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Thank YOU!



We can't do it alone...

As the new year approaches, we can't help but look back on the very busy year we've had here at Rainbow Meadows. We accepted 38 new horses into our facilities, and adopted out 26, with an additional two entering into foster care. We assisted local law enforcement in two animal cruelty cases, from which we accepted 13 horses. We held numerous volunteer work days – including a “Spa Day,” - celebrated at our annual For the Love of Horses... Benefit and Gala, hosted a local event for the National Rescue Ride, managed the NATRC-sanctioned Riding to the Rescue Competitive Trail Ride and carried a presence at EquiFest of Kansas. In short, we have never stopped working for the horses!

Perhaps our greatest milestone came just this month when we accepted our 100th horse into the rescue. Pepper and Contessa, a gray Arabian mare and her 3-month-old filly, are the 99th and 100th horses to be saved by Rainbow Meadows in our only four years of operation. What an exciting accomplishment!

But none of this could have happened without you – it is because of our volunteers, donors and adopters that we are able to touch so many equine lives. You give us the tools and resources we need to make a difference to these horses. So, thank you – thank you for believing in us and for the generosity in time, dollars and skills that gives us hope for the future of our mission!

Below: A fall view of Rainbow Meadows Ranch - taken by photographer Dawn Kerley




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Meadows**
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Give the gift
of hope...

Remembering 2009...

Romeo

Rescued Curly colt, March 11 - 21, 2009

Romeo was born to his dam, Juliette, only days after her rescue. Seized in a rural Kansas cruelty case in March of 2009 along with seven other equines, she was severely emaciated, heavily parasitized, lice infested, and virtually untouched. There were carcasses of dead animals littering the property. There was no food to eat and the only water available was from a contaminated pond. Sadly, the neglect and malnutrition were too much



for Romeo to develop properly in utero, making him an ill foal. Despite the efforts of Rainbow Meadows staff, his body was too weak to survive. On March 21, 2009 he passed over Rainbow Bridge.

Join Rainbow Meadows'

Rainbow of Hope

A towering arch made of every color of the rainbow – red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple – all ending in a pot of gold...constructed entirely out of horseshoes and marking the way of hope for the neglected, abused, abandoned and slaughter-bound horses with nowhere else to turn. That is our dream of the Rainbow of Hope – a symbol of the care and dedication that so many are willing to offer to these wonderful animals.

Give the horses the gift of hope – become a 2010 member of the Rainbow of Hope!

By joining, your donation will be reflected in the addition of another horseshoe, bringing us one step closer to building the arch that will become a beacon marking the end of suffering and the beginning of a new life for the horses.

For more information, go to
[www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com/Rescue
RainbowOfHope.htm](http://www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com/RescueRainbowOfHope.htm).

2010 MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Members of all levels will receive a membership card and a Rainbow Meadows window decal



RED LEVEL

\$25

Red level members will receive a Rainbow of Hope certificate and have a red horse shoe mounted on the Rainbow of Hope in their honor.



ORANGE LEVEL

\$50

Orange level members will receive a Rainbow of Hope certificate, a Rainbow Meadows key chain and have an orange horse shoe mounted on the Rainbow of Hope in their honor.



YELLOW LEVEL

\$10 per month
(or one-time of \$120)

Yellow level members will receive a Rainbow of Hope certificate, a Rainbow Meadows travel mug and have a yellow horse shoe mounted on the Rainbow of Hope in their honor.



GREEN LEVEL

\$25 per month
(or one-time of \$300)

Green level members will receive a Rainbow of Hope certificate, a Rainbow Meadows tote bag and have a green horse shoe mounted on the Rainbow of Hope in their honor.



BLUE LEVEL

\$40 per month
(or one-time of \$480)

Blue level members will receive a Rainbow of Hope certificate, a Rainbow Meadows "A life they deserve..." t-shirt, and have a blue horse shoe mounted on the Rainbow of Hope in their honor.



PURPLE LEVEL

\$75 per month
(or one-time of \$900)

Purple level members will receive a Rainbow of Hope certificate, a Rainbow Meadows fleece embroidered sweatshirt, and have a purple horse shoe mounted on the Rainbow of Hope in their honor.



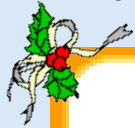
GOLD LEVEL

\$100 per month
(or one-time of \$1,000+)

Gold level members will receive a Rainbow of Hope certificate and their choice of a Rainbow Meadows tote bag, t-shirt or sweatshirt; have a gold horse shoe mounted on the Rainbow of Hope in their honor accompanied by a plaque with their engraved name; and be invited to our exclusive gold-member event at Rainbow Meadows Ranch.

Don't forget the horses during your last-minute holiday shopping!

The holiday season is upon us, so don't forget Rainbow Meadows as you wrap up finding those perfect gifts!



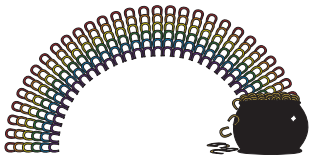
Want to give back to Rainbow Meadows without spending a penny extra? Try www.iGive.com - it has more than 680 stores that will donate to Rainbow Meadows each time you shop. Some stores even offer discounts to iGive shoppers, so don't miss the great deals. Just go to www.iGive.com, and select "Rainbow Meadows" as your cause. Then get registered, and start shopping!

SAVE THE DATE

For the
2010 For the Love of Horses...
A Mane Affair Benefit and Gala



The evening of
February 27, 2010
at the Midian Shrine Temple in Wichita, Kansas



I want to give the gift of hope...

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip code: _____
E-mail: _____ Amount included: \$ _____

2010 Membership level:

- Red
 Orange
 Yellow
 Green
 Blue
 Purple
 Gold
-

My donation will be:

- One-time (included)
 Monthly (first installment included)

Give it back to the horses! Please keep my membership gifts so that my donation will go even further for the horses!



Upcoming events

February 12-14, 2010

EquiFest of Kansas

Kansas Coliseum - Wichita, Kan.

Go to www.equifestofks.com for more information - be sure to come visit the Rainbow Meadows booth in the stall barn!

February 27, 2010

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_HomePage.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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