



Nickers n' Tails

Serving the equine companions who have so loyally served us...

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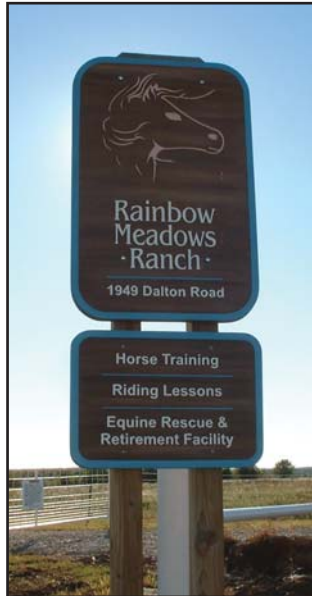
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Welcome to the ranch!

Welcome to the first edition of *Nickers n' Tails* - we hope you will enjoy our quarterly updates as we introduce you to our volunteers, facilities and residents and keep you informed on the challenges and accomplishments that come our way.

Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc., located in Sedan, Kansas on Rainbow Meadows Ranch, was established in 2005 as a safe

haven for abused, neglected and abandoned horses. It also offers a location of retirement for our loyal equine friends where they can rest and relax until the end of their days.

All services are funded entirely by gifts and donations and we rely on the generosity of volunteers and donors as we aid these incredible animals.

We are dedicated to serving the equine companions who have so loyally served us.

Our newest additions

Black Velvet

Rescued mare, year of birth: approx. 1996

Black Velvet was on the truck to slaughter when she was trampled by the others and could not get back to her feet. When the truck driver found her under the other horses, he decided to leave her at a nearby sale barn with the intentions of coming back later to take her on to the slaughter plant.

Thanks to the concerned donors and volunteers who provided dollars, time and transport, the Arabian mare came to Rainbow Meadows in December. She is healing well from her scrapes and bruises, and absolutely adores people.



FOR ADOPTION!!!!

Keoni and Ko-Ko

Rescued fillies, year of birth: 2006



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Keoni and Ko-Ko are two of 13 Quarter horse weanlings sent to a sale barn by their breeder because they had not yet been sold. If not placed, they were all to be sent to Mexico to be slaughtered for tender foal meat. Luckily, all the weanlings were found homes, and now Keoni and Ko-Ko are waiting to be adopted to their own forever homes.



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Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc.

Hoof Beats

with Karen Everhart, President

Welcome to the first edition of Hoof Beats. It is our intention to provide you with quarterly updates regarding the activities going on here at Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc.

As a young not-for-profit organization, we are focused on enlisting financial support from friends like you, which will allow us to remain an option for abused, abandoned and neglected horses. Coming to live at Rainbow Meadows is a much better option than slaughter or starvation. With your help, we can continue our work.

Every few days I receive a phone call or email from someone looking to Rainbow Meadows as a place to dump an unwanted horse. The call

always stirs my heart. There are more horses offered to us than we could ever accept, but my desire to provide a safe haven for these magnificent animals does not diminish with the knowledge that there isn't enough money or space for them all. So, more often than not, I must decline their offer. It breaks my heart. I know that because we cannot take more horses than we can support, one might endure abuse or neglect or be sold at auction to a killer buyer!!!

We recently stepped out on faith and rescued two lovely mares from a slaughter auction near Topeka, KS. They were suffering from malnutrition and were so thin the killer buyers would not even transport them to the slaughter plant

in Texas. They are slowly improving. Raven is a beautiful gray Arabian, sound and energetic. Luckily, we have already found a forever home for her. Sweet Pea was severely injured or abused and has permanent lameness in her hind feet. She is also for adoption to a special home.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. With your love, support and donations we can get up each day knowing that we are doing the best we can, and no less!



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

Meet our residents



Rainbow - Retired mare, year of birth: 1975

The oldest member of the ranch's herd, Rainbow is truly the inspiration behind Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. Rainbow has been a member of the Everhart family since 1981 as a loyal friend and companion. After nearly 25 years of faithful service, she is now enjoying her much-earned retirement at Rainbow Meadows Ranch.



A Lexus (a.k.a. Lexi) - Rescued mare, year of birth: approx. 1985

Rescued from Alberta, Canada in 2003, Lexi spent many years on the Premarin lines where she was used in the production of the hormone, estrogen. This process required that she be kept 24 hours a day in a three-foot tie stall for seven months out of each year. When she arrived, Lexi was extremely thin, frightened and pregnant. Her foal, Indigo Rain (a.k.a. Indi), is now a healthy and curious young mare in the ranch's herd.

FOR ADOPTION!!!!



Ni Philli (a.k.a. Nia) - *Rescued mare, year of birth: 1983*
Registering Organization: Arabian Horse Association

Nia joined Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. in 2005. She is a victim of moon blindness. A registered Egyptian Arabian and a great-great granddaughter of Witez II, this wonderful mare had 7 foals for her owner/breeder before she was tossed aside when it was discovered that she could no longer carry a pregnancy to term. Fortunately, the veterinarian saw the light in Nia's eyes. Nia is a calm and quiet mare who is a joy to be around. Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. is currently exploring opportunities for her to serve as a companion animal and visit nursing homes.

FOR ADOPTION!!!!



Palomita - *Rescued mare, year of birth: approx. 1989*

Much like Nia, Palomita also suffers from moon blindness. She, too, served as a brood mare as a registered Paso Fino. But when she was no longer sound to produce foals, Palomita's owners arranged for her to be put down. Instead, she was welcomed into Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. While she is a rather sensitive animal, Palomita can still be ridden and offers her rider a smooth Paso Fino gait.

FOR ADOPTION!!!!



Moose - *Rescued gelding, year of birth: approx. 1980*

Moose joined Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. on December 31, 2005, the victim of a stroke that significantly affected his ability to control the left side of his body. Following his stroke, Moose's owners refused to provide for him the care and attention he needed. Fortunately, a sympathetic veterinarian stepped in, rehabilitated him and later brought him to us. Since his arrival, Moose has regained some sight in his left eye, can now hear in his left ear and occasionally canters around the pasture. Moose is a gentle giant.



Kharossan Rimini (a.k.a. Chacco)

Retired gelding, year of birth: 1981

Born in Australia in 1981, Chacco competed in multiple 100-mile endurance races throughout his lifetime. He first came to the United States for the World Endurance Championship in 1996 near Manhattan, Kansas. However, due to lameness, Chacco never returned home to Australia and instead remained with a Kansas State University veterinarian until 1999, when he was acquired by his owner, Christine Abbott. Christine competed Chacco in competitive trail riding until he was diagnosed with guttural pouch cancer in 2002. He was retired to Rainbow Meadows in January 2006.

SDR Alimah Curia (a.k.a. Curi)

Arabian mare, Date of birth: March 11, 1994

Registering Organization: Arabian Horse Association

Registration Number: 0524094



FOR ADOPTION!!!!

Art's Sweet Fortune (a.k.a. Cash)

Rescued Paint bred gelding, Date of birth: June 2, 2005

Registering Organization: American Paint Horse Association

Registration Number: 853,689



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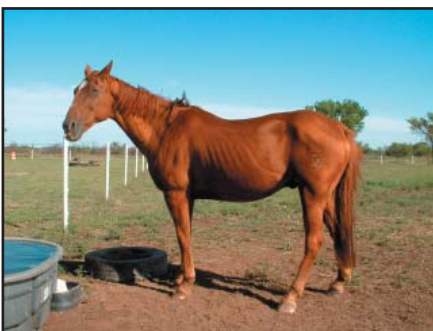
Sweet Pea - Rescued mare, Year of birth: Approx. 1975



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Sweet Pea arrived with Raven (who has now been adopted out to her forever home) as the most emaciated horse the Rainbow Meadows staff had ever seen. Both were to be sold at a killer auction, But Sweet Pea was so thin that the killers refused to trailer her to the slaughterhouse in Texas. The instructions by a seller were to “take her out back and shoot her.” Instead, she was saved by two generous Rainbow Meadows volunteers. She arrived with an extremely advanced abscess in her jaw and has severe calcification in her rear fetlocks that does not cause her any noticeable pain. The staff continues to work tirelessly to bring Sweet Pea back to good health so she, too, can find her forever home.

Trooper - Rescued gelding, Year of birth: Approx. 1985



FOR ADOPTION!!!!

Trooper came to Rainbow Meadows in the summer of 2006 after his owners noticed that he was “lame” and decided they no longer wanted him. Upon arriving at the ranch, Trooper was diagnosed with EPM, and had a significant disability in his hind end. He has completed 60 days of medication for his condition and has shown quite noticeable improvement. Though he will likely never again be fully sound, he will make a wonderful companion to both horse and human. He, too, is looking for a forever home.



Midget - Rescued mare, year of birth: approx. 2004

A young miniature horse, Midget came to us in December 2005. Born with limited vision, Midget was taken to a killer sale in November of 2005. There she was spotted by a loving and concerned family who rescued her from certain death. When her owners discovered that she was partially blind, they chose to give her to Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. Midget does not realize she is visually impaired and rules the ranch with the confidence of a horse ten times her size.

FOR ADOPTION!!!!

ADOPTED!!!



**An Impressive Rocket
(a.k.a. Rocky)**

*Gelding, Year of birth: approx 1989
Breeding stock American Paint Horse*

Rocky was donated to Rainbow Meadows by his generous and compassionate owner, so that the proceeds from his adoption might be utilized to support the rescue's efforts. He has since been adopted into a happy home, where he serves as the steady mount of his new owners.



Penrod (a.k.a. Buddy)

*Rescued gelding
Year of birth: Approx. 1975*

Buddy's owner was going to send him to slaughter, but his neighbor came to us for help. He arrived severely underweight, loaded with worms and a matted hair coat. Luckily, Rainbow Meadows staff worked diligently to rehabilitate him to his healthier, spunkier self and he has now found his forever home.



Raven

*Rescued mare,
Year of birth: Approx. 2000*

Raven arrived with Sweet Pea in October 2006 where they were found at a killer auction. Luckily, a generous Rainbow Meadows volunteer saw them both and saved them from slaughter. Today, Raven lives happily in her forever home with her loving adopters.



Yes, I want to give...

Name: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip code: _____
Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Donation information:

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

If you would like to donate online, please visit our Web site at www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com

Upcoming events

February 23-25 - Equifest of Kansas

March 17-18 - Centered Riding Clinic

April 21 - Open house and silent auction

May 2007 - Date to be announced for our first Play Day to benefit Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc.

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