nearly all of his discomfort, allowing him to function well as a pleasure horse. He has proved to be gaited and served as a ranch horse prior to being sold at auction in approximately 2008 in Oklahoma. He was adopted in 2011, but unfortunately, due to personal reasons, the adopters had to return him to the rescue. He now awaits his new home.

Apollo

Retired gelding, Year of birth: 1986

Apollo was retired by his loving owner to a life of luxury at Rainbow Meadows. Purchased at an auction in approx 1999 it was shared that Apollo had been a “school horse” and a race horse. Apollo has been a loyal partner since 1999, carrying his best friend steadily over many miles of trail.

Apollo has developed some mild back pain and is no longer able to carry an adult rider. Though Apollo is retired, should someone determine that he would be their “dream horse”, Apollo’s owner has agreed that he can be adopted to a good home where he can be loved and spoiled for the rest of his lifetime.



Finally home...

Rainbow Meadows rescues find their forever homes...



KoKo with adopters



Ladybug with adopters



Faith with adopters



Saffron with adopter



Rio with adopters



Freedom and Strawberry with adopters



Daisy with adopter



Luckyman with adopter



Lois and Clyde with adopters



ACE with adopters



Midget and Palomita with adopters



Lexi with adopters

Rainbow Meadows has its own wine label!

RAINBOW MEADOWS ESTATES



www.BenefitWines.com/rainbow

Cabernet Sauvignon

Rich and ripe, this organic cabernet features ripe berry aromas and an intensely fruity character. Smooth and well structured, it has soft velvety tannins on the finish. Well paired with lasagna, beef or spicy foods.

Chardonnay

Lovely straw yellow hues are laced with beautiful golden and greenish reflections this unoaked chardonnay shows lively flavors and aromas of apricots, apples and tropical fruits. Crisp, medium bodied and well balanced; it pairs well with salads, pasta, fish, seafood and chicken.

Merlot

This estate grown, organic, handcrafted merlot shows a deep red color with aromas of black pepper and ripe red fruit. Soft and well balanced this merlot displays all the characteristics of the varietal. The velvety and spicy finish matches perfectly with turkey, grilled meats, pasta and pizza.

Pinot Noir

An elegant red organic wine displaying the typical varietal aromas of Pinot Noir with layers of ripe red fruit flavors. It's soft and fresh on the palate with a long lingering finish; delicious when served with roast chicken or seafood.

Sauvignon Blanc

A crisp, mouth - watering organic Sauvignon Blanc with refreshing tropical and citrus fruit flavors and a clean well-balanced finish. Delicious when served as an aperitif or with creamy pasta or grilled fish.

Malbec

A medium bodied and soft Malbec will delight with plums, leather and chocolate overtones. With well-balanced acidity it provides a juicy and easy drinking red wine.



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Rescue_RainbowOfHope.htm](http://www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com/Rescue_RainbowOfHope.htm) to join today!

Blanketing Q & A

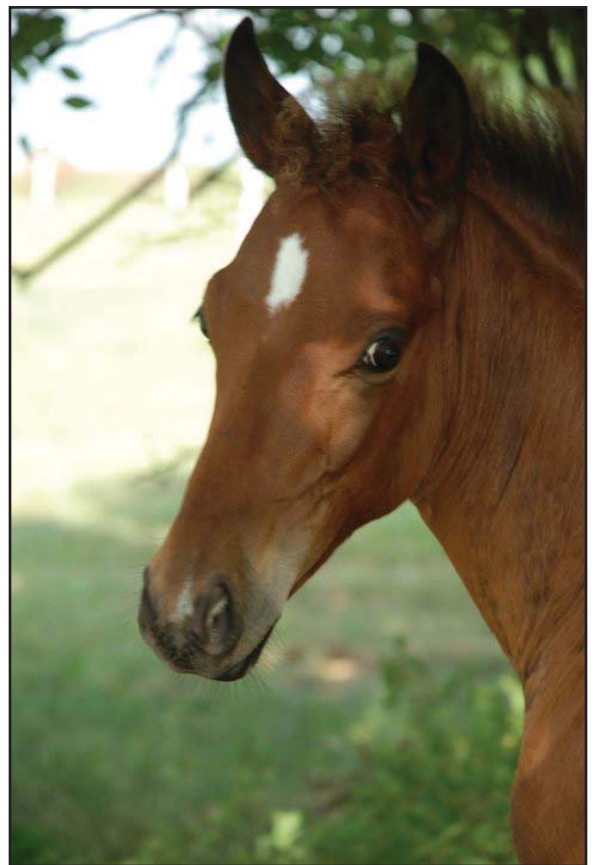


Crisp fall air signals a perennial dilemma for many horse owners: To blanket or not to blanket? And if you opt for the added cover-up, which blanket is best?

Read theHorse.com's Blanketing Q & A to get yourself ready for blanketing your horses as cooler weather arrives:

<http://www.thehorse.com/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=6171>

Rainbow Meadows rescue honored for "cuteness"



Rainbow Meadows' own little Mickie won 2nd place in a cutest pet contest with the KTPK Listener Club from Country Legends 106.9 in northeastern Kansas. Mickie was adopted by Christina Flyntz earlier this summer, and it was Christina who submitted the photo to the contest.

**Congratulations,
Mickie & Christina!**

Rainbow Meadows becomes first GFAS-verified equine rescue in the state of Kansas

The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, has awarded “Verified” status to Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc.

Verification means that Rainbow Meadows meets the criteria of a true equine sanctuary/rescue and is providing humane and responsible care of the animals. To be awarded “Verified” status, an organization must meet GFAS’s rigorous and peer-reviewed animal care standards which are confirmed by a site visit in addition to a demanding set of ethical and operational principles.

“Rainbow Meadows is a lifesaver for ‘at risk’ horses,” says Jeannine Alexander, GFAS Deputy Director-Equine.

“At Rainbow Meadows, we make the needs of the horses the highest priority,” explains Karen Everhart, executive director and co-founder. “Many of these animals come from environments where they have been abused, neglected, abandoned or simply unwanted. When they arrive here, we want them to understand that they have a future of positive and enjoyable interactions with humans. We select adopters who hold themselves to high standards of horse care and who want to give these wonderful animals a long-term, forever home.”

The goal, says Everhart, is to make matches between horses and adopters that result in long-term, enriching relationships.

“The horses that have come through this facility have gone on to make great riding partners and companions to their new families, and we look forward to continuing to make a difference in the lives of horses as well as the humans that adopt them.”

Rainbow Meadows was awarded a compliance grant by GFAS to help make recommended improvements to meet Accreditation/Verification Standards. Compliance grant funding is made possible through a grant from PetSmart Charities®.

The GFAS Equine Accreditation Program is made possible by generous grants from PetSmart Charities® and The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®.

GFAS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the sole purpose of strengthening and supporting the work of animal sanctuaries in the United States and abroad. The goal of GFAS in working with and assisting sanctuaries is to ensure they are supported, honored, recognized



VERIFIED

and rewarded for meeting important criteria in providing care to the animals in residence. GFAS was founded in 2007 by animal protection leaders from a number of different organizations in response to virtually unchecked and hidden animal exploitation of animals for human entertainment and financial profit. These founding leaders sit on the GFAS Board of Directors to continue guiding the organization’s work in a collaborative manner. They represent top leadership from Born Free USA, The Humane Society of the United States, World Society for the Protection of Animals, American Anti-Vivisection Society, and International Fund for Animal Welfare.

For additional information on Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, visit www.sanctuaryfederation.org.

4th annual Riding to the Rescue enjoys beautiful weather, great trails

Riders and horses were ready to go on October 1st for the 4th annual Riding to the Rescue CTR at Lake Perry near Ozawkie, Kan. It was a beautiful fall day – perfect for a great trail ride!

Riders and volunteers enjoyed delicious catering by Truffles Catering from which all proceeds were donated to the rescue. Numerous individuals brought plenty of great items for the Tack to the Rescue used tack and item sale, and best of all, there were plenty of smiles and lots of good times!

Thanks to everyone who competed or volunteered!



Doing some shopping? Don't forget the horses!

iGive.com has more than 680 stores that will donate to Rainbow Meadows each time you shop!

Just go to www.iGive.com, and select "Rainbow Meadows" as your cause. Then get registered, and start shopping!



We've got lots of great items at our sale barn on eBay - plus the money all goes back to the horses!



Check out our eBay Giving Works listing page at http://donations.ebay.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=31170. The horses thank you!

Help Rainbow Meadows find a trailer!



Our Thrive program has gained great success and our client base has expanded significantly in its year of existence, particularly in the Wichita area. Because of that, we are in need of a utility trailer to be able to transport and store larger quantities of the product at our Wichita distribution location.

This trailer needs to be water tight, rat proof and approximately 5 ft. x 10 ft. in dimension.

If you have such a trailer you would like to donate, or are aware of one in good condition and available at a reasonable price, please contact Karen Everhart at karen.everhart@rainbowmeadowsranch.com or 620-725-3402. Remember, all donations are tax deductible!

Would you like to start a Thrive distribution center in your own area? Contact Karen for more details.

Learn more about Thrive at www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com/Rescue_Thrive.htm.

WANTED

VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Purpose:
Assist Rainbow Meadows in the recruitment and coordination of our volunteer base. Organize bi-annual orientation and on-going training.

Skill set:
Strong organizational skills, enjoys working with people

Monthly time commitment:
10-15 hours per month, approximately half on-site, half off-site

If interested, contact director of volunteers Gracie Royle at gracie.royle@rainbowmeadowsranch.com or 316-214-1198.

Caring for your own...

Fall deworming is very important to control those nasty bots. Wait until after the first REAL HARD FREEZE when the weather is going to remain cold. Deworm with a quality Ivermectin or Moxidectin product. It is also a good time to include tapeworm control. Quest Plus (Moxidectin and Praziquantel) or Zimectrin Gold (Ivermectin and Praziquantel) are good choices. Don't be surprised to see reddish colored chrysalis-like larva in your horse's manure a few days later and celebrate the fact that those nasty critters are no longer inside your ponies.



Yes, I want to give...

Name: _____

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Donation information:

Amount: \$ _____ Cash Check (Payable to: Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc.)

If you would like to donate online, go to www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com/Rescue_HowToDonate.htm

Upcoming events

February 10-12, 2012

Come see us at EquiFest of Kansas
Kansas Coliseum - Wichita, Kan.
www.equifestofks.com

February 25, 2012

“For the Love of Horses...” Benefit and Gala
Midian Shrine Temple - Wichita, Kan.

For more information about our upcoming events, go to
www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com/Rescue.htm

All services provided by Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. are funded entirely by gifts and donations. For more information about how you can help support these extraordinary equines, please contact:

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